

EXTRACTS FROM THE STRATEGIC SPORT AND RECREATION NEEDS ANALYSIS by TRICIA MARTIN – JULY 2008.REPORT

SECTIONS RELEVANT TO KENDENUP

INTRODUCTION:

Background

The Shire of Plantagenet is a rural Local Government located in the Great Southern Region of Western Australia, 357 kilometres south of Perth. Covering 4792 square kilometres, the Shire of Plantagenet encompasses the settlements of: Mount Barker, Kendenup, Narrikup, Porongurup and Rocky Gully, with a total Shire population of 4,484.

The Shire boasts a diverse agricultural industry focusing on viticulture, plantation timber, sheep, cattle, wildflowers and wine production. The main township for the Shire, Mount Barker, provides a variety of services that enhances the quality of living throughout the Shires community's, including: retail shopping, Government services, education, health facilities, recreation facilities and industrial services.

The Shire of Plantagenet has a strong sporting culture and residents have access to a wide variety of recreational activities and facilities.

Recreation Facilities located within the Shire of Plantagenet include; Mount Barker Community and School Recreation Centre, Mount Barker Memorial Swimming Pool, Sounness Park, Frost Oval, Mount Barker Tennis Club, Mount Barker Speedway, Kendenup Agricultural Grounds, 3 Golf Clubs and a variety of other smaller facilities/infrastructure including bowling greens, tennis courts, halls, playgrounds and ovals.

Pre-1998, the development of recreation facilities throughout the district had an 'ad hoc' and unplanned approach, resulting in duplication of facilities, inadequate facility maintenance and minimal cohesion between sporting bodies.

The Construction of the Mount Barker School and Community Recreation Centre in 1998 provided a planned approach to a facility designed as a multi-purpose venue (utilised by both the local secondary school and the community). To ensure the success of future recreation infrastructure developments within the Shire, this planned approach is integral.

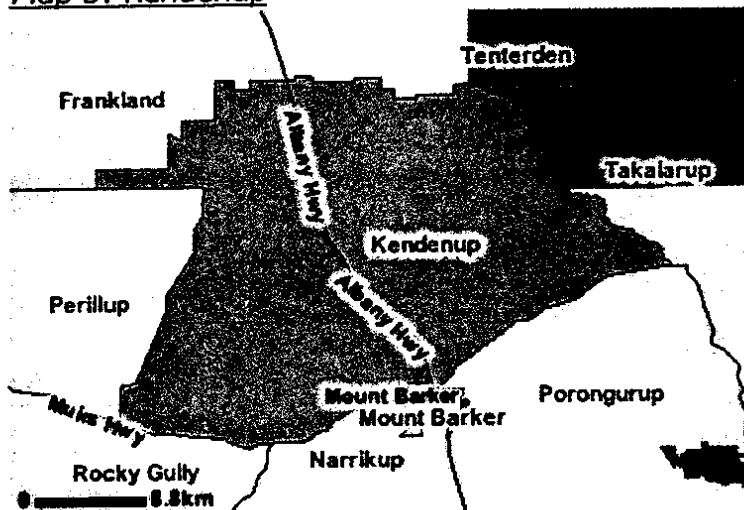
Study Brief:

The key objectives of the Shire of Plantagenet Strategic Sport and Recreation Plan include:

- .Identification of existing activities and what facilities are required/utilised;
- .Clarification of management agreements that exist for facilities that are being used;
- .Identification of facilities that are adequately servicing user needs and those that require more attention;
- .Determine future requirements for recreational facilities;
- .Identify opportunities for co-location and / or facility rationalisation; and
- .Prepare recommendations to the Council for future facility developments and rationalisation, in conjunction with the Strategic Sport and Recreation Working Party.

