

# Recreation Plan:

## VOLUME 3 Consultation Findings



South Gippsland Shire



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It provides an overview of information collected during consultation with residents and community groups about recreation and open space in South Gippsland.

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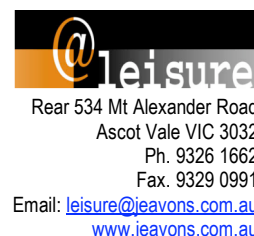
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# 1. Introduction

This document has been compiled as part of the South Gippsland Shire Recreation Plan. It provides a summary of the consultation phases undertaken as part of the study.

## Overview

A range of local and Shire-wide stakeholders and community members/ groups were contacted as part of the study. The following is a breakdown of consultation undertaken.

- Householder survey
- Call for submissions
- Interviews with:
  - schools
  - sport and recreation clubs and groups
  - community groups and committees of Management
- Community meetings in Foster, Mirboo North, Leongatha and Korumburra

## Household survey

In May 2007, a community recreation survey was distributed to 3,000 households across the South Gippsland Shire via post. The surveys were distributed to households in all townships throughout the Shire based on a stratified sample. A total of 463 surveys were returned, accounting for 717 responses. These were collated and analysed.

## Submissions

Council advertised for community organisations and residents to make submissions concerning open space and recreation issues. Eleven submissions were received. A summary of these is provided later in this report.

## Interviews with schools

In April 2007, 14 primary and secondary schools across the South Gippsland Shire were contacted via telephone and interviewed about their participation in sport and recreation activities, and asked about potential future demand at their school, in their local area and across the Shire.

## Interviews with sport and recreation clubs and groups

In April 2007, 70 sport and recreation groups across the Shire were contacted via telephone. Of these, 24 groups participated in telephone interviews regarding their participation in sport and recreation activities, use of facilities and the potential future demands on their sport and facilities. Clubs contacted covered a range of different sports, including Australian Rules football, netball, tennis, hockey, karate, gymnastics, athletics, squash, swimming, golf, pony clubs and gun clubs.

## Interviews with community groups and Committees of Management

In May 2007, 29 community groups and Committees of Management were contacted via telephone. 17 groups responded and were interviewed regarding their club/ group, activities undertaken, the use of local facilities and their role in sport and recreation across the Shire.

## Community forums

Council advertised the opportunity for community organisations and residents to attend community meetings to discuss recreation issues. These were held in Foster, Mirboo North, Leongatha and Korumburra. Notes from these forums are provided later in this document.

## 2. Household survey findings

A householder survey was conducted in May 2007 to guide Council's decision making about the ongoing provision and development of recreational activities and facilities within the South Gippsland Shire. Respondents were asked to consider what they do for 'recreation', taken to mean activity that is done away from the home for enjoyment in free time. This may include play, hobbies, volunteer work, club or physical activities or sport.

Approximately 3,000 surveys were randomly distributed to households within the municipality. A total of 463 surveys were returned, accounting for 717 responses. Below is an overview of the results.

### 2.1 What activities you do and where?

Walking was the activity that most people did regularly for recreation, and that both males and females indicated they participated in most. The participation rate of 34.7% is slightly lower than the Victorian ERASS participation rate of 37%. However, participation in walking by male respondents (28.5%) is higher than ERASS (25.6%) with female respondent participation (40.3%) lower than ERASS (48.2%).

Other activities with high numbers of participants include swimming (the second most participated in activity by males and females) and bike riding/ cycling (the third most participated in activity by males and females). Both these activities had higher participation rates than the Victorian ERASS rates for 2005.

Fishing, lawn bowls and horse riding/ pony club activities had significantly higher participation rates for respondents than the Victorian ERASS rate for 2005. Running and bushwalking had significantly lower rates than ERASS.

Respondents were asked to list the main recreational activities they regularly participate in or away from home. Each respondent could list up to three activities. Below are the recreational activities that recorded the most responses for men and women.

**Table 1.1: Number and percentage of respondents participating in selected activities<sup>1</sup>**

Sport	Female	Percentage	Male	Percentage	Total	Percentage	ERASS <sup>2</sup> 2005
Walking	153	40.3%	96	28.5%	249	34.7%	37.0%
Swimming	82	21.6%	36	10.7%	118	16.5%	13.9%
Bike riding/ cycling	40	10.5%	62	18.4%	102	14.2%	11.5%
Golf	26	6.8%	52	15.4%	78	10.9%	7.6%
Fishing	12	3.2%	64	19.0%	76	10.6%	1.7%
Australian football	9	2.4%	38	11.3%	47	6.6%	6.7%
Lawn bowls	20	5.3%	27	8.0%	47	6.6%	2.3%
Tennis	27	7.1%	19	5.6%	46	6.4%	8.2%
Gymnasium	26	6.8%	11	3.3%	37	5.2%	-
Cinema	24	6.3%	9	2.7%	33	4.6%	-
Netball	31	8.2%	1	0.3%	32	4.5%	4.4%
Services club	16	4.2%	14	4.2%	30	4.2%	-
Horse riding/ pony club	22	5.8%	7	2.1%	29	4.0%	1.1%
Beach	17	4.5%	11	3.3%	28	3.9%	-
Volunteer work	13	3.4%	12	3.6%	25	3.5%	-
Basketball	10	2.6%	13	3.9%	23	3.2%	5.1%
Cricket	2	0.5%	19	5.6%	21	2.9%	4.0%
Craftwork	16	4.2%	3	0.9%	19	2.6%	-
Other sports/ exercise	10	2.6%	8	2.4%	18	2.5%	-
Camping	7	1.8%	10	3.0%	17	2.4%	-
Visiting the park	12	3.2%	5	1.5%	17	2.4%	-
Travel	6	1.6%	8	2.4%	14	2.0%	-
Library	8	2.1%	5	1.5%	13	1.8%	-
Running	2	0.5%	10	3.0%	12	1.7%	8.8%
Water aerobics	12	3.2%	0	0.0%	12	1.7%	-
Indoor bowls	6	1.6%	6	1.8%	12	1.7%	-
Motorbike riding	3	0.8%	9	2.7%	12	1.7%	0.7%
Theatre/ ballet	6	1.6%	5	1.5%	11	1.5%	-
Socialising	6	1.6%	5	1.5%	11	1.5%	-
Dance	7	1.8%	4	1.2%	11	1.5%	-
Bushwalking	3	0.8%	7	2.1%	10	1.4%	5.3%
Reading book/ book club	10	2.6%	0	0.0%	10	1.4%	-
Painting	7	1.8%	3	0.9%	10	1.4%	-
<b>No response</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>1.3%</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>6.5%</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>3.8%</b>	
<b>Total</b>	<b>380</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>337</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>717</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	

## Gender - Females

The list of the 20 activities most regularly participated in by females contains a number of differences to the overall most regularly participated in activities shown above.

- Walking, swimming, netball, horse riding, craft work, and water aerobics are activities that are more regularly participated in for females than the general population.
- Fishing, cricket and AFL are activities that are less regularly participated in by women.

## Age

The breakdown of activities into age groups show:

- Walking is the most participated in activity for all age groups of females aged 35 years and older (with the exception of females aged 80 years and older). For females aged less than 35 years the most participated in activity is swimming.
- Younger women (below 30 years) are more likely to play sports such as netball, swimming and basketball when compared with the average.

<sup>1</sup> The activities listed are those with the largest number of total participants.

<sup>2</sup> Exercise, Recreation And Sport Survey



- Women aged 30 to 60 years are more likely to participate in tennis and undertake activities such as going to the beach, cinema or visiting the park.
- Lawn bowls; golf and craftwork are activities more likely to be undertaken by older women (aged 60 years and older).

**Table 1.2a: Number of respondents in each age group participating in selected activities**

Activity	10 - 14	15 - 19	20 - 24	25 - 29	30 - 34	35 - 39	40 - 44	45 - 49	50 - 54	55 - 59	60 - 64	65 - 69	70 - 74	75 - 79	80+
Walking	0	2	3	1	6	12	12	20	20	30	17	11	8	6	2
Swimming	4	1	3	2	10	8	7	10	11	7	7	8	1	2	0
Bike riding/ cycling	0	0	0	1	3	7	2	9	6	6	3	1	1	1	0
Netball	0	7	1	1	2	9	0	5	3	2	0	1	0	0	0
Golf	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	1	3	5	3	4	2	3	2
Gymnasium	0	0	2	0	1	1	1	0	8	1	3	2	5	0	1
Cinema	1	3	0	0	2	2	2	2	2	5	0	1	3	1	0
Tennis	0	1	0	1	3	3	3	5	4	5	0	2	0	0	0
Horse riding/ pony club	1	2	0	1	1	2	4	3	4	3	0	1	0	0	0
Lawn Bowls	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	1	1	6	5	2
Beach	0	0	0	1	3	3	3	3	1	0	0	1	1	1	0
Craft work	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	2	3	2	3	2	2
Service club	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	2	1	0	1	2	3	5
Volunteer work	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	3	1	2	2	0	1	2	1
Fishing	0	2	0	1	0	1	1	3	0	0	2	1	0	0	0
Water aerobics	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	3	2	0	1	0	2
Visiting the park	0	0	0	0	3	3	1	1	0	1	1	1	0	1	0
Other sport/ exercise	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	3	0	1	2	0	1	1	0
Reading/ book club	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	2	0	3	2	0	0
Basketball	2	0	0	1	1	2	1	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0

**Table 1.2b: Percentage of respondents in each age group participating in selected activities**

Activity	10 - 14	15 - 19	20 - 24	25 - 29	30 - 34	35 - 39	40 - 44	45 - 49	50 - 54	55 - 59	60 - 64	65 - 69	70 - 74	75 - 79	80+
Walking	0%	18%	75%	20%	27%	44%	46%	53%	47%	58%	46%	41%	27%	24%	7%
Swimming	80%	9%	75%	40%	45%	30%	27%	26%	26%	13%	19%	30%	3%	8%	0%
Bike riding/ cycling	0%	0%	0%	20%	14%	26%	8%	24%	14%	12%	8%	4%	3%	4%	0%
Netball	0%	64%	25%	20%	9%	33%	0%	13%	7%	4%	0%	4%	0%	0%	0%
Golf	0%	0%	0%	0%	5%	4%	4%	3%	7%	10%	8%	15%	7%	12%	7%
Gymnasium	0%	0%	50%	0%	5%	4%	4%	0%	19%	2%	8%	7%	17%	0%	4%
Cinema	20%	27%	0%	0%	9%	7%	8%	5%	5%	10%	0%	4%	10%	4%	0%
Tennis	0%	9%	0%	20%	14%	11%	12%	13%	9%	10%	0%	7%	0%	0%	0%
Horse riding/ pony club	20%	18%	0%	20%	5%	7%	15%	8%	9%	6%	0%	4%	0%	0%	0%
Lawn Bowls	0%	9%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	2%	4%	3%	4%	20%	20%	7%
Beach	0%	0%	0%	20%	14%	11%	12%	8%	2%	0%	0%	4%	3%	4%	0%
Craft work	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	4%	0%	0%	4%	8%	7%	10%	8%	7%
Service club	0%	9%	0%	0%	0%	0%	4%	0%	5%	2%	0%	4%	7%	12%	19%
Volunteer work	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	4%	8%	2%	4%	5%	0%	3%	8%	4%
Fishing	0%	18%	0%	20%	0%	4%	4%	8%	0%	0%	5%	4%	0%	0%	0%
Water aerobics	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	7%	0%	0%	5%	6%	5%	0%	3%	0%	7%
Visiting the park	0%	0%	0%	0%	14%	11%	4%	3%	0%	2%	3%	4%	0%	4%	0%
Other sport/ exercise	20%	0%	0%	0%	5%	0%	0%	8%	0%	2%	5%	0%	3%	4%	0%
Reading/ book club	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	3%	2%	4%	0%	11%	7%	0%	0%
Basketball	40%	0%	0%	20%	5%	7%	4%	0%	0%	6%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%

## Gender - Males

Although walking is the most participated in activity by males, the percentage of males who walk regularly for recreation is significantly lower than for females. The list of the top activities that are most regularly participated in by males contains a number of differences to the overall top 20 activities.

- Bike riding/cycling, golf, fishing, Australian football, running, motor bike riding, lawn bowls and golf were more regularly participated in by male respondents than female respondents
- Activities that had lower participation rates by males compared with females included walking, swimming, cinema, netball, horse riding and craftwork.

## Age

The breakdown of activities per age group shows a tendency for the older age categories (60+) to participate in more passive leisure activities as opposed to structured sporting activities.

- Respondents aged less than 30 years were more likely to participate in traditional sporting activities such as football, cricket and basketball
- Activities that respondents aged 30 to 59 years were more likely to participate in included running, tennis, fishing, bike riding, swimming, surfing and cinema
- Older respondents (60 years and older) were more likely to undertake lawn bowls and golf while visiting the service clubs (such as RSL, Lions, Rotary and Probus) and travelling.

The table below highlights the top activities that males participate in and the age breakdown of these activities.

**Table 1.3a: Number of males participating in each activity: by age group<sup>3</sup>**

Activity	10 - 14	15 - 19	20 - 24	25 - 29	30 - 34	35 - 39	40 - 44	45 - 49	50 - 54	55 - 59	60 - 64	65 - 69	70 - 74	75 - 79	80+
Walking	0	1	0	0	1	7	7	12	4	13	22	13	4	9	4
Fishing	0	0	1	1	2	8	8	8	10	4	9	10	1	5	1
Bike riding/ cycling	0	4	0	0	5	8	8	7	7	11	9	2	1	3	0
Golf	2	0	1	0	1	3	3	2	2	9	6	10	2	4	5
Swimming	3	1	0	0	4	5	5	7	3	2	2	1	1	3	1
Football	4	4	0	0	4	2	2	4	3	4	4	3	1	0	0
Lawn bowls	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	1	2	5	6	2	4	3
Cricket	3	1	1	0	4	2	2	4	1	0	0	1	0	0	0
Tennis	1	0	0	0	2	2	2	4	3	0	2	2	0	0	0
Service Club	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	3	0	0	3	1	2	4
Basketball	3	2	1	0	2	1	1	0	0	2	0	1	0	0	0
Gymnasium	0	1	1	0	0	1	1	1	0	1	3	0	0	2	1
Other sport/ exercise	0	0	0	0	0	3	3	2	1	0	0	0	0	2	0
Volunteer work	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	4	3	1	0	1	0
Beach	2	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	2	1	0	1	0	2	0
Cinema	1	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	2	1	0	2	1	0	0
Running	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	3	0	1	1	0	1	0	0
Camping	0	0	0	1	0	1	1	1	2	1	1	1	0	0	0
Motorbike riding	0	2	0	1	1	1	1	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0
Travel	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	2	1	1	1	0
Horse riding/ pony club	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	1	2	1	1	0	0
Surfing	0	0	0	0	1	2	2	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	0

<sup>3</sup> Listed are the activities that have the largest number of participants.



