

# Moorabool Community Infrastructure Framework

## CORE OUTPUT (EXTRACT)

## Strategic Community Infrastructure Priorities

### for the RURAL WEST

August 2019

This document is an extract from the 'Strategic Community Infrastructure Priorities for Moorabool Shire' report. It summarises the recommendations and projects of relevance to communities within the RURAL WEST area of the Shire.

For information about community infrastructure priorities in other parts of Moorabool Shire, please refer to Council's website.

#### A report from the Moorabool Community Infrastructure Framework

This document identifies the highest priority community infrastructure projects for Moorabool Shire now and up to the year 2041, based on current population forecasts. When Council's forecasts are updated, or other data and assumptions change significantly, the needs analyses, findings and recommendations will need to be reviewed and the priorities re-set if required.

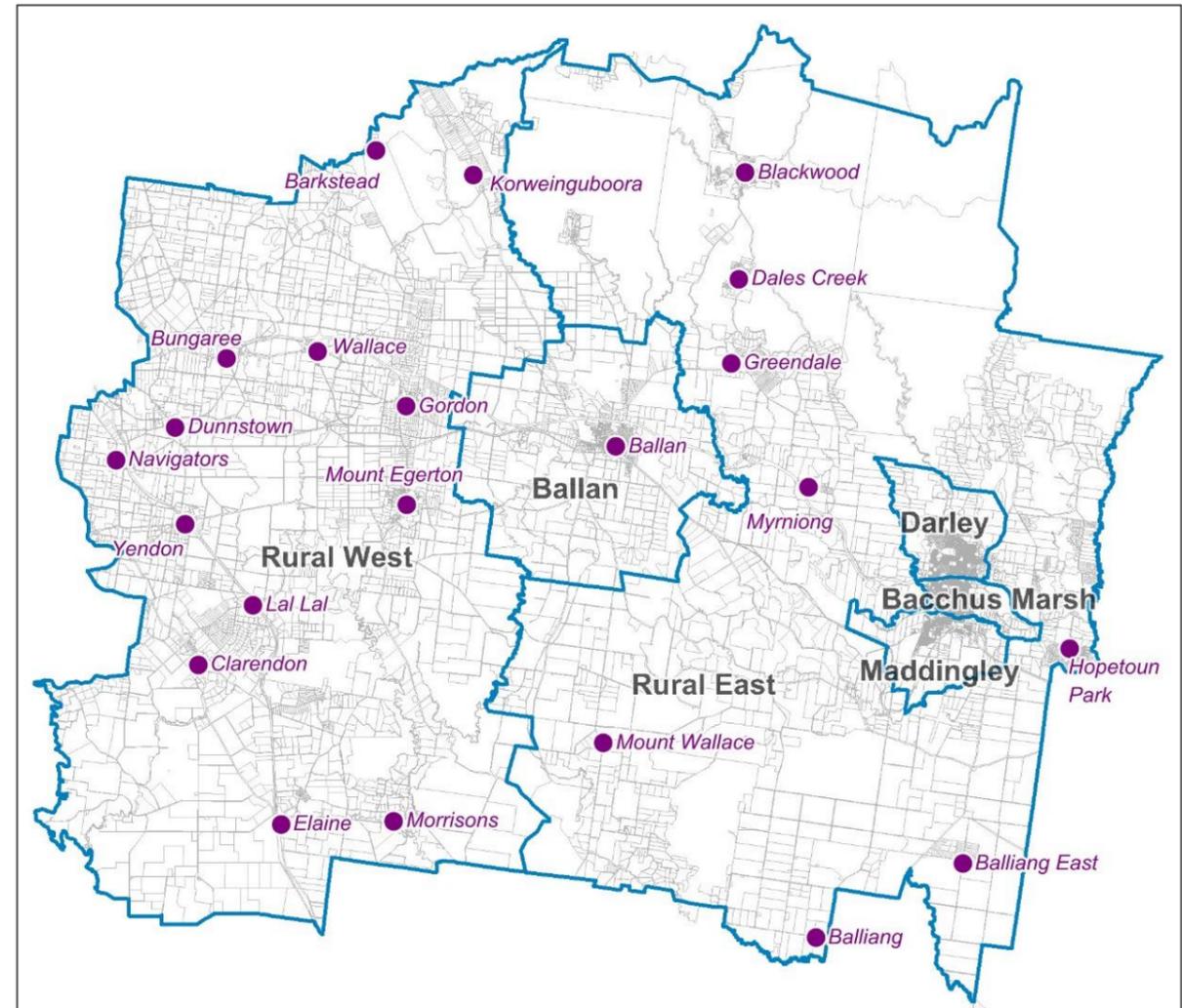
Each project responds to community needs identified through the *Community Infrastructure Needs Analysis Findings and Recommendations* report (August 2019) and the various analyses of community need conducted between March 2018 and April 2019.