PART 1 – DEMOGRAPHIC & TREND ANALYSIS

Map 3: Kendenup



1.1.1 Place of Residence

Location	Male	Female	TOTAL
Mount Barker	867	894	1761
Kendenup	635	655	1290
Narrikup	262	253	515
Porongurup	189	1181	370
Rocky Gully	101	92	193
Takalarup	138	106	244
Perillup	54	57	111
TOTAL for Shire	2252	2232	4484
Indigenous People			92
Born Overseas			806

Source; Australian Bureau of Statistics 2006 Census

The data detailed in the Table indicate a distribution of 50.2% male and 49.8% female, with the following population breakdown into collection districts, located in the Shire of Plantagenet boundaries:

Mount Barker	39.3% of the Shires total population
Kendenup	28.8% of the Shires total population
Narrikup	11.5% of the Shires total population
Porongurup	8.2% of the Shires total population
Rocky Gully	4.3% of the Shires total population
Takalarup	5.4% of the Shires total population
Perillup	2.5% of the Shires total population

1.1.2 Place of Usual Residence –Age Distribution

The data from the ABS for 2006 census for age distribution across the Shire of Plantagenet: is as follows:

0 -4 years	5.8% of the Shires population
5 -14 years	16.1% of the Shires population .
15- 24 years	9.6% of the Shires population .
25 -54 years	40.4% of the Shires population
55 -64 years	14% of the Shires population
65 years+	14.1% of the Shires population.

PART 2 – COMMUNITY CONSULTATION INPUT

2.2 - USER GROUP CONSULTATIONS

See the full report (page 58) for information from the following user groups in Kendenup which is included in the report:

- Kendenup Golf Club
- Kendenup Tennis Club
- Kendenup bridge Club
- Kendenup Little Athletics
- Kendenup Ballet-Dance Group
- Kendenup Badminton Club
- Kendenup Cricket Club
- Kendenup Indoor Bopwls Cklub

2.3 ORGANISATION CONSULTATION

2.3.6 Kendenup Community Recreation Centre Committee

Committee Profile

The Kendenup Community and Recreation Centre Committee (KCRC Committee) is an incorporated body that has been formed to lead the project of constructing the Kendenup Community and Recreation Centre.

The KCRC Committee has been operating for almost 5 years and has currently raised approximately \$51,000 toward the project. The KCRC Committee has also implemented a membership scheme and has around 70 financial members.

The KCRC Committee is dedicated to a proactive and professional approach to the processes involved in funding, constructing and managing this project, and is looking forward to working with all associated entities.

Proposed Infrastructure and Proposed Location

The KCRC Committee is proposing that a Community and Recreation Centre are constructed at the Kendenup Agricultural Ground precinct, near the tennis courts and oval area.

A staged approach to constructing this multi-purpose facility is proposed. Consultant, Tricia Martin, suggested that a Kendenup Agricultural Ground Master Plan could be an avenue to approach so as to demonstrate an end product to the proposed developments in the staged process whilst researching all construction aspects including lighting, drainage, access points, amenities etc.

The KCRC committee would like to highlight the 'staged planning' within the draft plan. After much discussion the committee recommend the stage planning be outlined as follow:

- .Stage 1: Building

To include location, car park, bar facility, function room, commercial kitchen, youth centre, toilets, change rooms, play group/crèche, exterior store, admin office, consultation rooms, BMX track, cricket nets, landscaping.

- .Stage 2: Telecentre/Library/Museum

Potential to upgrade the existing Kendenup town hall, upgrade of caravan park facilities, landscaping

- .Stage 3: Indoor sports

Facility (netball, basketball, squash, bowls, indoor cricket & hockey, gymnastics, gymnasium) upgrades of medical consult facilities, landscaping.