**Table 1.3b: Percentage of males participating in each activity: By age group**

Activity	10 - 14	15 - 19	20 - 24	25 - 29	30 - 34	35 - 39	40 - 44	45 - 49	50 - 54	55 - 59	60 - 64	65 - 69	70 - 74	75 - 79	80+
Walking	0%	11%	0%	0%	7%	47%	27%	41%	12%	31%	49%	34%	27%	31%	18%
Fishing	0%	0%	33%	100%	13%	53%	31%	28%	30%	10%	20%	26%	7%	17%	5%
Bike riding/ cycling	0%	44%	0%	0%	33%	53%	31%	24%	21%	26%	20%	5%	7%	10%	0%
Golf	18%	0%	33%	0%	7%	20%	12%	7%	6%	21%	13%	26%	13%	14%	23%
Swimming	27%	11%	0%	0%	27%	33%	19%	24%	9%	5%	4%	3%	7%	10%	5%
Football	36%	44%	0%	0%	27%	13%	8%	14%	9%	10%	9%	8%	7%	0%	0%
Lawn bowls	0%	0%	33%	0%	0%	0%	0%	3%	3%	5%	11%	16%	13%	14%	14%
Cricket	27%	11%	33%	0%	27%	13%	8%	14%	3%	0%	0%	3%	0%	0%	0%
Tennis	9%	0%	0%	0%	13%	13%	8%	14%	9%	0%	4%	5%	0%	0%	0%
Service Club	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	7%	4%	0%	9%	0%	0%	8%	7%	7%	18%
Basketball	27%	22%	33%	0%	13%	7%	4%	0%	0%	5%	0%	3%	0%	0%	0%
Gymnasium	0%	11%	33%	0%	0%	7%	4%	3%	0%	2%	7%	0%	0%	7%	5%
Other sport/ exercise	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	20%	12%	7%	3%	0%	0%	0%	0%	7%	0%
Volunteer work	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	3%	3%	10%	7%	3%	0%	3%	0%
Beach	18%	0%	0%	0%	7%	0%	0%	3%	6%	2%	0%	3%	0%	7%	0%
Cinema	9%	0%	0%	0%	0%	7%	4%	3%	6%	2%	0%	5%	7%	0%	0%
Running	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	13%	8%	10%	0%	2%	2%	0%	7%	0%	0%
Camping	0%	0%	0%	100%	0%	7%	4%	3%	6%	2%	2%	3%	0%	0%	0%
Motorbike riding	0%	22%	0%	100%	7%	7%	4%	0%	9%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Travel	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	3%	5%	4%	3%	7%	3%	0%
Horse riding/ pony club	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	7%	4%	0%	0%	2%	4%	3%	7%	0%	0%
Surfing	0%	0%	0%	0%	7%	13%	8%	3%	3%	0%	2%	0%	0%	0%	0%

## Location

Walking is the activity that more people participated in across almost all townships. Of the townships where walking was not the most participated in activity, the main activity were as listed below.

- Buffalo – Indoor bowls
- Meeniyan – Bike riding
- Nyora – Swimming
- Poowong – Football, tennis & horse riding
- Welshpool – Swimming
- Yanakie - Fishing

Table 1.4 (over page) highlights the number of people in each township that participate in the listed activities.

*Note: The following table highlights the townships that have been analysed and the localities included within each township where responses were received.*

Township	Localities
Buffalo	Buffalo
Dumbalk	Dumbalk, Dollar
Fish Creek	Fish Creek
Foster	Foster
Korumburra	Korumburra, Bena, Woorarra, Jumbunna, Kardella South, Arawata
Kongwak	Kongwak, Inverloch
Koonwarra	Koonwarra
Leongatha	Leongatha, Ruby
Loch	Loch, Jeetho
Mirboo North	Mirboo North, Marden, Allambee South, Hallston, Berrys Creek
Meeniyan	Meeniyan, Stony Creek
Nyora	Nyora
Port Welshpool	Port Welshpool
Tarwin Lower	Tarwin Lower, Venues Bay
Toora	Toora, Port Franklin, Bennison
Waratah Bay	Waratah Bay, Sandy Point, Walkerville
Welshpool	Welshpool, Agnes
Yanakie	Yanakie

**Table 1.4: Number of people participating in activities by locality**

Sport	Buffalo		Dumbalk		Fish Creek		Foster		K'burra		Kongwak		K'warra		L'gatha		Loch		Mirboo North		Meeniyan		Nyora		Port Welshpl		Poowong		Tarwin Lower		Toora		Waratah Bay		Welshpool		Yanakie		
	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
Walking	0	0	3	1	1	0	13	12	22	12	3	2	4	4	51	31	1	2	15	8	4	2	4	1	1	2	1	1	7	4	4	5	8	2	0	0	2	2	
Swimming	0	0	1	0	1	0	7	4	8	5	0	0	2	2	29	7	0	0	5	4	1	2	4	3	1	0	1	0	6	3	3	3	3	1	2	1	1	1	
Bike riding	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	1	7	12	2	1	2	3	10	18	0	1	1	3	3	5	1	0	0	2	0	0	3	2	3	3	2	3	0	0	0	0	
Golf	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	6	5	5	1	1	0	0	5	16	0	2	5	4	0	4	0	1	0	0	1	1	1	1	3	1	3	1	1	0	1		
Fishing	0	0	0	1	0	0	2	8	1	6	0	1	0	1	2	11	0	1	0	7	0	0	0	1	0	2	0	2	2	4	2	5	1	5	0	1	0	6	
Football	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	1	0	7	0	0	0	2	1	9	0	0	1	4	1	2	2	4	0	1	1	2	0	1	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	1	
Lawn Bowls	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	2	6	7	1	0	0	0	1	6	1	0	2	2	0	0	0	1	0	1	1	1	0	0	1	0	1	1	1	1	1	2	
Tennis	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	3	1	0	0	1	11	4	0	0	4	2	0	1	2	2	0	0	1	2	2	0	0	1	4	1	0	0	0	0	
Gym	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	1	2	0	0	2	1	10	5	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	3	0	0	1	1	0	
Cinema	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	1	7	1	0	1	0	0	9	3	1	0	0	2	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Netball	0	0	1	0	0	0	3	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	12	0	1	0	2	0	1	0	3	1	0	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Services Club	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	7	5	1	1	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	
Horse riding/ pony club	0	0	1	1	0	0	2	0	2	0	0	0	1	0	3	2	1	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	1	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	
Beach	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	3	4	0	0	0	0	3	2	0	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	2	1	0	0	2	0	
Volunteer work	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	4	3	0	0	2	3	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	
Basketball	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	3	2	2	0	0	0	0	1	3	1	0	1	1	1	2	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	
Cricket	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	12	0	1	1	2	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	
Craftwork	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	2	1	0	0	1	0	5	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	
Other sport/ exercise	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	2	1	3	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	1	1	0	1	1	0	0	1	0	
Camping	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	3	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	
Visiting the park	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	0	0	0	0	6	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	
Travel	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	0	1	1	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	1	0	0	1	1	
Library	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	1	0	1	0	0	1	1	2	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0
Running	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	2	0	0	0	1	1	1	0	1	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Water Aerobics	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	
Indoor bowls	2	2	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	
Motorbike riding	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	2	4	0	0	1	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Theatre/ ballet	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Socialising	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	3	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Dance	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	1	0	0	1	1	2	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

## Use of facilities

Beaches, the cinema and bicycle paths are the facilities within the South Gippsland Shire that are most commonly used by both men and women.

The least used facilities for females were mountain bike facilities, skate parks and pony club/ equestrian facilities. For males, pony club/ equestrian facilities, mountain bike facilities and netball courts.

The tables below outline the facilities that are used most often by females and males (table 1.5 and 1.6) and the number of survey respondents that are using the facilities both regularly and/or occasionally (table 1.7).

**Table 1.5: Percentage of females using South Gippsland facilities**

Facilities	Never	Occasionally	Regularly	No response	Average
Beach	9%	44%	33%	14%	2.28
Cinema	9%	51%	31%	10%	2.24
Bicycle paths/ walking tracks	17%	35%	36%	13%	2.22
Libraries	19%	34%	36%	12%	2.19
Local neighbourhood parks	15%	46%	25%	14%	2.11
Swimming pool	28%	32%	26%	15%	1.98
Regional parks/ gardens	18%	53%	12%	16%	1.93
Art craft centres/ galleries/ museums	22%	45%	16%	17%	1.93
Neighbourhood houses/ community centres/ halls/ senior citizens centres	28%	37%	19%	16%	1.90
Theatres/ music/ dance venues	28%	42%	14%	15%	1.83
Lakes or riverside parks	28%	42%	10%	20%	1.78
Social/ service clubs	37%	31%	16%	16%	1.74
Playgrounds	38%	27%	16%	19%	1.72
Outdoor sporting fields	47%	20%	12%	20%	1.56
Fitness centres/ gymnasiums	52%	15%	13%	19%	1.51
Dog off leash area	56%	11%	14%	20%	1.48
Fishing platform/ pier	51%	22%	7%	21%	1.45
Indoor ball court/ sports facility	58%	11%	11%	20%	1.41
Golf courses	58%	14%	9%	19%	1.39
Tennis courts	58%	13%	9%	20%	1.39
Boat launching facilities	61%	11%	7%	21%	1.31
Netball courts	66%	5%	9%	20%	1.29
Surf lifesaving facilities	63%	12%	4%	21%	1.25
Lawn bowling clubs	68%	7%	6%	19%	1.25
Racecourse/ raceway	66%	10%	2%	21%	1.19
Pony club/ equestrian facilities	71%	4%	3%	21%	1.14
Skate parks	70%	6%	2%	22%	1.14
Mountain bike/ BMX facilities	73%	4%	1%	22%	1.08

**Table 1.6: Percentage of males using of South Gippsland facilities**

Facilities	Never	Occasionally	Regularly	No response	Average
Beach	11%	46%	31%	13%	2.23
Cinema	15%	51%	25%	8%	2.11
Bicycle paths/ walking tracks	23%	34%	32%	11%	2.10
Local neighbourhood parks	18%	47%	22%	13%	2.04
Regional parks/ gardens	21%	52%	13%	14%	1.91
Libraries	37%	31%	21%	12%	1.83
Lakes or riverside parks	27%	45%	10%	17%	1.80
Swimming pool	34%	35%	17%	14%	1.80
Fishing platform/ pier	40%	30%	17%	12%	1.74
Social/ service clubs	39%	32%	16%	13%	1.74
Theatres/ music/ dance venues	35%	40%	12%	13%	1.74
Outdoor sporting fields	43%	21%	20%	15%	1.72
Neighbourhood houses/ community centres/ halls/ senior citizens centres	44%	29%	15%	12%	1.67
Art craft centres/ galleries/ museums	38%	38%	10%	14%	1.66
Golf courses	46%	25%	16%	13%	1.66
Playgrounds	46%	26%	11%	17%	1.58
Boat launching facilities	54%	17%	15%	14%	1.54
Indoor ball court/ sports facility	60%	12%	13%	16%	1.44
Dog off leash area	62%	11%	11%	16%	1.39
Tennis courts	60%	16%	7%	16%	1.36
Lawn bowling clubs	69%	8%	9%	14%	1.30
Fitness centres/ gymnasiums	67%	10%	7%	16%	1.29
Racecourse/ raceway	65%	15%	3%	17%	1.26
Surf lifesaving facilities	68%	12%	3%	17%	1.22
Skate parks	71%	9%	4%	16%	1.19
Netball courts	76%	4%	4%	16%	1.15
Mountain bike/ BMX facilities	75%	7%	2%	16%	1.14
Pony club/ equestrian facilities	79%	2%	2%	17%	1.07

**Table 1.7: Total number of people using the South Gippsland Shire facilities**

Facilities	Female	Male	Total
Cinema	306	257	563
Beach	291	256	547
Local neighbourhood parks	268	229	497
Bicycle paths/ walking tracks	266	222	488
Regional parks/ gardens	246	217	463
Libraries	262	173	435
Swimming pool	217	173	390
Art craft centres/ galleries/ museums	231	158	389
Theatres/ music/ dance venues	214	175	389
Lakes or riverside parks	198	186	384
Neighbourhood houses/ community centres/ halls/ senior citizens centres	213	147	360
Social/ service clubs	176	161	337
Playgrounds	161	124	285
Fishing platform/ pier	108	159	267
Outdoor sporting fields	123	138	261
Golf courses	86	138	224
Boat launching facilities	67	106	173
Dog off leash area	92	73	165
Fitness centres/ gymnasiums	107	57	164
Indoor ball court/ sports facility	81	82	163
Tennis courts	83	78	161
Surf lifesaving facilities	59	50	109
Lawn bowling clubs	51	57	108
Racecourse/ raceway	46	60	106
Netball courts	54	28	82
Skate parks	31	41	72
Mountain bike/ BMX facilities	18	31	49
Pony club/ equestrian facilities	29	13	42

Other facilities that respondents indicated they use within the South Gippsland Shire include the following.

