

Northern Midlands Council



The Northern Tasmania Sports Facility Plan 2023

At the Council meeting held 18 September 2023, Council considered the Northern Tasmania Sports Facility Plan 2023 (the Plan)

The Plan was developed by sport consultants Ross Planning and supported by a working group of Council officers from the Northern Midlands, City of Launceston, West Tamar, Meander Valley, and George Town councils.

The Plan provides the five participating Councils with guidance about how to provide sport and active recreation infrastructure in a sustainable and equitable way, while also supporting participation in a diverse range of active recreation pursuits.

An assessment of each existing facility was undertaken including its capacity to accommodate future growth and planned future facilities such as the Perth Recreation Precinct Master Plan.

Key Northern Midlands recommendations include:

- Develop a training area at the Longford Recreation Ground to support the existing one-oval facility.
- Implement the Perth Recreation Precinct Master Plan.
- Plan for the duplication of the Longford Community Sports Centre.
- Consider the development of pump tracks in the Northern Midlands.
- Upgrade the clubroom and change facilities at the Ross Recreation Ground to cater for its increased use.
- Continue to monitor demand for off-road cycling and additional facilities across the study area in line with population growth and demand for the sport.
- Support the Longford Racecourse Master Plan's proposed equestrian precinct development.
- Investigate the need for a football (soccer) field within the north of the Northern Midlands LGA

The Plan noted that Northern Midlands Council has developed master plans for its six recreational grounds and has been progressively implementing these plans, utilising a combination of Council and grant funding secured from State and Federal Government funding programs.

To date Council has:



1 - Collaborated with Veterans Cricket Tasmania to develop turf wickets at the Ross Recreation Ground



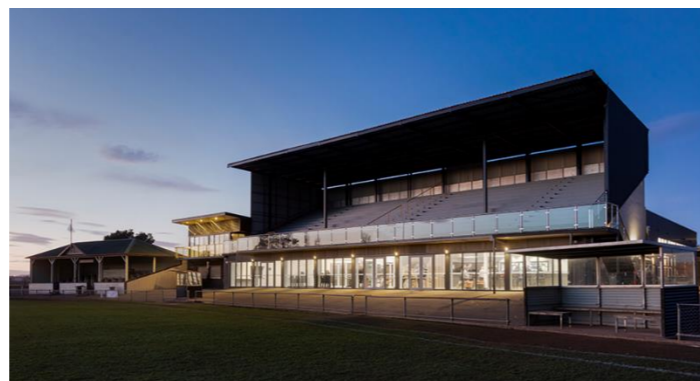
2 - Renovated and expanded the Morven Park clubrooms including constructing inclusive changerooms and installing a new three bay cricket practice facility



3 - Upgraded the Cressy Memorial Swimming Pool Complex including renovation and modernisation of the kiosk and storage area, creation of a new entrance, construction of a raised shaded and sheltered deck, gel coating of the two pools and relining of the main pool, upgrades to the concourse including building the concourse to create a flush entry to the pool, replacing the concrete surrounds with tiles, a new fence and sealing, line marking and landscaping of the complex carpark.



4 - Redeveloped and expanded the Longford Community Sports Centre.



5 - Renovated and expanded the stadium and function rooms at the Longford Recreation Ground including the construction of new inclusive changerooms, a grandstand makeover, upgraded oval lighting and a new electronic scoreboard.



6 - Developed a new multi-function centre/clubrooms and meeting rooms with inclusive changerooms at the Campbell Town War Memorial Oval Precinct, and two new tennis/multipurpose courts, and upgrades to the oval lighting and a new electronic scoreboard.



7 - Renovated and expanded the Cressy Recreation Ground clubrooms including constructing new inclusive changerooms and the cricket practice nets.



8 - Perth's current recreation ground, which is located adjacent to the Perth Primary School, has several ageing sporting facilities, including the skatepark and an inadequate size oval. Improvements undertaken include upgrades to the oval lighting, installation of an electronic scoreboard and goal netting, a new scorer's box, and resealing of the carpark.

Council has developed a draft concept plan (below) for the development of a green field site into a regional facility however this is subject to land purchase and community need and will likely include a combined AFL and cricket oval, a multi-purpose community centre, new netball and tennis courts, an adventure playground and skatepark/pump track and possibly an aquatic centre and/or football field.

Council will continue to monitor the demand for existing and future facilities based on population growth and community demand for sports, while continuing to pursue strategic funding opportunities that deliver on the recommendations of the Plan.

A copy of the Northern Tasmania Sports Facility Plan 2023 can be found on Councils website.

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Perth Sports Precinct Master Plan (Draft)

More information is available at:
<https://northernmidlands.tas.gov.au/documents/strategic-annual-plan/strategic-projects>