With a focus on providing the Kendenup community with accessible, community-based facilities, the KCRC Committee proposes that the following is included within the staged construction of the Centre:

- .Toilets and Change-rooms
- .Function / Club Room -with multi-function servery (bar facility)

- .Commercial Grade Kitchen -with cool room
- .Youth Room
- .2 x Meeting Rooms
- .2 x Consultation Rooms
- .Crèche -including secure outdoor playground area
- .Centre Administration Office
- .Car Park area
- .Bowling Green
- .Outdoor Basketball/Netball Court
- .Separate Canteen Area

The KCRC Committee outlined that potential uses for the facility could include, but are not limited to:

- .Club-rooms for recreation and community based Clubs
- .Playgroup
- .Youth Clubs
- .Functions -including weddings, seminars, workshops, birthdays, school events and community events.
- .Meetings -private, community and commercial
- .Medical consultation
- .Telecentre/ Library/ Museum (upgrade to existing Kendenup town Hall)

The co-location of sporting and community Clubs, groups and infrastructure, to the one "precinct", has been investigated by the KCRC Committee and are well supported by the community. However, being a staged development, clubs and groups will require use of existing facilities to continue in the interim period of construction.

It is understood that some facilities, such as the Country Club, will continue to operate, until such time as the Clubs involved with these facilities choose to relocate.

Current Infrastructure Standard

The KCRC Committee indicated that the Shire of Plantagenet provides minimal maintenance on community and recreation facilities within the townsite. Clubs and groups currently provide some facility maintenance.

History of Project

The KCRC Committee was formed following notification that many of the Kendenup community's infrastructure used for recreational purposes were nearing the end of their lifecycle with continued major maintenance work, upgrading and / or extensions not being feasible.

The KCRC Committee has performed community consultation through hosting public meetings involving the Kendenup community, local Clubs, Shire representatives and Government organisations. Surveys and questionnaires have also circulated through Kendenup regarding the future community and recreation needs, forming the basis of a needs assessment.

Committee members have attended a funding seminar to assist with grant submissions and processes.

Committee members have investigated several other recreation facilities throughout the Great Southern region.

UWA Architectural students used the proposed project of constructing a Kendenup Community and Recreation Centre to form building designs as part of their education assessments. These designs have been submitted to the KCRC Committee for future reference.

The KCRC Committee has approached the Shire of Plantagenet each year for 3 years to provide funding for this project. The committee has been unsuccessful for the past 2 years and are yet to be advised following application for the third year.

The KCRC Committee has investigated contracting an independent consultant to perform a recreation and management plan for the Kendenup community.

Current Project Situation

The KCRC Committee has successfully raised \$51,000 toward the project and has approximately 70 financial members.

The Shire of Plantagenet is performing a Strategic Sport and Recreation Plan involving all communities within the Shire boundaries. The KCRC Committee is assisting through consultation processes.

Contracting an independent consultant to perform the Kendenup Recreation Plan has been put on hold pending outcomes of the Shire of Plantagenet Strategic Sport and Recreation Plan.

Future Planned Steps of the Project

The KCRC Committee will investigate facility Management Plans and will develop a plan for the KCRC once outcomes of the Shire of Plantagenet Strategic Sport and Recreation Plan are received (provides direction).

Upon receiving outcomes of the Shire of Plantagenet Strategic Sport and Recreation Plan, the KCRC Committee will revisit the need to contract an independent consultant to develop a Kendenup Community Recreation Plan.

The KCRC Committee will continue applying for funds through a variety of avenues and performing fundraising activities.

Funding

The KCRC Committee acknowledges the importance of Local Government support regarding this project and is keen to proceed with any required process to assist with a successful outcome.

Fundraising and applications for funding through other organisations/entities will continue.

Other Comments / Suggestions

- That a new use for the Kendenup Hall is investigated
- That the Drainage and Septic situations in the town are resolved ASAP
- That a pathway/ cycleway surrounding the town, linking the Main street, School and Recreation / Agricultural Ground is constructed
- A Skate Park be built as soon as practical

2.3.7 Kendenup Skate Park Steering Committee

Committee Profile

The Kendenup Skate Park Steering Committee (the committee) was established in December 2006 with the vision to provide a safe passive recreational facility for the children and youth of Kendenup. The committee is currently in the process of becoming incorporated to assist with receiving funding for the project.

The committee, through community consultation, has envisaged an outdoor recreation precinct encompassing facilities such as a Skate Park, children's playground, an entertainment area with shade, seating and BBQ, BMX track, court area for ball sports and paths/trails. The committee agrees that a staged approach to the construction of the mentioned facilities is appropriate.