- Rail trail (9)
- Coal Creek (4)
- Footpaths (3)
- Show grounds (3)
- Church (2)
- Squash courts (2)
- Bush land (1)
- Community garden and market (1)
- Gymnastics facility (1)
- Performing arts theatre (1)
- Public computer facilities (1)
- Ten pin bowling (1)
- Youth centre (1)
- Motor bike trails (1)

## Priority facilities if funding becomes available

Respondents were asked to indicate what facilities should be a priority if funding became available. There were 537 responses to this question of which almost 20% indicated that bicycle paths/ walking trails were the greatest priority.

Other facilities that were seen as priority included:

- Swimming pools (6.7%)
- Fitness centre/ gymnasium (6.1%)
- Theatres (5.0%)
- Boating launching facilities (4.3%)
- Libraries (3.9%)

The townships that respondents indicated priority funding should be allocated were the larger towns of Leongatha, Korumburra and Foster. This is not surprising given that approximately 77% of respondents indicated that the township where funding be allocated was the locality in which they lived and 55% of respondents reside in these three localities.

The following facilities were highlighted as being of greater priority for the townships listed.

**Table 1.8: Facilities of greatest priority for each township if funds available**

Townships	Priority facilities
Dumbalk	Bicycle paths/ walking trails
Fish Creek	Lawn bowling facilities
Foster	Swimming pools, bicycle paths/ walking trails, fitness centre/ gymnasium, cinema
Korumburra	Bicycle paths/ walking trails
Kongwak	Boating facilities, fishing platform/ pier, lakes or riverside parks
Koonwarra	Bicycle paths/ walking trails
Leongatha	Bicycle paths/ walking trails, art craft centres, athletics track, libraries
Loch	Lawn bowling facilities
Mirboo North	Fitness centre/ gymnasium, swimming pool, bicycle paths/ walking trails, upgrading of facilities
Meeniyan	Bicycle paths/ walking trails, swimming pool
Nyora	Bicycle paths/ walking trails
Port Welshpool	Fishing platform/ pier
Poowong	Bicycle paths/ walking trails, fitness centre/ gymnasium
Tarwin Lower	Bicycle paths/ walking trails, tennis courts
Toora	Bicycle paths/ walking trails, swimming pools
Waratah Bay	Boat launching facilities
Welshpool	Fishing platform/ pier
Yanakie	Boat launching facilities

The table (over page) highlights the facilities that are seen to be a priority if funding were to become available and the townships where these facilities are needed.



**Table 1.9: Number of respondents by priority facilities and their location**

Facility	Total	Dumbalk	Fish Creek	Foster	Korumburra	Kongwak	Koonwarra	Leongatha	Loch	Mirboo North	Meeniyan	Nyora	Port Welshpool	Poowong	Tarwin Lower	Toora	Waratah Bay	Welshpool	Yanakie
Bicycle paths/ walking trails	103	2	0	5	29	0	10	17	2	5	4	3	0	2	4	6	4	0	1
Swimming pool	36	0	0	8	4	0	0	5	0	8	2	0	0	0	0	6	0	0	0
Fitness centre/ gymnasium	33	0	0	5	6	0	0	8	0	9	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	2
Theatres	27	0	0	2	3	0	0	4	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0
Boating facilities	23	0	0	1	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	5	7	1	3
Libraries	21	1	0	4	1	0	0	9	0	1	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0
Community centres/ neighbourhood houses	19	0	2	0	2	0	0	5	0	4	1	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	1
Indoor ball court/ sports facilities	16	0	0	4	3	0	0	4	0	3	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
Regional parks/ gardens	16	0	0	1	6	0	0	5	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Art craft centres	16	0	0	0	2	0	0	12	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Tennis courts	15	0	0	1	3	0	0	3	0	2	0	0	0	1	3	0	2	0	0
Lawn bowling clubs	14	0	3	2	2	1	0	0	3	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Fishing platform/ pier	13	0	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	0	2	0	0	3	0
Local neighbourhood parks	13	0	0	0	4	0	0	2	0	3	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
Lakes or riverside parks	11	0	0	0	0	2	0	3	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	5	0	0	0
Cinemas	10	0	0	5	3	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Playgrounds	10	0	0	2	4	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0
Golf courses	9	0	0	1	0	0	0	4	0	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Athletics track	9	0	0	0	0	0	0	9	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Outdoor sports fields	8	0	1	0	0	0	0	2	0	1	1	0	0	1	1	1	0	0	0
Footpaths	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	1	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Social/ services club	7	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	2	0	1	0	1	0	0	0
Upgrading of current facilities	7	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

## 2.2 Latent demand: activities liked but not undertaken

Respondents were asked to indicate what activities they would most like to do away from home, but currently do not do. There were 243 (134 female and 109 male) respondents who indicated that there were no activities that they would like to do away from home that they currently do not do (a further 153 respondents did not respond to this question).

### Gender

Going to the gym was the activity that more respondents (both male and female) would like to do but currently do not do. For males, fishing, bike riding and walking were the main activities that respondents would like to do but currently do not do. Females would also like to walk, swim, bike ride and play ten pin bowling.

Going to the gym was also the activity that more people in the larger townships would like to do that they currently do not do. In addition to going to the gym the following activities would like to be undertaken in the following locations.

**Table 2.1: Activities respondents from main townships would like to do but currently do no do**

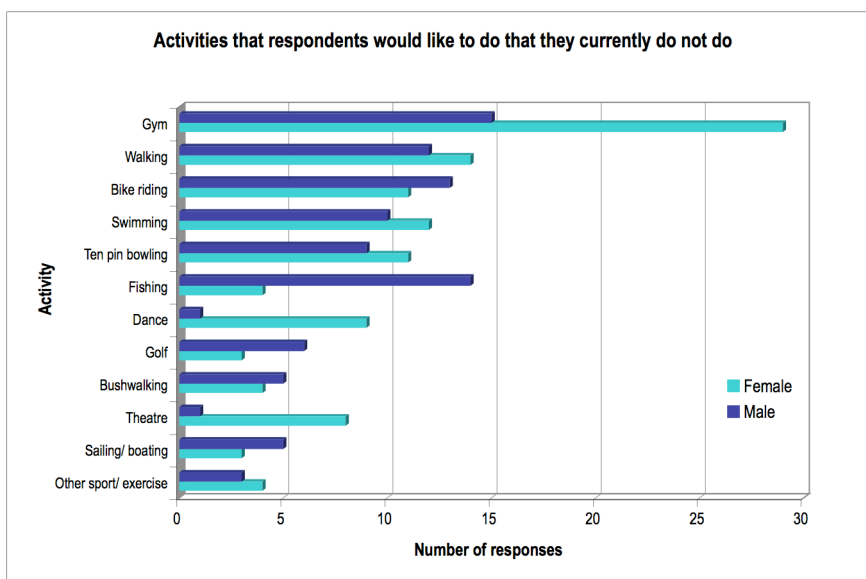
Locality	Activity respondents would like to do that they currently do not do
Leongatha	Ten pin bowling, bike riding and theatre
Korumburra	Walking, bushwalking and bike riding
Foster	Walking, swimming and ten pin bowling
Mirboo North	Walking and swimming
Tarwin Lower	Ten pin bowling, swimming and sailing/ boating

### Age

The activities that young people (aged under 30 years) would like to do that they currently do not do include swimming, ten pin bowling and bike riding. Adults (aged 30 years to 59 years) would like to go to the gym, dance, go sailing, bushwalking or bike riding. Whilst older adults were more likely to want to go to the gym, walking, fishing, attend the theatre or play golf.

The top 12 activities that respondents would most like to do away from home but currently don't, are displayed below.

**Figure 2.1: Activities that respondents would like to do but currently don't<sup>4</sup>**



<sup>4</sup> Only the 12 activities with the largest number of responses are shown

Table 2.2a: Number of respondents by activity liked (but not undertaken) by location<sup>5</sup>

Activity	Total	Dumbalk	Fish Creek	Foster	Korumburra	Koonwarra	Leongatha	Loch	Mirboo North	Meeniyan	Nyora	Poowong	Tarwin Lower	Toora	Waratah Bay	Yanakie
Gym	44	0	0	4	6	0	13	1	9	0	2	2	3	0	0	2
Walking	26	0	0	4	5	0	4	0	4	0	0	4	0	0	0	1
Bike riding	24	0	0	0	5	3	6	2	3	0	2	0	0	1	0	0
Swimming	22	0	2	2	0	0	3	0	4	2	2	0	2	0	1	2
Ten pin bowling	20	2	0	2	1	0	12	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0
Fishing	18	0	0	0	1	0	3	1	2	0	1	2	0	0	2	1
Dance	10	0	0	1	1	1	2	0	1	1	0	2	0	0	1	0
Golf	9	0	0	1	3	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	1
Bushwalking	9	0	0	1	5	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Theatre	9	0	0	0	1	0	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
Sailing/ boating	8	0	0	0	0	1	3	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	1	0
Other sport/ exercise	7	1	0	1	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
<b>None</b>	<b>243</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>6</b>

Table 2.2b: Percentage of respondents by activity liked (but not undertaken) by location

Activity	Total	Dumbalk	Fish Creek	Foster	Korumburra	Koonwarra	Leongatha	Loch	Mirboo North	Meeniyan	Nyora	Poowong	Tarwin Lower	Toora	Waratah Bay	Yanakie
Gym	6.1%	0%	0%	9%	7%	0%	9%	13%	17%	0%	11%	13%	13%	0%	0%	14%
Walking	3.6%	0%	0%	9%	5%	0%	3%	0%	7%	0%	0%	25%	0%	0%	0%	7%
Bike riding	3.3%	0%	0%	0%	5%	19%	4%	25%	6%	0%	11%	0%	0%	4%	0%	0%
Swimming	3.1%	0%	100%	5%	0%	0%	2%	0%	7%	15%	11%	0%	8%	0%	4%	14%
Ten pin bowling	2.8%	25%	0%	5%	1%	0%	8%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	8%	0%	0%	0%
Fishing	2.5%	0%	0%	0%	1%	0%	2%	13%	4%	0%	6%	13%	0%	0%	8%	7%
Dance	1.4%	0%	0%	2%	1%	6%	1%	0%	2%	8%	0%	13%	0%	0%	4%	0%
Golf	1.3%	0%	0%	2%	3%	0%	1%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	4%	0%	4%	7%
Bushwalking	1.3%	0%	0%	2%	5%	6%	1%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	4%	0%	0%	0%
Theatre	1.3%	0%	0%	0%	1%	0%	4%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	4%	0%	0%
Sailing/ boating	1.1%	0%	0%	0%	0%	6%	2%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	8%	4%	4%	0%
Other sport/ exercise	1.0%	13%	0%	2%	1%	6%	0%	0%	2%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	4%	0%
<b>None</b>	<b>33.9%</b>	<b>38%</b>	<b>0%</b>	<b>43%</b>	<b>51%</b>	<b>50%</b>	<b>43%</b>	<b>50%</b>	<b>37%</b>	<b>62%</b>	<b>39%</b>	<b>19%</b>	<b>42%</b>	<b>46%</b>	<b>28%</b>	<b>43%</b>

<sup>5</sup> Townships that have no responses have been removed from this list

**Table 2.3a: Number of respondents by activity liked (but not undertaken) by age group**

Activity	10 - 14	15 - 19	20 - 24	25 - 29	30 - 34	35 - 39	40 - 44	45 - 49	50 - 54	55 - 59	60 - 64	65 - 69	70 - 74	75 - 79	80 +
Gym	0	1	1	1	8	8	6	3	5	4	2	4	1	0	0
Walking	0	1	0	0	1	2	2	1	3	4	4	2	1	1	3
Bike riding	0	1	1	0	0	1	3	3	3	4	5	1	1	1	0
Swimming	4	1	1	0	0	2	1	2	3	3	1	0	1	1	1
Ten pin bowling	2	2	0	1	1	1	4	2	1	3	1	0	0	0	0
Fishing	0	0	0	1	0	1	1	2	2	0	1	2	2	1	0
Dance	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	1	1	0	1	1	1	1	0
Golf	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	1	1	2	3	0	0	0
Bushwalking	0	1	0	0	0	1	2	2	1	2	0	0	0	0	0
Theatre	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	1	0	1	1	2	1
Sailing/boating	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	3	1	3	0	0	0	0	0
Other sport/exercise	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	2	2	0	0	1
None	6	3	2	2	11	9	12	23	24	27	27	25	16	27	20
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>27</b>

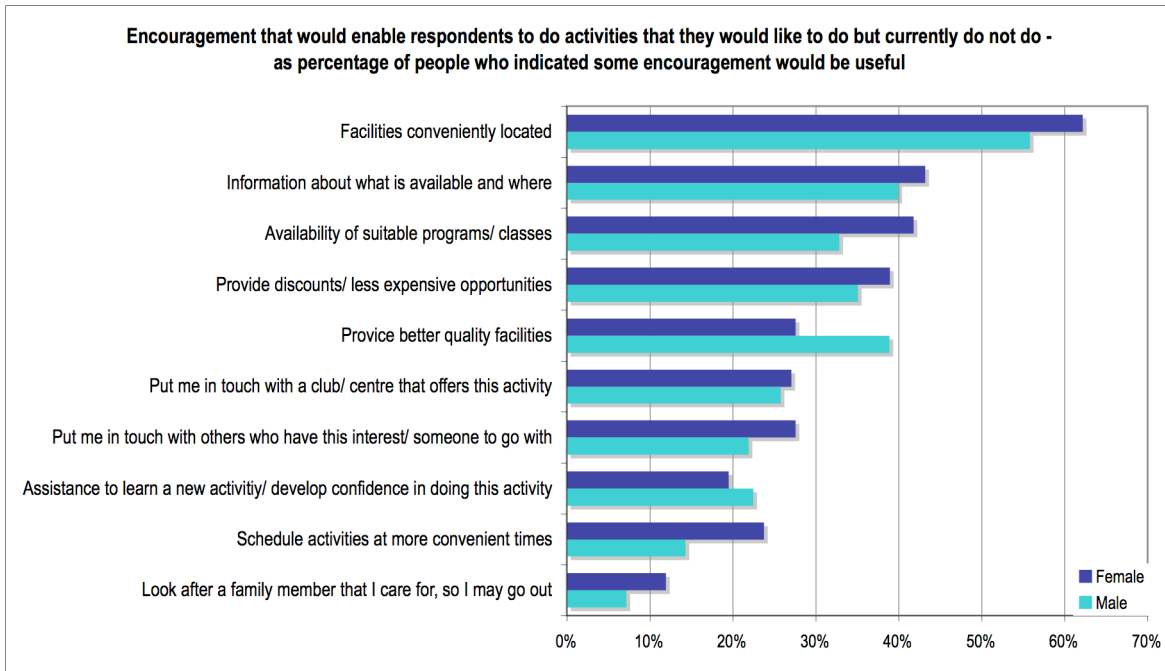
**Table 2.3b: Percentage of respondents by activities liked (but not undertaken) by age group**