For more information about the Community Infrastructure Framework and the assessments used to inform this report, please refer to the Moorabool Community Infrastructure Planning Policy and Community Infrastructure Planning Process on Council's website.

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The following geographic areas referred to in this report are based on the 'small areas' used for Council's forecast.id© population projections at [forecast.id.com.au/moorabool/](https://forecast.id.com.au/moorabool/):



The name 'Bacchus Marsh and Surrounds' refers collectively to the urban areas of Darley, Bacchus Marsh and Maddingley.

## How to read the tables of priorities

Read down these columns to see which location each recommendation applies to (refer to map on preceding page)

**KEY:**

-  recommendation most directly benefits this location or locations
-  recommendation also benefits this location

For background, evidence and rationale for each recommendation, refer to the *Community Infrastructure Needs Analysis Findings and Recommendations* report (August 2019) for each of the service / facility types listed here.

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Read down these columns to see which service areas each recommendation applies to.

**KEY:**

-  recommended project meets identified needs for this service area

Recommendations are grouped by:

- Short term (3 years); 2019 to 2022
- Medium term (3 to 10 years); 2023 to 2029
- Long term (beyond 10 years); 2030 to 2041

For each recommendation, indicative years for 'commence planning' and 'deliver by' are provided. Other than the above groupings and indicative years for planning and delivery, the order that recommendations appear in the tables is not an indication of the relative priority of recommendations.

CIP = 'Capital Improvement Program'

### Short term priorities (3 years): to be addressed between 2019 and 2022

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	✓	✓									<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Centre-based meals</li> <li>Dementia-suitable facilities</li> <li>Kindergarten</li> <li>Libraries</li> <li>Maternal &amp; Child Health</li> <li>Multipurpose community rooms &amp; venues</li> <li>Seniors groups</li> <li>Social support groups</li> <li>Youth space and youth support</li> </ul>	<p>Prepare a <b>Community Infrastructure Improvement Plan for Ballan</b> that addresses the following needs and opportunities.</p> <p>Needs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Upgrade and modernisation of: Ballan Senior Citizens Centre, Ballan Kindergarten and MCHC, Wallace and District Preschool and MCH, and Ballan and District Community House.</li> <li>Creation of 1 additional MCH consulting room by the year 2031 to service Ball and the Rural West.</li> <li>Expansion and/or relocation of Ballan Library to create an absolute minimum of 214 sqm (but preferably greater than 300 sqm), with space to expand up to at least 500 sqm in future.</li> <li>Creation of a contemporary multi-room community venue that embodies 'age-friendly' and 'dementia-friendly' design suitable for community meetings and events, seniors groups, social support groups, dementia programs and centre-based meals.</li> <li>Create study space, casual space and private consulting spaces suitable for young people and delivery of youth support.</li> </ul> <p>Opportunities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The cluster of neighbouring Council-owned and State Government-owned sites between Inglis St and Steiglitz St provide may provide an opportunity for reconfiguration and redevelopment to address the needs listed above. In addition, the site to the immediate west of the Ballan Senior Citizens Centre is currently vacant. The site may suit creation of a 'community hub' with co-located library, community venues (new and the existing Mechanics Institute Hall), community house and Men's Shed. Space suitable for young people can be included within the design of such a hub.</li> <li>The Ballan Kindergarten and MCHC requires works to improve its fitness for purpose. There may be an opportunity to relocate the facility and sell the existing site to fund community infrastructure improvements elsewhere.</li> <li>The Wallace and District Preschool and MCHC requires works to improve its fitness for purpose. These may be conducted at its current site or achieved through relocation of the services to Ballan.</li> <li>At least 2 new rooms for Long Day Care will also be required after 2021.</li> </ul> <p>The Shire Council offices and depot also provide an opportunity as an alternative, or in addition to, the above.</p>	2019	2020	New, no status.  Will build on Library Feasibility Study and Ballan Civic Accommodation Plan.