The committee has previously applied for financial support through the Shire of Plantagenet and the Department of Sport and Recreation to implement stage one of the project being the Skate Park. The committee indicated that the Shire has pledged financial support of a third of the cost of the Skate Park depending on the success of gaining other grants. The Shire also requires this Sport and Recreation Plan to be developed.

The committee was unsuccessful with their funding application to the Department of Sport and Recreation due to the proposed location of the facilities being across a railway line and behind bushland blocking easy view from the roadside and therefore not providing enough passive security.

Through this consultation process, the committee revisited the original location for the Skate Park, being on the west side of the railway track (no railway crossing required) and on the roadside therefore providing visible passive security for the area.

Through the design of the Skate Park being long and narrow, it was agreed to pursue this location. The area also allows for growth to one side of the proposed Skate Park for further stages of the project, if funding is successful.

The committee discussed the need to provide fencing along the roadside and the railway line to ensure the safety of users, channelling people through one entry / exit point. It was also suggested that a cross walk and road signage be investigated.

Toilet facilities are located across the road at the community church. Negotiation regarding the public use of these facilities and their upgrade, ensuring they are suitable for people with a disability will need to occur.

Future Planned Steps of the Project

The committee has been informed that there will be no money set aside for sport and recreation projects in the Shires 2008/2009 financial year budget and this will therefore push the project out to being in the 2009/2010 budget and CSRFF round through the Department of Sport and Recreation.

The committee plans to seek funding through other organisations and bodies to continue with the project in the interim period.

Funding

The committee was unsuccessful with its first funding endeavours through Department of Sport and Recreation due to the proposed location of the infrastructure. The committee has recently agreed to change the location of the proposed infrastructure and would be keen to submit a new application in the coming 2008/2009 CSRFF round.

The committee is also continuing to fundraise and will investigate other funding sources.

Other Comments / Suggestions

The committee stated that construction of footpaths around the town of Kendenup should be a priority for the Shire.

2.3.8 Kendenup Country Club

Club Profile

The Kendenup Country Club (the Club) is a facility based Club that administers and manages the day to day running of the Kendenup Country Club building and liquor licence. The Kendenup Country Club is affiliated with Golf Australia, WA Golf Association, Women's Golf WA, Southern Districts Golf Association, Lower Great Southern Women's Golf Association and Clubs WA.

The Club operates under a management committee with representatives of community sports affiliated to the Club including golf, tennis and cricket.

The Club representative indicated that a new Club House facility is necessary in the near future as current facilities are "terminal".

The Club representative stated that they were unhappy regarding how the Kendenup Community and Recreation Centre (KCRC) committee was formed -the committee used to be a sub committee of the Kendenup Country Club Management Committee but broke away after 18 months to form their own incorporated body. The Club representative stated that they won't have anything to do with the KCRC Committee and the KCRC project.

The Club representative indicated that they would have been willing to relocate to the Agricultural Grounds near the Tennis Courts and change their tee-off points to suit the new location but due to the way it has been managed, the Country Club won't relocate.

The consultant suggested that a means to resolve this conflict is necessary or it is unlikely that support for the KCRC project or a new Clubhouse for the Country Club will be recommended or forthcoming from funding bodies or the Shire.

***** Note: The Kendenup Country Club is responsible for the current Liquor Licence and it may be unlikely that the KCRC would be successful with their application to Department of Racing, Gaming and Liquor if the Country Club continues theirs. It is very likely that if the KCRC Committee applies for a liquor licence, they will be strongly opposed by the Country Club.***

To resolve the issue, the consultant suggests that the Kendenup Country Club Management Committee and the KCRC Committee undertake professional mediation to resolve current issues and plan how they can move forward with the project and its future management.

2.3.9 Kendenup~ Youth Group

Group Profile

The Kendenup Youth Group, established in 1975, is not an incorporated Group. The purpose of the Youth Group is to conduct youth activities and games as well as Christian tending on a Friday night (fortnightly) from 7:30pm through to 9:30pm.