Activity	10 - 14	15 - 19	20 - 24	25 - 29	30 - 34	35 - 39	40 - 44	45 - 49	50 - 54	55 - 59	60 - 64	65 - 69	70 - 74	75 - 79	80 +
Gym	0%	6%	14%	17%	24%	21%	15%	5%	8%	6%	3%	9%	3%	0%	0%
Walking	0%	6%	0%	0%	3%	5%	5%	2%	5%	6%	7%	4%	3%	3%	11%
Bike riding	0%	6%	14%	0%	0%	3%	8%	5%	5%	6%	8%	2%	3%	3%	0%
Swimming	27%	6%	14%	0%	0%	5%	3%	4%	5%	4%	2%	0%	3%	3%	4%
Ten pin bowling	13%	11%	0%	17%	3%	3%	10%	4%	2%	4%	2%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Fishing	0%	0%	0%	17%	0%	3%	3%	4%	3%	0%	2%	4%	7%	3%	0%
Dance	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	5%	5%	2%	2%	0%	2%	2%	3%	3%	0%
Golf	0%	0%	0%	0%	6%	0%	0%	0%	2%	1%	3%	7%	0%	0%	0%
Bushwalking	0%	6%	0%	0%	0%	3%	5%	4%	2%	3%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Theatre	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	5%	1%	0%	2%	3%	5%	4%
Sailing/boating	0%	0%	0%	0%	3%	0%	0%	5%	2%	4%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Other sport/exercise	0%	0%	0%	0%	3%	3%	0%	0%	0%	0%	3%	4%	0%	0%	4%
None	40%	17%	29%	33%	32%	24%	30%	40%	40%	38%	44%	54%	53%	71%	74%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>

## 2.3 Encouraging residents to do activities liked but not undertaken

Respondents were asked to identify what types of encouragement would enable them to do the activities that they would like to do but do not currently do. The figure below shows the types of encouragement that would enable the respondent to do these activities as a percentage of the total number of people who indicated that some type of encouragement would enable them to do an activity. Respondents were able to indicate more than one response.

**Figure 2.2: Encouragement needed to enable respondents to do activities**



### Activity specific encouragement

For each activity that respondents would like to do, that they currently do not do, and the types of encouragement that would enable them to do these activities, are listed in the table below.

For males and females that wanted to go to the gym or to swim, the encouragement that would enable them to do so included having facilities conveniently located, suitable program/ classes and providing discount/ less expensive opportunities.

Respondents that would like to walk or bike ride for recreation would like facilities conveniently located and of better quality, along with information about what is available and where.

**Table 2.4: Types of encouragement to undertake activities liked but not undertaken: female top ten activities**

Activity													
	Total	Total %	Availability of suitable programs/ classes	Information about what is available and where	Assistance to learn a new activity/ develop confidence in doing this	Put me in touch with others with this interest/ someone to go with	Put me in touch with a club/ centre that offers this activity	Look after a family member that I care for, so I may go out	Facilities conveniently located	Provide better quality facilities	Provide discounts/ less expensive opportunities	Schedule activities at more convenient times	Other
Nothing	134	35.2%	11	15	7	5	7	2	13	6	12	6	0
Gym	29	7.6%	18	12	7	8	9	7	17	10	18	13	3
Walking	14	3.7%	1	6	2	4	3	1	4	4	4	2	0
Swimming	12	3.1%	6	3	2	2	0	2	9	4	4	2	2
Bike riding	11	2.9%	5	4	1	4	2	0	7	4	0	0	2
Ten pin bowling	11	2.9%	3	1	0	1	3	0	10	1	2	1	0
Dance	9	2.4%	8	1	0	3	5	1	5	1	2	1	0
Theatre	8	2.1%	3	5	1	3	1	1	6	2	3	2	0
Other sport/ exercise	4	1.0%	3	3	1	1	3	1	2	1	2	1	0
Bushwalking	4	1.0%	2	3	2	2	2	1	3	2	3	1	2
Yoga	4	1.0%	3	1	1	1	2	1	3	1	3	1	0

**Table 2.5: Types of encouragement to undertake activities liked but not undertaken: male top ten activities**

Activity													
	Total	Total %	Availability of suitable programs/ classes	Information about what is available and where	Assistance to learn a new activity/ develop confidence in doing this	Put me in touch with others with this interest/ someone to go with	Put me in touch with a club/ centre that offers this activity	Look after a family member that I care for, so I may go out	Facilities conveniently located	Provide better quality facilities	Provide discounts/ less expensive opportunities	Schedule activities at more convenient times	Other
None	109	32.4%	6	15	8	5	6	1	11	10	7	2	2
Gym	15	4.5%	9	4	3	3	4	2	10	6	8	5	0
Fishing	14	4.2%	0	2	0	2	0	1	1	6	3	0	2
Bike riding/ cycling	13	3.9%	1	3	1	3	3	0	4	3	2	1	2
Walking	12	3.6%	1	3	0	1	1	1	5	6	1	0	1
Swimming	10	3.0%	5	3	2	1	1	1	6	5	5	1	1
Ten pin bowling	9	2.7%	1	0	0	1	4	0	8	1	0	1	0
Golf	6	1.8%	2	2	2	1	1	0	2	2	2	0	1
Bushwalking	5	1.5%	1	1	1	2	2	1	2	2	1	1	4
Sailing/ boating	5	1.5%	0	1	0	0	0	0	3	3	2	1	0



## 2.4 Meeting recreation and open space needs

Respondents were asked what single thing the South Gippsland Shire could do to meet their open space and recreation needs. The main responses from both male and females included walking and cycling paths, maintaining and developing parks and gardens, and reducing costs through assistance with grants and funding. The following table lists the main issues that respondents highlighted.

**Table 2.6: Single things the Shire could do to meet respondent's recreation needs**

Issue	Female	Male	Total
Walking/ cycling paths	50	40	90
Maintenance/ development of parks and gardens	24	23	47
Grants/ funding/ reduced cost opportunities	22	22	44
Outdoor sporting field development/ maintenance	9	16	25
Satisfied/ nothing	13	11	24
Footpaths	13	8	21
Boating facilities/ pier	4	14	18
Indoor sporting facilities	6	11	17
Swimming pools	10	6	16
Facilities in parks - toilets, BBQ etc	14	2	16

### Age & gender

The provision and development of outdoor sporting fields, and grants, funding and reduced cost opportunities were the things that young males and females (aged 10 to 34 years) indicated would be needed to meet their recreation and open space needs.

Providing and maintain walking paths and trails, assist with grants, funding and having reduced cost opportunities were the things that respondents aged 35 years to 59 years indicated that the South Gippsland Shire could do to meet their recreation needs. In addition to these, the provision of indoor sporting facilities for males and for females the development and maintenance of parks and gardens were also mentioned.

Respondents aged over 60 years also indicated that improved walking paths and trails would help meet their recreation and open space needs along with the development and maintenance of parks and gardens. However, a large proportion of the respondents in this age group were satisfied and implied that there was nothing the Shire could do to meet their open space and recreation needs.

### Locality

People in the larger townships of Leongatha, Korumburra and Mirboo North suggested similar things that the South Gippsland Shire could do to meet their open space and recreation needs. These things included:

- Walking paths and trails
- Maintaining and developing parks and gardens
- Assisting with grants and funding
- Footpaths

Respondents from Toora, Waratah Bay and Yanakie indicated that boating facilities or a pier would help meet their recreation and open space needs.

The following table shows the larger towns and the main things that people said would be the one thing that the South Gippsland Shire could do to meet their open space and recreation needs.

**Table 2.7: Activity to meet open space and recreation needs, number of respondents by locality.**

Activity	Foster	Korumburra	Koonwarra	Leongatha	Mirboo North	Meeniyan	Nyora	Poowong	Tarwin Lower	Toora	Waratah Bay	Welshpool	Yanakie
Walking/ cycling paths	4	22	4	26	7	6	3	3	4	6	1	0	0
Maintenance/ development of parks and gardens	4	12	2	15	6	2	0	0	0	3	2	0	1
Grants/ funding	3	9	0	15	1	2	2	0	2	4	3	0	1
Outdoor sporting field development/ upkeep	1	5	0	5	4	0	0	2	3	1	2	2	0
Boating facilities/ pier	1	2	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	4	4	1	3
Satisfied/ nothing	5	2	2	6	4	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	2
Indoor sporting facilities	0	2	0	3	4	0	0	0	2	0	2	1	0
Footpaths	1	6	0	7	5	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0
Swimming pools	5	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0
Playgrounds	0	3	1	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Performing arts centre	0	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Facilities in parks - toilets, BBQ etc	0	2	0	6	2	0	2	0	3	0	0	0	0

## 2.5 Funding allocation and assistance

Respondents were asked how funds should be allocated to reserves given that the funds are not available to meet all infrastructure demands on reserves. Three options were given with each respondent indicating if they agree, disagree or don't know.

The following table highlights the female and male attitude towards the funding allocation alternatives.

- Male and female attitudes towards funding allocation were similar
- More people agreed to the allocations of funding on the basis of priorities identified by the town than other alternatives
- The least favoured alternative to funding allocation to reserves was to match funding on a per capita basis for each town

**Table 2.8: Percentage of respondent's attitudes towards funding allocation**

Funding allocation	Disagree		Don't know		Agree		No response	
	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male
On the basis of priorities identified by the town	6%	7%	11%	11%	76%	75%	5%	6%
Equal access to funding for all committees	11%	12%	17%	16%	65%	67%	5%	6%
Matching funding on a per capita basis for each town	26%	26%	18%	18%	46%	47%	7%	8%

Other comments and alternative suggestions as to how funds should be allocated to reserves include:

- Provide funding to sports with a smaller profile to increase participation numbers
- User pays system
- Smaller communities are financially disadvantaged
- Make funding proportional to participants but don't increase funding
- Shared around all groups
- Ensure the community has a say not just a local minority
- Provide funds to upgrade infrastructure based on age and quality

### Funding assistance methods

Increasing the amount of funding available in the Community Grant Scheme was the most agreed alternative method of assisting committees of management fund infrastructure upgrades, with 68% of females and 69% of males agreeing to this alternative. It was also the least disagreed alternative.

More people disagreed with the alternative to introduce a recreation/ sports levy for ratepayers, with more people also disagreeing with the alternative to redevelop fewer number of facilities to a higher level (focusing on district rather than local level).

The following table highlights respondent's attitudes towards the various alternatives to assisting committees of management in funding infrastructure upgrades.

Other alternatives that were given include:

- Obtain funding from State/ Federal Government
- Provide labour to assist with activities eg. parks and garden staff
- Use facilities for multiple activities
- Users pay system
- 'Work for the Dole' scheme to help in Community Shire programs

**Table 2.9: The percentage of respondent's attitudes towards various methods of funding assistance**

Method for funding	Disagree		Don't know		Agree		No response	
	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male
Introduce a recreation / sport levy for ratepayers	74%	73%	12%	10%	10%	14%	4%	3%
Increase development contributions from residential land developers	26%	24%	24%	20%	47%	53%	3%	2%
Establish a program to seek and co-ordinate volunteer assistance	15%	16%	27%	30%	56%	52%	2%	2%
Employ a person to seek grants and sponsorship	20%	25%	27%	22%	49%	51%	3%	2%
Redevelop fewer number of facilities to a higher level. I.e. focus on district rather than local level	48%	49%	20%	22%	28%	27%	4%	2%
Increase amount of funds available in Community Grant Scheme	8%	9%	21%	21%	68%	69%	3%	1%
Retain current funding allocation	27%	32%	53%	44%	15%	19%	4%	4%

## 2.6 Performance of recreation facilities and services

The following tables indicate how important the respondents see the recreation related facilities and services in the South Gippsland Shire followed by how well these services are performed or provided for by the South Gippsland Shire Council. A gap analysis is also shown in Table 2.10c.