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											<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Playgrounds</li> </ul>	<p>Develop a <b>Play Spaces Improvement Plan</b> that assesses:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>how to fill the identified spatial gaps in provision in small towns, Ballan and Bacchus Marsh and Surrounds (refer to Travel Accessibility Assessment for playgrounds).</li> <li>the viability, feasibility and community support for creating either (a) additional 'district' level playgrounds in Ballan, or (b) a 'municipal' level facility able to serve the whole of Ballan plus towns within a 20 minute drive.</li> <li>the viability, feasibility and community support for creating a local play facility in Dales Creek.</li> <li>the connectivity of existing and potential new playground sites and identify where new pedestrian links are required to optimise access to play spaces.</li> <li>opportunities to introduce natural and/or unstructured play into existing and new play spaces.</li> </ul> <p>means to increase the visibility and catchment of the playgrounds at Gleneagles Court Reserve, Silverdale Drive Reserve, and Barbara Court Reserve, or relocate them elsewhere.</p>	2019		New, no status. To be actioned as a proposal for the CIP in conjunction with new Open Space Framework.
											<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Multipurpose community rooms &amp; venues</li> <li>Seniors groups</li> </ul>	Create at least 1 fully DDA-compliant toilet at the Ballan Senior Citizens Centre.	2019	<i>Required immediately</i>	New, no status. To be investigated through professional DDA audit.
											<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sports grounds</li> <li>Multipurpose community rooms &amp; venues</li> <li>Sports pavilions</li> </ul>	Identify and acquire land for the future provision of 1 dual-use football/cricket oval <u>or</u> dual soccer pitch sports ground (& associated pavilion / community facility) within the new development areas of Ballan, potentially 'Precinct 5' as per <i>Ballan Strategic Directions</i> (2018).  <i>Refer also to long-term recommendation for the possible provision of a new oval / pitches in Ballan once winter utilisation of the Ballan Recreation Reserve exceeds 90%.</i>	2019	<i>As required</i>	To be progressed through Ballan Strategic Directions.
											<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Multipurpose community rooms &amp; venues</li> <li>Sports clubrooms</li> </ul>	Improve the public toilets at the Elaine Recreation Reserve, either as a replacement to the existing stand-alone block or as an extension to the tennis or cricket clubrooms.  <i>This project also benefits the cricket and tennis clubrooms at the Recreation Reserve as they both rely on the public toilets for club use.</i>	2019	Required immediately	Existing draft CIP proposal for 2019-20.
											<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Multipurpose community rooms &amp; venues</li> </ul>	Investigate options for the Wallace Public Hall. Options may include its refurbishment and retention as a community facility, or its disposal and reinvestment of funds in the Recreation Reserve pavilion to create a community venue at the Reserve.  <i>This project will benefit community hirers. It should aim to create an accessible, age- and dementia-friendly facility that may be used by seniors groups, social support groups and dementia programs.</i>	2019	2022	New, no status. Options to be explored through community consultation.
											<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sports grounds</li> </ul>	Proceed with sports ground lighting improvements as per Council's planned rollout following the Lighting Audit.	2019	2022	Existing draft CIP proposal for 2019-20
											<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sports pavilions</li> </ul>	Dunnstown pavilion - upgrade the players change rooms and amenities, including improvements to female-friendliness.	2019	2022	New, no status. To be considered through future CIP proposal.

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	📍	✓		📍	📍					👤	• Sports pavilions	Work with sports clubs through the <i>Recreation Reserve Capital Works Contribution Policy (2016)</i> to fund and deliver the required upgrades to pavilions at Wallace, Maddingley Park and Masons Lane athletics pavilion (refer to fitness for purpose assessments for identified issues).	2019	As required	Existing draft CIP proposal (upgrade to athletics pavilion) for 19-20.  Other upgrades to be considered through maintenance, renewal and future CIP.
✓	✓	✓	✓	📍	✓					👤	• Basketball courts • Netball courts (indoor)	Proceed with planning for a maximum of 4 indoor courts in Bacchus Marsh and Surrounds, as per the findings of the <i>Indoor Recreation Facilities Feasibility Study (2018)</i> .  <i>Note, it is assumed the 2 existing courts at Bacchus Marsh Leisure Centre will be replaced through this project.</i>	2019	2022 (or as feasible)	Existing CIP project: design 2019-20, construct 2020-21.
	📍									👤	• Tennis courts • Sports clubrooms	Gordon Public Park tennis courts – create safe, level access into the courts from the clubrooms	2019	Required immediately	New, no status.  To action, seek a proposal for the Committee of Management.
📍	✓	✓								👤	• Swimming pool (outdoor)	Conduct a safety assessment for pedestrians crossing over Simpson St / Blackwood St, between the main township and the Ballan pool. Implement any recommendations as required.	2019	As required	New, no status.  Investigate through DDA audits of community buildings 2019-20.
📍	✓	✓								👤	• Swimming pool (outdoor)	Ballan outdoor pool - Improve disabled access to the main pool	2019	Required immediately	New, no status.  Investigate through DDA audits of community buildings 2019-20.
📍	✓	✓						👤			• Skate and BMX parks	Retain 1 skate / BMX facility in Ballan but relocate it to a more central and accessible site within Ballan. Design the new facility to suit use by skate and BMX.	2019	Required immediately	Existing draft CIP proposal (splash park at Ballan). To be considered through a proposed master-planning exercise for Ballan outdoor pool and splash park.