The Youth Group operates from late March through to early December with its 12 members ranging from 12 years of age to 17 years of age.

Recreation Infrastructure Usage

The Youth Group utilises the Kendenup Agricultural Hall and pays for the use of the facility but does not provide maintenance to any buildings or grounds.

The Youth Group indicated that the Kendenup Agricultural Hall met the needs of their group and was access friendly for people with a disability .

Funding of Future Infrastructure

The Youth Group indicated that funding through the Agricultural Grounds Committee is appropriate.

2.3.10 Kendenup Play Group

Group Profile

The Kendenup Playgroup, established in 1975, is affiliated with its incorporated association of Playgroup WA. The purpose of the Playgroup is to conduct physical and learning activities for children and their parents.

The Playgroup operates all year round with its 49 junior members and 16 senior members meeting on a Tuesday morning from 9:30am -11:30am. Members pay an annual fee of \$100.

Recreation Infrastructure Usage

The Playgroup utilises the Kendenup Agricultural Hall, Pavilion and grounds and is associated with the Kendenup Agricultural Grounds Committee who maintain the facilities.

The existing playground equipment has been funded by the lotteries commission and by money raised by the Playgroup.

The Playgroup indicated that the facilities currently met the needs of their group and was access friendly for people with a disability. It is stated in the Kendenup Community Recreational Activities and Needs -2008 document that considering the age of the building in the future they will need to shift to a purpose built facility (hopefully the Kendenup Community Recreation Centre).

Funding of Future Infrastructure

The Playgroup indicated that future funding should be through Club/Association fundraising, Great Foundations, stronger families' stronger communities' strategy, Grants and membership fees.

Other Comments/Suggestions

- That a pathway/ cycleway surrounding the town, linking the Main street, School and Recreation / Agricultural Ground is constructed
- .A greater range and safer / age appropriate playground equipment installed at the local park also adequate shade and seating.
- .The Playgroup also supports the skate park project and any facilities that provide for the youth of this town.

PART 4 – RECREATION INFRASTRUCTURE AUDIT

4.3 Kendenup Recreation Infrastructure

4.3.1 Kendenup Agricultural Grounds

The Kendenup Agricultural Grounds (established in 1936) is a precinct that encompasses a variety of sport and community use. Situated on Shire land, the grounds are located on the corner block near Beverley Road and Chauvel Road on the outskirts of the Kendenup townsite.

The grounds infrastructure includes:

- .A semi reticulated oval/open space area
- .Yarding facilities for the sheep dog trials
- .A Pavilion (underwent major renovations in 2001 including a cement floor and re-roofing)
- .A community hall (which has been upgraded with the addition of a new kitchen, lining of walls, new flooring and windows)
- .An ablution block (recently upgraded with a new water heater, tiling and re-decorating - assistance from Pardelup Work Camp program)
- .Overnight camping ground (had power upgrade in 1998)

The Kendenup Tennis Courts are also located within the Kendenup Agricultural Grounds area and the Kendenup Golf course is also located close by.

The facilities are currently utilised by:

- .Kendenup Cricket Club
- .Kendenup Playgroup
- .Kendenup Bridge Club
- .Kendenup Youth Group
- .Kendenup Indoor Bowls
- .Stirling Sheepdog Trial Club
- .Miniature Pony Association
- .Kendenup Primary School events / exhibitions
- .Community meetings and fundraisers

Kendenup Little Athletics Club is aiming to relocate to this precinct for their 2008/ 09 season.

The Kendenup Community and Recreation Centre (KCRC) project's merit will rely heavily on the co-location of the Golf Club and Kendenup Country Club into the project / proposed facility .Duplication of such facilities is not sustainable, nor practical.

The Kendenup Agricultural Ground, adjacent to the Tennis Courts and oval (on Shire owned land) is an ideal location to base Clubhouse facilities, as it is central to all infrastructure and groups.

A replacement of infrastructure currently provided at the Kendenup Country Club is required, ensuring it meets standards such as a commercial grade kitchen. Country Club infrastructure is in a state of disrepair and will require closure in the short term.