The gap analysis indicates the difference between the importance and provision of recreational related facilities and services in the Indigo Shire. The three most important recreational related facilities and services were:

- Re-vegetation and weed control in natural areas
- Maintenance and upgrade of outdoor sporting reserves
- Support for community and sporting clubs

The three services that were perceived as having the poorest provision by the South Gippsland Shire Council were:

- Provision of information about recreation and sports opportunities
- Re-vegetation and weed control in natural areas
- Coordination of programs/ classes for older adults, people with disabilities and young people

The largest gap between the importance of facilities and the perception of service provided was seen in the following three items:

- Re-vegetation and weed control in natural areas
- Co-ordination of programs/ classes for older adults, people with disabilities and young people
- Maintenance and upgrade of outdoor sporting reserves

**Table 2.10a: Importance of the recreational facilities and services, total**

Services and Facilities	Not at all important	Not very important	Important	Very important	Average
Re-vegetation and weed control in natural areas	4%	8%	35%	42%	1.28
Maintenance & upgrade of outdoor sporting reserves	3%	6%	38%	42%	1.24
Support for community & sporting clubs	7%	20%	39%	22%	1.17
Co-ordination of programs/ classes for older adults, people with a disability & young people	6%	8%	36%	40%	1.14
Development of walking/ cycling/ equestrian trails	4%	12%	40%	32%	1.08
Provision of indoor halls/ sports facilities	2%	9%	29%	50%	0.95
Swimming pools	3%	10%	34%	41%	0.94
Information about recreation & sports opportunities	4%	13%	38%	33%	0.55

**Table 2.10b: Provision of services by SGS**

Services and Facilities	Poor	Average	Good	Very Good	Average
Swimming pools	7%	20%	32%	24%	0.56
Support for community & sporting clubs	5%	24%	34%	19%	0.46
Maintenance & upgrade of outdoor sporting reserves	8%	23%	33%	19%	0.38
Provision of indoor halls/ sports facilities	5%	28%	35%	17%	0.36
Development of walking/ cycling/ equestrian trails	11%	24%	31%	20%	0.28
Co-ordination of programs/ classes for older adults, people with a disability & young people	9%	25%	22%	18%	0.20
Re-vegetation and weed control in natural areas	19%	26%	21%	20%	-0.03
Information about recreation & sports opportunities	9%	35%	27%	11%	-0.05

**Table 2.10c: Gap difference between the importance and perceived provision of services in the South Gippsland Shire**

Services and Facilities	Importance	Performance	Gap
Re-vegetation and weed control in natural areas	1.28	-0.03	1.32
Co-ordination of programs/ classes for older adults, people with a disability & young people	1.14	0.20	0.93
Maintenance & upgrade of outdoor sporting reserves	1.24	0.38	0.86
Development of walking/ cycling/ equestrian trails	1.08	0.28	0.80
Support for community & sporting clubs	1.17	0.46	0.71
Information about recreation & sports opportunities	0.55	-0.05	0.60
Provision of indoor halls/ sports facilities	0.95	0.36	0.59
Swimming pools	0.94	0.56	0.38

Other comments that were made about the provision of services and facilities in the South Gippsland Shire include:

- Weed control is very important
- Footpaths are needed for prams and young children
- The walking track between Venus Bay and Tarwin Lower
- Facilities and services are well provided for in Leongatha but not in small towns

### Local Government Consumer Satisfaction Survey

In support of the findings from the household survey, where almost all facilities and services recorded a performance level of good or very good, were the results from the Local Government Community satisfaction survey for 2006/07. Recreation facilities were ranked higher for the South Gippsland Shire when compared to other councils. In addition, within the Council specific performance areas, recreation facilities (along with health and human services) were the highest ranked service area in the South Gippsland Shire.

In comparison to the findings of the household survey the satisfaction of residents with footpaths (and local roads) were seen as very poor and one of the lowest ranked performance areas.

More/better sporting complexes (including pools) and better maintenance of sporting facilities were the main reasons given why Council needs to improve on recreation facilities. In comparison to the household survey where sporting facilities provision appeared to be meeting the respondents needs the community satisfaction survey indicated that sporting complexes were the main areas of improvement needed in regards to recreation facilities.

The provision of facilities and services in smaller towns has been raised in both surveys as an area of improvement for the South Gippsland Shire Council.

The table below shows the main reasons why Council needs to improve on recreation facilities from the local government community satisfaction survey.

**Table 2.11: Reasons why council needs to improve on recreation facilities**

Response	% of respondents
More/better sporting complexes (including pools)	25
Better maintenance of sporting facilities (including pools)	23
More/ better sporting complexes and/ or facilities in smaller towns	15
More support/ funding needed for recreational/ sporting facilities	13
More/ better arts/ cultural facilities/ events in smaller towns	12
More facilities/ activities for young people/ teenagers	12
Council favours certain areas over others in regards to recreational facilities	12



## 2.7 General information about respondents

The survey population has shown a heavy bias towards people aged 45 years and older in females and 40 years and older in males. The 10-year to 30-year age group in both females and males have been under represented compared to the Shire's population.

Given the bias towards an older population there is a skew towards slightly less physical sport activity and more leisure based pursuits such as golf, fishing and walking.

The distribution of respondents from townships across the shire is primarily representative of the actual population of the South Gippsland Shire. There is however a slight under- representation of respondents from Koonwarra and Poowong and slight over- representation from Korumburra and Nyora.

**Table 2.12: Number and percentage in survey sample by each age group, compared with Shire population**

Age group	Female			Male		
	Number	Survey	Shire	Number	Survey	Shire
10 - 14	5	1.3%	8.6%	11	3.3%	5.8%
15 - 19	11	2.9%	7.3%	9	2.7%	7.5%
20 - 24	4	1.1%	4.4%	3	0.9%	8.4%
25 - 29	5	1.3%	4.9%	1	0.3%	7.0%
30 - 34	22	5.8%	5.7%	15	4.5%	3.5%
35 - 39	27	7.1%	6.8%	15	4.5%	4.8%
40 - 44	26	6.9%	7.3%	26	7.8%	5.9%
45 - 49	38	10.0%	7.7%	29	8.7%	7.0%
50 - 54	43	11.3%	7.5%	33	9.9%	7.9%
55 - 59	52	13.7%	6.1%	42	12.6%	7.7%
60 - 64	37	9.8%	5.3%	45	13.5%	7.2%
65 - 69	27	7.1%	4.4%	38	11.4%	5.7%
70 - 74	30	7.9%	4.1%	15	4.5%	4.9%
75 - 79	25	6.6%	2.8%	29	8.7%	4.3%
80 +	27	7.1%	1.7%	22	6.6%	3.9%
Total	379	100%		333	100%	

**Figure 2.3: Survey sample compared to Shire population - Female**

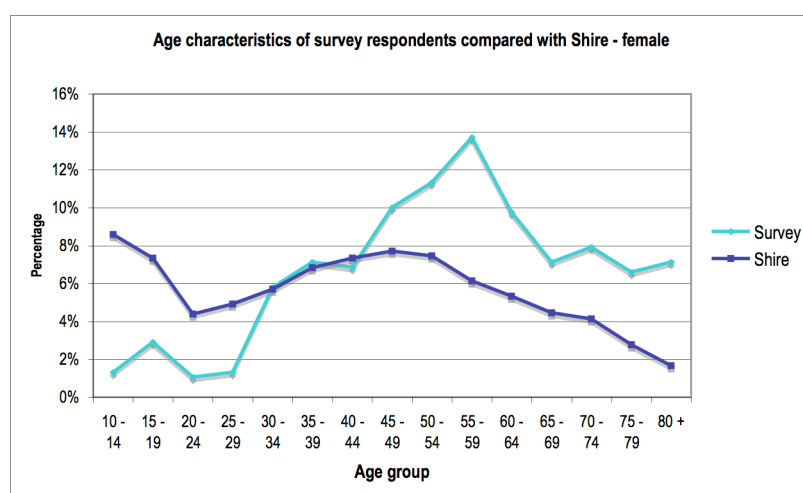


Figure 2.4: Survey sample compared to Shire population - Male

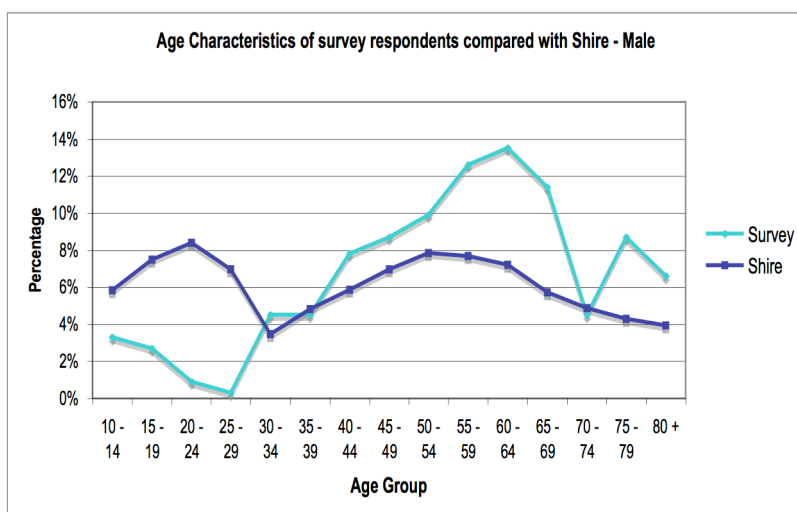


Table 2.13: Number and percentage of survey sample in each township, by gender

Locality	Female		Male		Total		Shire (% total residents)
	Count	%	Count	%	Count	%	
Leongatha	112	31%	89	28%	201	29%	29%
Korumburra	63	17%	54	17%	117	17%	22%
Mirboo North	39	11%	34	11%	73	11%	10%
Foster	28	8%	29	9%	57	8%	7%
Waratah Bay	20	6%	16	5%	36	5%	5%
Toora	16	4%	14	4%	30	4%	5%
Tarwin Lower	17	5%	12	4%	29	4%	4%
Koonwarra	9	2%	10	3%	19	3%	1%
Nyora	9	2%	10	3%	19	3%	4%
Meeniyan	8	2%	10	3%	18	3%	3%
Poowong	10	3%	8	3%	18	3%	2%
Yanakie	8	2%	9	3%	17	2%	2%
Loch	5	1%	5	2%	10	1%	1%
Dumbalk	4	1%	5	2%	9	1%	1%
Kongwak	5	1%	4	1%	9	1%	1%
Welshpool	5	1%	4	1%	9	1%	1%
Port Welshpool	2	1%	3	1%	5	1%	1%
Buffalo	2	1%	2	1%	4	1%	1%
Fish Creek	1	0%	1	0%	2	0%	1%
<b>Total</b>	<b>363</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>319</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>682</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>

Table 2.14a: Number of survey sample from each township, by age group age group

Age Group	Total	Buffalo	Dumbalk	Fish Creek	Foster	Korumburra	Kongwak	Koonwarra	Leongatha	Loch	Mirboo North	Meeniyan	Nyora	Port Welshpool	Poowong	Tarwin Lower	Toora	Waratah Bay	Welshpool	Yanakie
10 - 14	15	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	3	0	2	2	1	0	0	3	1	0	0	1
15 - 19	19	0	0	0	2	6	0	0	5	0	1	0	1	0	1	1	1	0	0	1
20 - 24	8	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	3	0	2	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
25 - 29	6	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	3	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
30 - 34	36	0	0	0	2	7	0	0	16	0	2	0	0	1	2	1	0	3	1	1
35 - 39	41	0	1	0	4	7	0	0	9	1	6	2	2	1	2	1	2	2	0	1
40 - 44	50	0	0	0	3	8	0	4	13	3	4	1	3	0	1	1	4	2	2	1
45 - 49	65	0	3	0	4	13	0	1	14	0	8	2	6	2	1	5	3	3	0	0
50 - 54	74	0	1	1	3	10	1	5	29	0	5	2	3	0	4	1	6	2	0	1
55 - 59	90	0	0	1	4	12	5	1	37	0	9	4	1	0	2	3	3	3	1	4
60 - 64	77	1	3	0	8	15	2	6	21	0	7	0	2	0	1	3	2	2	2	2
65 - 69	64	1	0	0	6	11	0	0	15	0	12	1	0	0	2	3	3	8	1	1
70 - 74	44	2	0	0	6	9	0	0	10	3	4	0	0	1	0	0	1	5	1	2
75 - 79	49	0	0	0	7	8	1	2	14	1	4	2	0	0	1	3	1	4	0	1
80 +	40	0	1	0	6	5	0	0	8	2	6	1	0	0	1	3	3	2	1	1

Table 2.14b: Percentage of survey sample from each township, by age group

Age Group	Total	Buffalo	Dumbalk	Fish Creek	Foster	Korumburra	Kongwak	Koonwarra	Leongatha	Loch	Mirboo North	Meeniyan	Nyora	Port Welshpool	Poowong	Tarwin Lower	Toora	Waratah Bay	Welshpool	Yanakie
10 - 14	2%	0%	0%	0%	2%	1%	0%	0%	1%	0%	3%	11%	5%	0%	0%	10%	3%	0%	0%	6%
15 - 19	3%	0%	0%	0%	4%	5%	0%	0%	2%	0%	1%	0%	5%	0%	6%	3%	3%	0%	0%	6%
20 - 24	1%	0%	0%	0%	0%	2%	0%	0%	1%	0%	3%	0%	0%	0%	0%	3%	0%	0%	0%	0%
25 - 29	1%	0%	0%	0%	2%	1%	0%	0%	1%	0%	1%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
30 - 34	5%	0%	0%	0%	4%	6%	0%	0%	8%	0%	3%	0%	0%	20%	11%	3%	0%	8%	11%	6%
35 - 39	6%	0%	11%	0%	7%	6%	0%	0%	4%	10%	8%	11%	11%	20%	11%	3%	7%	6%	0%	6%
40 - 44	7%	0%	0%	0%	5%	7%	0%	21%	6%	30%	5%	6%	16%	0%	6%	3%	13%	6%	22%	6%
45 - 49	9%	0%	33%	0%	7%	11%	0%	5%	7%	0%	11%	11%	32%	40%	6%	17%	10%	8%	0%	0%
50 - 54	10%	0%	11%	50%	5%	9%	11%	26%	14%	0%	7%	11%	16%	0%	22%	3%	20%	6%	0%	6%
55 - 59	13%	0%	0%	50%	7%	10%	56%	5%	18%	0%	12%	22%	5%	0%	11%	10%	10%	8%	11%	24%
60 - 64	11%	25%	33%	0%	14%	13%	22%	32%	10%	0%	10%	0%	11%	0%	6%	10%	7%	6%	22%	12%
65 - 69	9%	25%	0%	0%	11%	9%	0%	0%	7%	0%	16%	6%	0%	0%	11%	10%	10%	22%	11%	6%
70 - 74	6%	50%	0%	0%	11%	8%	0%	0%	5%	30%	5%	0%	0%	20%	0%	0%	3%	14%	11%	12%
75 - 79	7%	0%	0%	0%	12%	7%	11%	11%	7%	10%	5%	11%	0%	0%	6%	10%	3%	11%	0%	6%
80 +	6%	0%	11%	0%	11%	4%	0%	0%	4%	20%	8%	6%	0%	0%	6%	10%	10%	6%	11%	6%
No response	1%	0%	0%	0%	0%	2%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	6%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%

## 2.8 Additional comments made

The following is a summary of additional comments made by survey respondents.