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✓											<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>4 year old kindergarten</li> </ul>	Engage with the community to determine whether to upgrade the Wallace and District Preschool (and MCH) or relocate to Ballan, potentially to the Primary School or another suitable site. <i>Refer to short term recommendation 'Prepare a Community Infrastructure Improvement Plan for Ballan' which may provide a suitable site in Ballan.</i>	2019	Required immediately	New, no status. To be considered through the Ballan Community Facilities Improvement Plan.
	✓	✓									<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>4 year old kindergarten</li> </ul>	Engage with the community to determine whether to upgrade the Ballan and District Preschool (and MCH) or relocate, potentially to the Primary School or another suitable site. <i>Refer to short term recommendation 'Prepare a Community Infrastructure Improvement Plan for Ballan' which may provide a suitable site in Ballan.</i> Any upgrade to the facility must address: Poor layout that hinders service delivery; lack of full range of required spaces and storage; concerns regarding emergency procedures; toilets in need of upgrade.	2019	Required immediately	New, no status. To be considered through the Ballan Community Facilities Improvement Plan.

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## Medium term priorities (3 to 10 years): to be addressed between 2023 and 2029

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	✓										<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sports grounds</li> </ul>	If additional oval capacity is required by the Ballan Cricket Club, investigate use of Gordon Recreation Reserve by the club.	2023	<i>As required</i>	New, no status. For consideration as required.
											<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Multipurpose community rooms &amp; venues</li> <li>Sports pavilions</li> </ul>	Elaine Recreation Reserve - monitor participation levels and demand for cricket and plan accordingly for either the ongoing maintenance or upgrade to the cricket clubrooms. <i>Ensure the clubrooms continue to be suitable for use as a community venue.</i>	2023	<i>As required</i>	New, no status. To be monitored as required.
✓	✓	✓									<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Basketball courts</li> <li>Netball courts (indoor)</li> </ul>	Monitor indoor basketball and netball participation rates across Bacchus Marsh and Surrounds following at least 2 years use of any new courts and determine future facility requirements accordingly.	<i>After 2 years use of any new indoor courts.</i>		New, no status. To be monitored as required.
	✓	✓									<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Basketball courts</li> </ul>	Monitor participation in basketball in and around Ballan. If demand is ever deemed sufficient to support an indoor court in Ballan, consider options to increase the size of the court at Ballan Primary School to create a competition-compliant court.	2025	<i>As required</i>	New, no status. To be monitored as required.
	✓	✓									<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Swimming pool (outdoor)</li> </ul>	Ballan outdoor pool - fix the toddler pool shell and create additional space for staff within administration buildings.	2023	2025	New, no status. Address through maintenance and renewal program as required. Explore staff space needs with Recreation team.

## Long term priorities (beyond 10 years): to be addressed between 2030 and 2041

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📍	✓	✓								• Sports grounds	When winter utilisation of the Ballan Recreation Reserve reaches 90% of maximum playing capacity, plan for the provision of 1 dual purpose oval within Ballan. This will necessitate the acquisition of land within the new development areas of Ballan, potentially 'Precinct 5' as per Ballan Strategic Directions (2018).  <i>See short term recommendation regarding acquisition of land within the new development areas of Ballan, potentially 'Precinct 5' as per Ballan Strategic Directions (2018).</i>	As required		New, no status.  To be monitored as required.	
✓	✓	✓	✓	📍	✓					• Aquatic centre • Swimming pool (indoor)	Develop an indoor pool within Bacchus Marsh and Surrounds.  Prior to or at the same time as developing a new indoor pool at the Taverner Street site, decommission the existing outdoor pool, regardless of which site is eventually chosen for the new indoor pool.	2030	2041	Existing draft CIP proposal (site master plan and schematic design of indoor courts and pool complex).	
✓	✓	✓	✓	📍	📍		•			• Multipurpose community rooms & venues	Assess the viability of creating a large event venue / conference centre in Bacchus Marsh or Maddingley.  <i>This recommendation relates to the short term recommendation 'Prepare a Concept Plan / Master Plan for the site of the former Shire Council offices, Main Street Bacchus Marsh to investigate the potential for a Civic and Community Precinct' (see above)</i>	2030	2041	New, no status.  To be considered through a Concept Plan / Master Plan for the site of the former Shire Council offices, Main Street Bacchus Marsh.	