A Kendenup Agricultural Grounds Management Committee currently exists and a written agreement between the Shire of Plantagenet and this group should be negotiated.

4.3.2 Kendenup Tennis Courts

The Kendenup Tennis Courts are located adjacent to the Kendenup Agricultural Grounds on the corner block near Beverley Road and Chauvel Road -the outskirts of the Kendenup townsite.

A \$140,000 upgrade to the courts recently occurred through joint funding by the Kendenup Tennis Club, Department of Sport and Recreation and the Shire of Plantagenet. The upgrade is stage 1 of a 3-stage project and included mounding the court area using compounded gravel, resurfacing the 4 courts and installing a new perimeter fence.

The Kendenup Tennis Club is currently proceeding with stage 2, being the replacement of the shade and kitchenette facility. Stage 3 is the upgrade to the ablution block and inclusion of a fenced off children's play area.

4.3.3 Kendenup Country Club

The Kendenup Country Club is situated on Shire land amongst the Kendenup Golf Course on the outskirts of the Kendenup townsite. The Kendenup Country Club is currently used as the Clubhouse for Tennis, Golf and Cricket. The facility is also used for meetings, fundraisers and social occasions. The facilities driveway and car park area has been resealed within the last 5 years.

The Kendenup Country Club has been identified as being in a state of disrepair, with refurbishment or upgrades not practical due to the age and state of the building. Investigation and planning into the replacement of this infrastructure is viable.

However, the Shire of Plantagenet should ensure duplication of facilities do not occur as it is not sustainable, nor practical. One facility for all sports is in the communities and the Shires best interest. Management of such facility requires defining as part of any planning process.

Please refer to the related project of the Kendenup Community Recreation Centre -defined in section 4.3.1, Kendenup Agricultural Grounds.

4.3.4 Kendenup Hall

The Kendenup Hall is located on the corner of Beverly Road and Hassell Avenue in the townsite of Kendenup. This building has historical characteristics and remains as a community facility that caters for some sport pursuits.

Currently the only organised sport or recreation use for this building is Badminton. Ballet previously operated from this facility but has gone into recess for an unknown timeframe.

The building will require maintenance in the medium to long term. Cracks have appeared through both interior and exterior walls. Depending on increased use, the building will require some form of heating. Suggestions for alternate use for this area include Telecentre, Library or museum.

Located within the external parameter of the hall are the public toilet facilities for the town and a small open space precinct that includes a pergola with BBQ facilities a swing set and a slide.

4.3.5 Proposed Kendenup Skate Park Site -Outdoor Recreation Precinct

The Kendenup Skate Park Steering Committee is leading the Outdoor Recreation Precinct project. The recent funding application to Department of Sport and Recreation was rejected due to the proposed site indicated in the application.

The committee is now proposing that the location of the Skate Park is Hassell Avenue side of the railway (therefore no crossing of the railway line is necessary) and the design for the Skate Park is narrow and long. The committee proposes construction of multiple infrastructures, in a staged development, which includes:

- Skate Park.
- Seating and BBQ
- Children's playground.
- BMX track
- .An entertainment area with shade.
- Court area for ball sports
- Paths/trails around the precinct

Passive recreation infrastructure is important to any community and is required, with limitations, within the Kendenup community. The following may be the short to medium term objectives:

- Share use pathways around the townsite
- Skate Park
- Children's Playground
- Seating / shade area between the Skate Park and children's playground

PART 5 – PLAN RECOMMENDATIONS

The Shire of Plantagenet Strategic Sport and Recreation Plan recommendations have been created through the collation of a variety of information sources, including:

- .Community consultation outcomes;
- .Community profiling;
- .Recreation infrastructure auditing;
- .Recreation infrastructure utilisation; and
- .Industry facility benchmarks.

The Plan's recommendations have been categorised into project titles, including a brief background on each project.