Issue	Comments
<b>Arts Centre</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Please create an arts/cultural hub in South Gippsland (just like the Mornington arts centre). Also promote the arts in the region with exhibitors/competitors and artist in residence opportunities at schools.</li> </ul>
<b>Athletics</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Athletics centre in Leongatha is needed.</li> <li>My children took advantage of Little Athletics when it first started. Upgrade facilities for athletics would be appreciated.</li> </ul>
<b>Climate change</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Climate change will not go away, Shire needs to be prepared.</li> <li>Council should take into consideration the rising sea levels (climate change) and the viability of resources of coastal townships, due to the threat of flooding when encouraging / funding new and existing infrastructure.</li> </ul>
<b>Club/ committees</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Leongatha has many sporting facilities but clubs and committees need help to get grants to maintain the facilities the town has. I think the shire is doing a good job but clubs and committees need more help.</li> </ul>
<b>Coal Creek</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Redevelop Coal creek - arts and craft/ community hub, farmer market, walking tracks, school camp facilities.</li> <li>Coal Creek is a waste of our money.</li> <li>Please stop spending ratepayers' money on things like Coal Creek.</li> <li>We are really not without anything in the shire, getting people to use them is another thing. If the closure of Coal Creek historic park ever happens, a bit of the savings would be wisely used if spent on sport/recreation facilities.</li> <li>Keep Coal Creek open.</li> <li>Do not remove buildings from Coal Creek.</li> <li>Coal Creek historical park will be given the help so continue with Volunteer workers. These people take personal interest in their work and need encouragement.</li> <li>Coal creek is vital to our town and needs state funds not shire</li> <li>We would like to see Coal Creek left as it is, and much better maintained. There is a large pool of willing volunteers, poorly utilised.</li> <li>Save Coal Creek.</li> </ul>
<b>Community hall/ centres</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>I play carpet bowls Mon and Wed at Daiken Hall.</li> <li>Bigger and better facilities at Leongatha Community House.</li> <li>I would like the memorial hall to remain as it was intended and has been used for the past 50 years.</li> </ul>
<b>Council</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Spend less money on surveys and committees and put it to action. Don't let community groups with minimal membership rule big issues.</li> <li>The Shire should endeavour to decide on permits for applications, especially in recreation areas. This would encourage private enterprise to establish much needed developments. Councils delay in processing applications deter investors.</li> </ul>
<b>Councillors</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A great initiative but are our councillors going to once again put the report on hold? Or for once, be proactive and make some positive decisions that will assist all members or our community and without wasting time?</li> <li>What is the use of a public survey like this as South Gippsland Shire will not take any notice and go it's own way and does as it wishes and blunders into financial trouble as in the past. Who pays your wages, ratepayers.</li> </ul>

Issue	Comments
<b>Dogs</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>As for dog off leash areas, where are the "dog off leash areas"? This by-law is never policed. Dogs are prolific on all local beaches, rarely on leashes. This law is hardly ever adhered to, let alone the pick up after your dog law. Dogs off leashes are intimidating, especially to children.</li> </ul>
<b>Funding</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Part funding could/ should be levied on users of facilities.</li> <li>The Shire has limited financial resources there must be more funds made available from Commonwealth and State Governments - particularly regular contributions for maintenance and continual development of existing facilities.</li> <li>It is unreasonable for Council to provide sporting and recreation facilities to all small towns. The Shire is such a large area with many small towns that it is impossible to afford facilities in all these towns especially with public liability.</li> <li>We are sure money could be used for other than recreation and activities.</li> </ul>
<b>Gym/ fitness &amp; senior citizens</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>I would like to see gymnasium/ strength development programs for over 50's who are working as we are. I love living in Leongatha, it's a great community. I am part of the group planning the "Big Fat New years Eve" event this year and I hope the South Gippsland Council will support this effort to give back to this wonderful community and quality New Years Eve celebratory event.</li> <li>Venues for older adult specific fitness/ aqua programs are needed. Demand for aqua exercise for older adults is increasing but little opportunity to increase exercise (again) opportunities due to demands of the rest of the population on pool.</li> </ul>
<b>Gymnastics</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>As head coach of the Leongatha Gymnastics club, I feel it would be fantastic if the Shire took more notice on our clubs needs or even having the support for funding for equipment, coaches, judges, education, facility requirements etc.</li> </ul>
<b>Hoons in Venus Bay</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>It's about time you addressed the hoon factor in Venus Bay.</li> </ul>
<b>Horse area</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Poowong community facilities are well above average and are heavily supported financially by the local community. The Poowong/ Nyora area is a high-density horse area, but apart from the Loch/ Nyora pony club, Council ignores this prominent family recreational sport which attracts many residents to the area. There are many great bridle paths that would be developed for horses, cyclists and walkers.</li> </ul>
<b>Leongatha as a regional centre</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>There is a need to accept Leongatha as a regional centre. Provide better facilities in Leongatha rather than replacing mediocre facilities throughout the shire.</li> </ul>
<b>Local sport</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Listen to those who run the sport at ground level. The shire should assist in local sport to have major events staged in the shire and to assist the local body to obtain them.</li> </ul>
<b>Library</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Would it be possible for the mobile library to stop at North Walkerville, as it drives through every Monday, half hour off Tarwin Lower to give North Walkerville 1 hour? The driver passes this way every Monday and doesn't stop.</li> <li>All the libraries need a better supply of books and magazines and would probably need better Internet access for customers also.</li> </ul>
<b>More for Korumburra</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>I think you should think about doing things in Korumburra more because it is growing.</li> <li>Tidy walkway/ arcade in main street. Do something at side of entrance to main street where felt not good impression on entering town.</li> <li>I think part of the recreation centre at Korumburra should be made into a gymnasium. It would provide an extra service for the Community and already has the showers and toilets needed for such a facility.</li> </ul>
<b>Motor sport</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>As a keen motor sport spectator and participant I have found over a number of years very little support, approval and encouragement for these types of activities. Resulting in travel to other Shires to participate e.g. Baw Baw, Morewell and Wellington etc.</li> </ul>

Issue	Comments
<b>Music</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• It seems to us as older rate payers that it is a shame that so many students in the Shire embrace the music programs at school and other than the brass band there is nowhere for them to maintain these skills afterward - perhaps we could have a shire music program for young adults and any others!</li> <li>• We would like to see the Shire involved in sponsoring or holding annual country music festival/ rodeo.</li> </ul>
<b>Noise</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Recreational activities should not impinge on others. For example the noise from riding trail bikes can annoy neighbours. Facilities need to be provided for this type of activity and noisy recreational activities should be subject to Shire by law.</li> </ul>
<b>Other</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No more recreation is needed.</li> <li>• We don't use any facilities.</li> </ul>
<b>Parks</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• When you state, "open space and facilities" for this I would like to see an improved emphasis on play facilities and ancillary services. A regional Sorrento Park or Ballam Park should be considered. Something to attract families to stay and play together. It's not all about football facilities and swimming pools!</li> <li>• I would like to see more funding for the local foreshore committee for improvements to our parks i.e. Electric BBQ, rotunda, and more tables.</li> </ul>
<b>Paths</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Is Council aware that citizens have the basic right to walk without being harassed by motorists?</li> <li>• Parr Street is a well used street by prams, children and many other pedestrians. A footpath is required for safety reasons. The street is busy and cars don't slow down.</li> <li>• Footpaths extended in McDonald Street and Parr Street.</li> <li>• Create more on-road cycle paths around Leongatha and improve facilities at recreation reserve.</li> </ul>
<b>Public open space</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Need to make sure that provision is made for public open space when planning new subdivisions in near towns. Such spaces will assume more and more importance as time goes by - passive recreation, seating, gardens (using indigenous species), and pathways.</li> </ul>
<b>Rail trail</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Great Southern Rail trail is an excellent well used open space area, run by volunteers with various funding.</li> <li>• We would love to see the rail trail continue on from Foster towards Toora. Even as far as Bennison would be a great start.</li> <li>• The maintenance on the Fish Creek to Foster rail trail is inadequate. There have been many fallen trees that have been there for 4 months at least now. It can become dangerous at times. Especially as the blue stone is resurfacing causing horses to become lame or sustain other serious injuries.</li> <li>• Close down railway line and make the walking/ bike riding track all the way from Melbourne.</li> <li>• Due to the break up of farm in the area and increase of traffic as each lot is sold it is dangerous to ride horse/ bike or walk along the roads. The rail trail through to Yarram would be a great thing to have and help keep people, dogs, horses and bikes off the road.</li> <li>• Completion of Southern Rail trail from Koonwarra to Meeniyana a priority.</li> </ul>
<b>Rates</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• People who use shire facilities for sport and recreation are really a minority of ratepayers and receive a disproportionate amount of rate benefit. The majority of ratepayers would barely use facilities. Unfortunately the "sportier" area are a vocal lot - no brains but plenty of noise.</li> <li>• Rates are too high!</li> <li>• Unhappy about the use of ratepayer's money being used to make plans.</li> </ul>

Issue	Comments
<b>Revegetation</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Shocking mess resulting from removal of pine trees in Prom Rd (near Foley Rd), an eye saw and a disgrace. No revegetation what so ever.</li> <li>• Revegetation in any open area extremely important.</li> </ul>
<b>Road Quality</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The road quality is very poor in Allambee South. Wouldn't it be better in the long run for safety and financially to asphalt dirt roads, instead of grading them all the time. Also very hard to push a pram with no safe walking area.</li> <li>• This area has got excellent facilities. I notice a lot of money spent now and yet there are roads need fixing, things like shoulders etc.</li> <li>• Our road is getting a lot more traffic, for the walking track better road service.</li> <li>• Rural Roads need to be improved for safer driving, cycling, horse riding, and walking - all free activities and a healthy way to enjoy the countryside.</li> <li>• All sports facilities should have sealed roads and curb and channelling.</li> <li>• Road maintenance needs to be applied regularly to encourage motorcycle riders and club members to use South Gippsland as a motorcycle-touring destination. Road maintenance is often conducted without motorcyclists in mind.</li> </ul>
<b>Rubbish</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Before the Shire even considers spending limited funds on sport/leisure facilities priority should be given to tidying up and cleaning up the town. How can one expect to attract tourists/visitors to the town when it portrays a very untidy and uninviting town. I suggest that all councillors walk and take a good look at our town; you may well be shocked at what you see! – Tidy town/ tip town??</li> </ul>
<b>Senior citizens</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The aging population of South Gippsland and on a fixed income are not able to afford the luxuries of sporting facilities, the arts and clubs as they are being squeezed dry by unjustifiable rate increases along with petrol and gas increases merely surviving.</li> <li>• I would like to see gymnasium/ strength development programs for over 50's who are working as we are. I love living in Leongatha, it's a great community. I am part of the group planning the "Big Fat New years Eve" event this year and I hope the South Gippsland Council will support this effort to give back to this wonderful community and quality NYE celebratory event.</li> <li>• There is a need for elderly residents to be accompanied by companion dog in the facilities of their choice.</li> <li>• Venues for older adult specific fitness/ aqua programs are needed. Demand for aqua exercise for older adults is increasing but little opportunity to increase exercise (again) opportunities due to demands of the rest of the population on pool.</li> </ul>
<b>The shire</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Shire should take more notice of what residents think or say. If consultancy is not taken seriously then what is the point.</li> <li>• Just look after our old thing and make our town look good. You can give Foster the information office, just make it back to park then you can see Coal Creek from the road.</li> <li>• Council needs to establish the individual needs of each town and recognise the difficulties within these structures to provide funding and to maintain historical features, which each town hold much compassion to holding any historical events within that community.</li> <li>• The shire employs unqualified staff who will destroy our community</li> <li>• Leongatha has many sporting facilities but clubs and committees need help to get grants to maintain the facilities the town has. I think the shire is doing a good job but clubs and committees need more help.</li> <li>• Personally believe the shire doesn't do too bad a job but of course we all want improvements.</li> <li>• There needs to be a long term plan over the whole shire that is not subject to the whim of new Councils and CEO's. There have been many committees and policies put into place only to be changed either as a priority or discontinued by the next shire Council.</li> </ul>

Issue	Comments
<b>The Shire (continued)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>If you stopped spending money on restoring old buildings there would be more funds for today's and the futures' lifestyle.</li> <li>Work on changing the "attitude of locals towards outsiders/newcomers". Work on changing the animosity between towns - e.g. Poowong hates Korumburra - hates Leongatha etc. and people might feel encouraged to give 'participation' a go.</li> <li>I trust employing @leisure didn't cost a fortune; maybe we would have more money allocated to community recreation with out huge administration costs. The survey could have been more family orientated-male/female a bit weird.</li> </ul>
<b>Swimming pools</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Maintenance at local swimming pool vital - it is a wonderful community hub and a tourist attraction.</li> <li>Our swimming pool is much too small for our town; we can't even have swimming sports at it. The BMX track (near the industrial area) is shocking. It would benefit the community if the rail trail was completed between Koonwarra and Meeniyana and with public toilets along the whole trail.</li> <li>My family enjoys swimming at SG Splash, but we were very disappointed when the outside pool was closed, who wants to swim indoors in summer? We had to go to Korumburra.</li> <li>Splash - offers swimming lessons which are too expensive and the payment options are very limited and rigid and inflexible (thus many go to Korumburra Swim Club). - Needs to be more organised in arranging it's court sports and more proactive. Players are often chasing the staff for information about season starting dates etc. Meeniyana hall could be used for a cinema or dancing theatre etc.</li> <li>Hot pool in Foster please.</li> <li>Leongatha pool is too cold.</li> </ul>
<b>Synthetic Hockey Field</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A synthetic hockey and soccer turf would give me the opportunity to coach and train junior hockey players in this region, who could then potentially go and play in the Latrobe Valley (council) or perhaps Gippsland Hockey Association if there was to be a turf erected there within the next couple of years. Hopefully a feasibility study currently in progress will indicate the need for a synthetic turf to be built in Gippsland.</li> <li>A contribution to helping fund the build of a synthetic hockey field in the local area. The development of a RC Buggy track would help local hobby shop</li> </ul>
<b>Technology</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Better website with better contact details for sporting clubs etc</li> </ul>
<b>Too much focus on Leongatha</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Everything centres on Leongatha, why?</li> <li>Why send this to Korumburra residents? When you will only be spending money in Leongatha.</li> <li>Too much money is already spent in Leongatha and the wider community is often denied access by local user groups.</li> <li>I think there is too much focus on Leongatha there are other towns in South Gippsland, parks in Leongatha better maintained than Korumburra, share money between all towns.</li> <li>More developments in towns other than Leongatha.</li> <li>We are opposed to expensive sport and recreation facilities being built in Leongatha to "serve the whole Shire". In practice they serve mostly Leongatha residents and workers.</li> <li>There needs to be adequate funding for all towns and districts in the area. I would be unhappy if my rates were used to prop up facilities in larger towns that are losing money.</li> <li>Advise shire administration and councillors that they have the responsibilities outside the geographical area of Leongatha and need to liaise more closely with the wider community.</li> <li>We feel that all towns in the shire should be on equal funding on a per capita basis.</li> </ul>
<b>Too much sport and recreation</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Way too much emphasis on sport and recreation throughout shire.</li> </ul>