5.1 SHIRE OF PLANTAGENET PLAYGROUNDS

Background

In October 2006, the Shire of Plantagenet commissioned Local Government Insurance Services (LGIS) -Risk Management to perform a safety audit on all Shire owned playground equipment. Upon completion of this safety audit, LGIS- Risk Management prepared and presented the Plantagenet Playground Inspection Report.

Wilson Park, as the primary playground precinct in the Shire of Plantagenet, is currently undergoing a planning phase to upgrade/replace equipment and associated infrastructure (ablutions, soft fall, fencing and paths). Landscape Planners Pty Ltd has presented a draft precinct plan for this area.

Mount Barker currently has some Skate Park non-fixed structures adjacent to the Shire of Plantagenet Administration Office in the Wilson Park precinct. Wilson Park would be the most appropriate placement for a permanent Skate Park in Mount Barker, supplying enough space with no private dwellings in the immediate area, includes the ability for passive supervision of the area (depending on where it is located in Wilson Park) and a central location for local children and youth.

Throughout the design phase of a new Skate Park, infrastructure should depict the youth population catchment of the area. The provision of extensive infrastructure would be regarded as a misuse of resources.

Recommendations

5.1.1 That a time-line be developed regarding the recommendations outlined in the Shire of Plantagenet Playgrounds Inspection Report, prepared by Local Government Insurance Services -Risk Management.

5.1.2 That an area, where passive security is high, in Wilson Park be designated for the proposed Mt Barker Skate Park.

5.1.3 That, upon adoption of the Wilson Park Precinct Concept Plan, implementation occurs in a defined staged process.

5.7 PLANTAGENET FOOTPATH AND TRAIL SYSTEMS

Background

In June 2006, the Shire of Plantagenet commissioned Sally Malone Design & Chris Antill Planning and Urban Design to prepare the Plantagenet Trails Masterplan. This plan prioritises eight proposed trails, being, in order of priority:

1. . Mondurup Trail, Mount Barker;
2. . Pwakkenbak Trail, Mount Barker;
3. . Porongurup Link Trail
4. . Ural's Amble, Mount Barker;
5. . High School Hills Cycle Trail;
6. . Mount Barker Adventure Cycle Trail;
7. . Kendenup Shared Use Path; and
8. . Narrikup Nature Trail.

Through community consultation, a shared use path in Kendenup was clearly defined as a high priority due to the access and safety aspects associated with the current road networks and lack of path systems in Kendenup. It is understood that Council intends to workshop this need in October / November 2008.

Recommendations

5.7.1 That the following two-staged process to construct a shared-use path (class 1 in accordance with the Plantagenet Trails Masterplan 2006) in the township of Kendenup, be adopted and that stage one of the Kendenup shared-use path as the first priority when implementing the Plantagenet Trails Masterplan be endorsed, noting:

- *Stage one involves the construction of the shared-use path, outlined as priority 1 (Beverley Road) and priority 2 (Seventh Avenue), in the Plantagenet Trails Masterplan -Kendenup Shared Use Path.*
- *Stage two involves the construction of the shared-use path, outlined as priority 3 (Hassell Avenue) and an alteration to priority 4 to be Austin Street (plan outlines Simons Street as priority 4) in the Plantagenet Trails Masterplan -Kendenup Shared Use Path.*
- *Both the Mondurup and Pwakkenbak Trail Concept Plans are currently in their design phase.*

5.8 KENDENUP OUTDOOR RECREATION PRECINCT

Background

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The committee, through community consultation, has envisaged an outdoor recreation precinct encompassing facilities such as a Skate Park, children's playground, an entertainment area with shade, seating and BBQ, BMX track, court area for ball sports and paths/trails. The committee has previously applied for financial support through the Shire of Plantagenet and the Department of Sport and Recreation to implement stage one of the project being the construction of a Skate Park. The committee indicated that the Shire had pledged financial support of a third of the cost of the Skate Park depending on the success of gaining other grants. The Shire also requires this Sport and Recreation Plan to be developed.

The committee was previously unsuccessful with their funding application to the Department of Sport and Recreation due to the proposed location of the facilities being incorporated into a railway reserve and behind bushland blocking easy view from the roadside and therefore not providing enough passive security.

The committee indicated that it has changed the proposed location for the Skate Park, to the west side of the railway track (no railway crossing required), therefore providing visible passive security for the area.

With the design of the Skate Park being long and narrow, it was agreed to pursue this location. The area also allows for growth to one side of the proposed Skate Park for further stages of the project, if funding is successful.

Throughout the concept-planning phase of the outdoor recreation precinct, the committee should ensure that the Skate Park and playground infrastructure depicts the youth population catchment of the area. The provision of extensive infrastructure would be regarded as a misuse of resources.

Fencing along the roadside and the railway line to ensure the safety of users is required as well as a pedestrian crossing and road signage on Hassell Avenue. Toilet facilities are located across the road at the community church. Negotiation regarding the public use of these facilities and their upgrade, ensuring they are suitable for people with a disability will need to occur.

Recommendations

- 5.8.1 That the Kendenup Community Skate Park Committee be requested to consider the proposed site for the Kendenup Outdoor Recreation Precinct to a site between Hassell Avenue and the railway line, adjacent to the Kendenup Community Church.*
- 5.8.2 That the Kendenup Skate Park Steering Committee develops a concept plan for the Kendenup Outdoor Recreation Precinct.*
- 5.8.3 That, upon a concept plan being developed, the development of the Kendenup Outdoor Recreation Precinct be supported in a two-staged development encompassing a Skate Park, perimeter fencing, shaded seating area and a children's playground.*
- 5.8.4 That the development of a Skate Park and appropriate perimeter fencing be defined as stage one of the Kendenup Outdoor Recreation Precinct.*
- 5.8.5 That the development of a shaded seating area and a children's playground be defined as stage two of the Kendenup Outdoor Recreation Precinct.*
- 5.8.6 That, in the planning process of developing the Kendenup Outdoor Recreation Precinct, the installation of safe road crossings and signage on Hassell Avenue be defined.*
- 5.8.7 That, in the planning process of developing the Kendenup Outdoor Recreation Precinct, upgrade use and management of toilet facilities located at the Kendenup Community Church be discussed.*

5.9 KENDENUP AGRICULTURAL GROUND PRECINCT

Background

The Kendenup Agricultural Ground is the Kendenup community and recreation precinct and includes an oval, tennis courts, community hall and pavilion. The Shire of Plantagenet owns the land (zoned rural) in which the Kendenup Agricultural Ground is located, as well as surrounding area.

The Kendenup Community and Recreation Centre Committee (Inc) are proposing that a multi-purpose facility be built at the Kendenup Agricultural Ground precinct, on Shire owned land to cater for both community and recreation needs of the town.

The Kendenup oval caters for passive recreation activities and organised sports including cricket, little athletics, sheep dog trials and has the potential to become Mount Barker's 'spill- over' facility for when double fixturing occurs.

Located adjacent to the grounds is the Kendenup Golf Course which includes the Kendenup Country Club facilities. This land is vested in the Shire for the purpose of recreation. The Kendenup Country Club facilities are in a state of disrepair and will need replacing in the near future.

Recommendations

- 5.9.1 That the Kendenup community sporting groups form a cooperative peak body that represents all sports and is the communication link with the Shire of Plantagenet regarding community projects.*
- 5.9.2 That the Kendenup country club Management Committee and the Kendenup Community Recreation Centre Committee undertake professional mediation to resolve current issues and plan how they can move forward together with the project of constructing a "Clubhouse / Community Centre" and its future management.*
- 5.9.3 That a Masterplan for the Kendenup Agricultural Ground precinct, incorporating the construction of a Clubhouse / Community Centre to replace the Kendenup Country Club facility and provide Kendenup with improved recreational infrastructure, be developed.*
- 5.9.4 That, upon completion of construction of a Clubhouse / Community Centre in Kendenup, the Kendenup Country Club and the Agricultural Grounds Community Hall where Playgroup and Bridge is conducted be demolished.*