Issue	Comments
<b>Trails</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Safe trail riding (bike/ horse, walking) so young joggers and riders don't have to be on the narrow roads between Toora and Foster.</li> <li>• We do not use organised sporting facilities due to age etc. Walking in parks and picnics are our lot in life!</li> <li>• South Gippsland Council has many open space areas and funds are limited. Council should maintain and upkeep existing area that attract people to the area. The new cycle/ walk track is excellent but existing bike paths along road on the estate (Canterbury Rd) needs upgrading.</li> <li>• I would like to see better walking tracks developed, particularly in Mirboo North.</li> </ul>
<b>Transport</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• It would be great to have line dancing and a bus to get people who don't drive to the centre.</li> </ul>
<b>Travel</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Most are happy to and capable of driving some distances to meet recreational needs.</li> </ul>
<b>Travel difficulties</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Working full time with kids makes it difficult to travel to access facilities.</li> </ul>
<b>Volunteers</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Management of recreation reserves with the large amount of different users is a huge problem, volunteers on these committees are getting tired and must volunteer their own time &amp; resources as well to keep costs down at reserves because they are under funded for just maintaining what they have got. It's not easy finding volunteers for these jobs and given less money would see no one volunteering at all.</li> <li>• Please help volunteer groups to raise money for better sporting facilities. i.e. we need an indoor training facility at the Mirboo North Recreation Reserve for our netball and football club. There is a building sitting there empty, not being used and would be perfect for a gym.</li> <li>• With the ever increasing workload placed on volunteers, the shire's support to help with administration and finances is most important</li> <li>• Support for all community volunteer groups e.g. Landcare and hall committees as well as sporting clubs must be a priority. Their commitment to the locals and developing facilities is what makes SG Shire the great place to live that it is. Thank you</li> <li>• Fish Creek is in dire need of assistance with regards to scout hall and recreation activities for both young and old. It is only a small town and volunteers cannot be expected to raise funds for all repairs etc. all the time.</li> </ul>
<b>Weeds/ pests</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There are many other projects to spend out rates on, e.g. spraying weed along the roadside. It's a damn disgrace; take a drive along the Gippsland Highway or drive down any side street.</li> </ul>
<b>Youth Activities</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Rates to high for farmers. Too much pressure on dairy farmers to avail activities. Youth and elderly need more support. Many sporting clubs encourage too much alcohol abuse amongst our youth. Community minded/fair minded councillors required.</li> <li>• I think the big clubs (like footy) get too much recognition and the lesser know sports are forgotten. Also, there needs to be more business encouraged to town that meets the needs of young people like an indoor bowling/ games centre. Also better nightlife.</li> <li>• Leongatha is a great town. Needs more facilities for teenagers and social venues for adults. Need entertainment on weekends and up to date attitude towards retail trade in area.</li> <li>• By giving young people more sport options in the shire their families and them will stay in the future. More land needs to be made available for housing estates around Korumburra, Bena and Loch to attract more ratepayers.</li> </ul>

### 3. Submissions received

#### STONY CREEK RECREATION RESERVE

##### Situation Analysis

- Resident user groups include the Racing Club, Football Club, Netball Club and Pony Club including equestrian cross-country course (currently being re-established).
- A “Go-kart” educational driver circuit is proposed for a small area with highway frontage at the Meeniyan end of the reserve – due to commence in Dec/Jan 07/08.
- Temporary grazing licences (twelve months maximum) are in place for much of the remaining area of the reserve.
- The Pony Club also has plans to develop a camp drafting arena and associated facilities in due course.
- Regular hire of the Reserve’s facilities (including impressive shade sail and dining room) is availed of for social functions, occasional business seminars and overnight caravan tourist groups.
- Nine horse racing meetings plus official racing trials were conducted at the reserve this season.
- It is considered by the Committee of Management that there is ample area for the location and development of hockey fields (and for other sports and leisure activities) in large areas of the reserve, both immediately and post-grazing licences in twelve months time.

##### Issues

- Toilet facilities are grossly inadequate for present public and user group use, while the Racing Club is compelled to hire-in expensive yet outdated portable facilities for its larger horse racing meetings.
- Supply of water for livestock, racehorses and human consumption, including use for toilets and showers etc, is totally dependent upon supply from two dams and several, cracked and leaking rainwater collection tanks. The dams are presently restricted in terms of their catchment capabilities, while currently, they jointly hold less than 15% of their total capacity of approximately 45 mega litres.
- Continuance of below average rainfall will seriously affect all sport and leisure activities at the Reserve, going forward from later this year, with serious social and economic implications for the local community.
- The Racing and Football Clubs harmoniously share one pavilion that is Racing Club built and purpose specific in its design. This therefore poses a number of practical issues for the football club in that the jockeys rooms and bars are used as football change rooms and rubdown areas, with inadequate toilet and shower facilities, and external concrete steps and paving that are largely unsafe for football boots.
- Overlap of football and racing seasons causes obvious practical problems for both clubs because of the need to share facilities.

#### LEONGATHA & DISTRICT SOCCER CLUB

I am secretary of the Leongatha & District Soccer Club. Our club & a small South Gippsland competition has been operating for 3 years at Mary MacKillop College. It is our plan to continue operating there for the foreseeable future, but in your broader planning you could keep in mind that soccer is an increasingly popular sport and at some time in future a larger facility may be needed. Lighting for night training has not been available to us as the aussie rules football requires lighting for training over winter as we do. This year we have had an indoor training session at SPLASH. We are now in the process of trying to have lighting installed at Mary MacKillop. So is it worth investigating the feasibility of a venue with lighting which could be developed for year round use?

Wearing another hat, as a resident of Leongatha for just 5 years and having moved from Inverloch where there is a strong emphasis on the natural environment, I feel the almost complete absence of natural areas in and around Leongatha for passive recreation is greatly to the detriment of this town. If more inland towns had a sizeable area where people could escape to and enjoy the diversity and quiet of natural places, and if this

was promoted, then people would come here more, wouldn't need to escape to Inverloch, and the physical and mental health of our residents could be improved.

I understand that Richard Lester (ex councillor) has a visionary plan to create a walking track and wetlands along Coalition Creek (which has a Crown frontage) south of the Nerrena Road.

## **KONGWAK COMMUNITY GROUP**

### **What sites should be protected as future open space?**

Pioneer Park in Kongwak is a valuable piece of property that should be protected as it is one of the few remaining remnant bush areas left in the district. It is valuable for native vegetation and the collection of seeds.

### **What specific improvements we would like to see in our local park?**

Scott Park in Kongwak is well maintained by the Shire and the Community Group, however we would like to see additional playground equipment installed in the park.

## **LEONGATHA RECREATION RESERVE AND LEONGATHA TABLE TENNIS CLUB**

Hello I am a representative of Leongatha Recreation Reserve and Leongatha Table Tennis Club; I would like to highlight that fact that the Leongatha Recreation Reserve is at capacity. In the future the Table Tennis Club would like to extend it's facility but the Recreation Reserve Committee has stated that due to the Reserve being to capacity it would require additional land for any further extensions of use. I hope you look into this as part of the review.

## **KORUMBURRA MOTORCYCLE CLUB**

In response to your recent letter informing us of the proposed Open Space plan, the Korumburra Motorcycle club would like to respond in reference to our Moto Cross track which is situated at Outtrim on the corner of Ryeburn rd and Leongatha-Outtrim road.

Every year the Korumburra Motorcycle club has a membership base of well over 100 members, and we are regularly holding successful race events at our track. We are providing a service for the community of supplying somewhere safe for local people to ride, while bringing extra money into the surrounding townships when we hold larger events that attract 300+ people. We would like to see our facility protected against small acreage planning permits being issued nearby our track. We feel that even though we are located in a reasonably secluded area we would hate in the future to be threatened with closure from nearby residents complaining about the noise, (as has happened with fellow motorcycle club Corner Inlet).

We feel that the Outtrim district has a lot of other sporting groups who would also agree; such as the gun club, cricket club and tennis club.

## **THE LOCH COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION**

### **What sites should be protected as future open space?**

- Sunnyside Park
- Centennial Park
- Loch Memorial Reserve
- The Lions Market Site
- Cape Horn Lookout

### **What specific improvements would you like to see in your local park?**

- Toilets-environmentally friendly, wheelchair access
- Skate Park

- Dog Poo Dispensers.
- Shade Sails over playground
- Cape Horn Lookout-assistance with annual weed spraying

**What are the main park issues council needs to address?**

- Safe pedestrian access between Sunnyside Park & the Reserve

**What additional areas of Open space you would like to see**

- Pedestrian & Bike Paths around Loch township
- Path down Loch Poowong Rd from Ferriers Rd
- A walk to Hilda falls from the Reserve
- Path along railway track between Loch & Nyora

## **WALKERVILLE RESIDENTS AND RATEPAYERS ASSOC AND FRIENDS OF WALKERVILLE**

### **Some quick comments:**

Foreshore areas are a key component of open space in the shire, although many are not managed by the Shire.

Management of natural values in open space along the coast is often limited, with weeds a major problem.

Due to limited resources, facilities are sometimes dated.

Landscape values along parts of the coast are of state significance and design standards (including recreation facilities) need to be high. The Shire could develop a design manual to guide all open space structures, signs, facilities, planting etc.

Coastal ratepayers pay substantial rates and are looking for a significant resource allocation by the shire to coastal management – both environmental management and provision for informal recreation, whether on shire or Crown land. Equitable provision of open space services and resource allocations are an important issue.

Many ratepayers do not support development for single interest user groups, eg fishers at Walkerville, ie boat ramps/carparks etc.

Sustainable management will become more important over time – Council should develop policies on use of recyclable materials (no new cypress pine or red gum etc), indigenous plantings, low water use, no or few bins etc. Climate change projections should also be considered in the plan.

Existing plans provide some useful information and presumably will be reviewed in the planning process, eg Walkerville Foreshore Res Mgt Plan, and Waratah Bay Foreshore Strategy Plan (both by Robin Crocker and Assoc.

Walkerville Residents and Ratepayers Assoc and Friends of Walkerville are both committed to good coastal and open space management. A presentation in the Walkerville North community hall during the project would be worthwhile – but needs to be on a weekend or in the holidays.

## FOSTER RECREATION RESERVE COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT

The Foster Recreation Reserve Committee of Management supported the Tennis Club in reserving the piece of land adjoining the scout hall in Pioneer Street Foster and including it within the reserve for the development of a tennis court and a club house. While this has been approved by the shire, we continue to suffer from the longstanding approval and completion of the procedure by the DSE, the committee would greatly appreciate continued Council support.

With some tennis club members reside in Waratah Bay, there was an initial proposal for two tennis courts to be developed on Subdivided land which was upheld due to the proposed space being too close to neighbouring residences. Earlier this year there was a request to fill a dam as it was considered a health hazard. It is proposed that the front section adjoining Gale Street be set aside for car parking and the rear be reserved for two tennis courts. An outcome for this proposal has not been provided from Council, with stakeholders having an interest in what will transpire.

## LEONGATHA LITTLE ATHLETICS CLUB

### Request

- A regional athletic facility consisting of a synthetic athletic track and field complex

### Why?

- The club has outgrown the shared facility it is currently using (the lower oval at the recreation reserve) and it does not meet the requirements of an athletic track.

### Where

- The Leongatha Recreation reserve is a high priority location for a future athletic facility and additional land should be set aside for this purpose on the northern boundary.

### Current Situation

- 185 members
- Existing oval less than 400m
- Funding for a Feasibility Study has been applied for and fund raising has commenced to raise money to construct a Synthetic Athletic Facility

## FRIENDS OF VENUS BAY PENINSULA INC.

### Recommendations

- They would like council to prepare a summary of the draft proposals for Venus Bay
- Then they can use that to arrange a well publicised Saturday morning public meeting at the Venus Bay Community Centre to brief rate payers and invite verbal and written responses to the draft report
- They want council to take into account a more detailed set of locally developed criteria for valuing existing open spaces in Venus Bay
- They want to retain and protect all existing public spaces by surveying, reclaiming and even rezoning
- They want Council to put in place a more equitable budget to assist with the revegetation and maintenance of Venus Bay open spaces
- Council needs to identify current maintenance costs
- Create a sound management structure for Venus Bay's open spaces via an overall plan developed in consultation with community representatives; and a system of local committees.
- Over time, Council should invest in more public open space in Venus Bay, perhaps setting a target of 5% of the subdivision by 2020

- Council should support their recommendation that the community be consulted as to the proposal that two of the public open spaces in Venus Bay, one each in the first and second estates, be set aside as off-leash domestic dog exercise areas.

## VENUS BAY OPEN SPACES

### Benefits of Venus Bay

- Appreciate the natural environment of Banksia trees and grasslands that still exist on the vacant blocks, which provide wild life corridors through the area.
- Listening to the birds and looking for wildlife.

### Concerns

- That the existing vacant blocks will be built on
- Walkway at St. Ives is very overgrown
- It seems very short sighted of SGSC to even consider selling recreation land that they may have to buy back at a later date, seeing as though Melbourne Councils are allocating more money to developing nature walks and passive recreation areas, every year.

### Recommendations

- If you were thinking of a future walking track to the inlet then the one at St. Ives is the place to start it. If you could clean up this track and make it more accessible, it is a great resource for the future.
- Perhaps it would be better to increase the visibility of these areas by naming them, creating walking tracks, street signs directing people to them and recreation maps listing the walks around Venus Bay and their various points of interest.

## THE LIONS CLUB OF STRZELECKI INC.

The key issues identified by the Lions Club of Strzelecki Inc were:

- The issues of additional space adjoining the Poowong Recreation Reserve was a matter of a recent discussion at the committees most recent meeting as the reserve is currently experiencing issues with parking.

## NYORA AND DISTRICT DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION

The Nyora District Development Association identified:

- Future open space sites to consider are:
  - The vacant railway land at the corner of Mitchell Street and Davis Street in Nyora. This land abuts the Village Green, which Council leases from the railway authorities; we believe it would provide a logical extension to the Village green. With pathways and linkages and thoughtfully planted trees it would provide a great space in the heart of the town.
  - The open drain between this land mentioned above needs to be addressed.

## 4. Interviews with Schools

Secondary School	Location	Student # & trend	Sporting facilities	Sports programs	Travel to play sport? Where to? How far?	Use of external facilities?	Relationship with clubs?	Plans to upgrade?	Changing demand in sport?	Is sport well catered for in community?	Key sporting issues?	Could council do anything?	Additional comments
<b>Korumburra SC</b>	Korumburra	500, stable	Ovals, gym, BB courts	PE classes, sport education for 7/8's, lunchtime sports for year 10 to run for 7-9's	Yes. Local, regional and to Melbourne	Sport ed uses rec centre, tennis courts, swimming pool lots, footy grounds, cricket, could use facilities more	Not really, Badminton may use gym	Gym being upgraded plus performing arts centre	Unsure	BB, netball and footy well catered	Travelling and distance, finding coaching and staff to take kids out to sport, few days out of school	Not sure	
<b>Leongatha SC</b>	Leongatha	620, stable	54 acres, 2 football ground/cricket pitch, hockey field/soccer, 2x gym with gymnastics, indoor courts, BB courts x2, 4 tennis court	PE classes, interschool, swimming, aths, cross country, every thing from beach volley ball, badminton, equestrian team,	Yes. Melbourne, netball, interschool starts local then travel further	Most things catered for on grounds	Community uses gymnastics, basketball, ovals used by local cricket, football	3 years time rebuild of whole school, outdoor BB and tennis priority as run down	Some increase in soccer (both boys & girls). Town lives around sport already	Traditional major sports well catered for, lots of sports	Alcohol surrounding the sporting culture,	Local football clubs are trying, seminars etc, getting on board already. Council could be more proactive on prevention	Travel is a big issue, local kids done very well but large distance and cost involved.
<b>Mary MacKillop Catholic College</b>	Leongatha	410, stable	Multi purpose gym, big, oval, BB courts currently being resurfaced, cricket pitch	PE classes, school sport (swimming, athletics, cross country), inter school (GIS) cricket, softball, tennis, BB, football, soccer, netball	Yes	Use swimming pool among other things		Currently resurfacing basketball courts					
<b>Mirboo Nth SC</b>	Mirboo North	418, stable	Gym shared with PS, hockey oval, soccer oval, footy oval, outdoor BB, netball courts	PE programs, VSSA aths, swim CC, also at a needs basis, tennis, lawn bowls, equestrian, super 8's cricket, footy, soccer, recreation and leisure sports program	Yes	Leongatha for aths, Korumburra, Wonthaggi	Gym is shared with community, BB comp. Tai kwon do	Not in immediate future	Possibly toward soccer, girls cricket	Yes mostly	Alcoholism in junior footy, travel	Not really	
<b>South Coast Christian College</b>	Leongatha	180, stable	BB courts, oval, athletics facility	PE, interschool swimming & athletics, sports camp (Marybough), local interschool comp	To some sports yes	Warragul furthest, Morwell, Turrum Burra,	Not known	Will be, but projected in future not current	Swimming becoming more popular, fairly active school in general	Absolutely	Feeling of ostracised if you don't play sport		The town has everything you can think of, very well catered for



Primary School	Location	Student numbers	Sporting facilities	Sports programs	Travel to play sport? Where to? How far?	Use of external facilities?	Relationship with clubs?	Plans to upgrade?	Changing demand in sport?	Is sport well catered for in community?	Key sporting issues?	Could council assist?	Additional comments
<b>Fish Creek &amp; District PS</b>	Fish Creek	103, stable	BB court, gym/multi purpose room, football ground on a slope	-	-	Terrill Park reserve for cricket, bowls, tennis, football, netball, aths etc	Netball club uses gym in bad weather, school uses all town facilities	No - gym built two years ago	General participation increased, tennis significant incr, with minor incr to cricket, football, bowls	No. Basic sports provide opportunity for kids with parents who can transport them & pay fees. No different sports opportunities.	Onerous task/difficulties in running clubs. More involvement if less red tape	Reduce requirements, increase recurrent funding and reduce need to chase funding. Professional admin person to support clubs	
<b>Foster Primary School (FPS)</b>	Foster	190, decreasing	Indoor sport area, grassed oval, junior & senior play areas, fitness track, central area for basketball & netball	-	-	Foster swimming pool, Foster football ground	Foster Football Club – use school facilities, and vice versa	Funding to shade play equipment, replacing play equipment removing treated pine equip.	Soccer, AFL, Rugby league after workshop with Melb Storm	Yes – high profile. Good assortment of facilities	Unaware	-	Active after school programs – funded by government – promotes health/fitness. Sports (basketball, tennis, mini games). Using tennis courts.
<b>Kongwak Primary School (KPS)</b>	Kongwak	46	Tennis, netball, oval	PE classes (90mins/ wk), interschool sport	Yes – local schools	No	No	No	-	Yes	Unaware	-	
<b>Poowong Consolidated School (PCS)</b>	Poowong	93, stable	Open grass areas, 2 basketball courts (marked for netball and tennis), play equipment, sandpit areas, indoor shed	PE classes, interschool sport, swimming	Yes – depends on level of comp. Higher comp, greater the travel, up to Melbourne	Poowong Pool, Netball Courts at recreation reserve, oval (occasionally)	Cricket club juniors at school oval (occasional), local football club used surface when the ground was being resurfaced, have used indoor shed	Grant (investing in schools grant), \$100,000 received, 50K on play equipment (50K on electronic whiteboards)	Increased in interest in soccer. Very much AFL, netball, basketball community (thanks to rec centre)	Some sports are catered for. Basketball, football, netball. There isn't the demand for other sports	Funding for expert coaches to come out and run programs would be appreciated.	More support from councils and state sport bodies	
<b>St Laurence O'Toole PS</b>	Leongatha	162, stable	Gym, small oval, BB, NB, VB courts, tennis	PE, Huff & puff in morning, sport, interschool and regional sports etc	Winter- local schools, or Mary Mac or secondary school	Mary Mac, Secondary College (Leongatha) and velodrome	Grade 6 uses bowling green, golf, croquet, swimming SPLASH, Korumburra pool, Mirboo Nth pool for trial for school sports	Just completed shed, tennis court.	Many sports very strong participation, no noticeable changes	Most sports are well catered for in Leongatha	Huge range, though travel to valley for hockey, soccer	Boost in sporting program with equipment and facilities,	
<b>Tarwin Lower Primary School (TLPS)</b>	Tarwin Lower	46, stable	Oval, cricket pitch, running track tennis court BB facilities	PE class, interschool	Yes – up to 50km away	Leongatha - Sth Gippsland splash	Sometimes use football clubs facilities and connection with bowling club	Not currently	Unsure	Yes	Getting people together, people don't want to travel so much	Funding for some of the clubs	Tennis club struggles with facilities, clubs need volunteers
<b>Tarwin Valley Primary School (TVPS)</b>	Meeniyan	122, slightly decreasing	Basketball/ netball court, oval	PE, weekly sport, Cluster sport between local schools, inter school athletics, swimming, cross country, lightning premierships, state schools netball championships	Yes – Leongatha (19km), Melbourne for netball	Yes - local stadium	Occasionally only – badminton, AFL, cricket, lawn bowls	We would like to but no	Slight increase in soccer last year (probably due to the World Cup) not evident this year. AFL clinic has lead to greater demand this term	Yes	Travel, bus costs added to get to any venue, can become very restrictive.	Council could offer funding toward travel for schools outside the main towns	
<b>Toora Primary School (TPS)</b>	Toora	65, decreasing	Oval, cricket pitch, netball & basketball courts, play equipment,	Taekwondo, Dance, Yoga, Bluearth, Bike-Ed, Swimming, Aths, Cross Country, interschool sports (netball, BB, football, soccer, t-ball) Tennis, i.e. Active After Schools Program, P.E., Sport, inter & intra school	To Forster (15mins), Leongatha (45mins) Melbourne (2.5hrs)	Swimming pool, Bowls club, hall	Toora football club, bowls club and swimming pool - share facilities	Covered area on netball court for wet weather use	Dance and yoga offered to those less competitive	All sport seem to be well catered for thanks to community hard work	Difficulty of local clubs to maintain facilities	Shire needs to continue to work with all local communities and not be overly influenced by the bigger towns in the area	
<b>Welshpool &amp; District Primary School (WDPS)</b>	Welshpool	57, decreasing	Large football oval, basketball court, concrete square, multi purpose hall (currently being built), play equipment, sandpit (prep – grade 2)	PE classes (part time teacher), interschool sports and swimming	Yes – local sport at Forster, then Leongatha to Melbourne	South Gippsland Sec. College oval (for school sports), Toora pool (practice and programs)	No, no relationships	Multi Purpose Building (being built this year)	Nothing noticeable	Not as much as what it was – numbers are decreasing. No junior tennis	Travel and travel costs	Help with costs	



## 5. Interviews with sport and recreation clubs and groups

Club - Contact	Membership	Changing participation/ future change	Facilities	Managed by	Meeting clubs needs?	Anything needing upgrading?	Consolidate facilities?	Business plan? Program for capital improvement?	Current plans for capital/ maintenance?	Increase participation?	Issues?	Council help issues?	General trends in sport participation	Distribution of open space & recreation	Recreation/ open space types?
Bena Tennis Club	10 adults, 6 juniors, mostly female	Decline in juniors and expect it to continue to drop further	2 asphalt tennis courts, club rooms	Volunteer committee	Yes		No, wouldn't want to. The town has little else, consolidation would leave the small towns with nothing	No. No.	No		Drought, court surface issues, lack of volunteers	No	Possible decline?	Yes	Enough sports in major towns
Bennison Adult Riding Club	25 members - 16 yrs to 65, mostly female	Steady, don't want growth	Bennison Inlet Recreation Reserve, Corner inlet pony club	Committee manages reserve, meetings	Would like all weather surface but too \$\$ to purchase & maintain			No. Not from club point of view,	Pony Club currently doing kitchen up for camps etc	More capital investment req, rail trail from Forster to Fish Creek	Insurance, Public liability,		Not noticed anything	Could be more	Football club has too much say, dressage area
Fish creek/ Tarwin - Cricket Club	2 senior, 2 junior teams - all men as a women's league is available in region.	Declining but future number of teams won't change	Two home ground ovals one with turf	Committee looks after admin etc. Facilities on crown land Gipps Shire through sub committee of management	Yes, given budgetary limitations		Yes but don't think that it would happen	No. Meeting level discussions, last 5 yrs lots of upgrade	Not at moment	Increase town size	Losing kids after school age	Business opportunities in area to attract more people	-	Yes	Probably not, not enough people to cover everything
Imperials Cricket Club Leongatha	60 - 3 senior teams and 2 junior teams	Stable over last 5-8 yrs. Like to introduce an U12 team in future	Leongatha Secondary College oval. Clubrooms rented off school. Also Leongatha football grounds	Club looks after oval - mow, and upkeep of club rooms	Yes	Always maintenance nothing substantial	Not in this area	No. Adhoc/ repair as things come up	Nothing planned	Not sure - pushing kids into it but not really	Finding kids to play in junior ranks,	Difficult - funding for cricket clinics perhaps	Nothing really, numbers seem to be backing off a little	Generally fine, Leongatha could use another oval	Yes
Kongwak Tennis Club	No longer a tennis club, just courts on the reserve	Unsure	Facilities only BBQ, tennis courts x 4, kids playground	Kongwak community group	Yes though more use of facilities then courts	Currently looking at putting new wire fencing,		Not for the club	Looking at re-fencing courts	Aging population, so difficult	Town has other more pressing issues (e.g. farming issues).	Good working relationship with the council	Aging population and farming community		
Korumburra & Districts Pony Club	30 riding and families aged 3 to 22 yrs, mostly girls (includes RDA)	Stable and unlikely to change in future	Showground in Korumburra	Agricultural & Pastoral Society - Club maintains area around stables, answerable to Society				Just committee working bees	Redeveloping block of land to be permanent grounds	Beside sponsorship in shows etc	Facilities - lack of and battle to develop the land	Have had grants before but clubs struggling	Not sure	Yes	Seem to have everything required but some travel involved
Korumburra Amateur Swimming and Life Saving Club	50 competition members, (members to use the heated pool 1,300)	Stable membership, trying to increase squad members	Outdoor pool (50m) & indoor pool (15m),	Indoor pool managed by volunteer committee	Yes	Yes - outdoor pool solar covers are pulled off by hands and difficult	No	No. Put into the Shire what needs to be done	Nothing at the moment, would like to have car park sealed	Increase profile and awareness, summer events perhaps?	Compliance of insurance companies and other red tape	Some administration support for staff	Nothing noticed	Yes - though lots in Leongatha and smaller towns have to work harder to keep facilities	Nothing that has been wanted to be done
Korumburra Croquet Club	20 - aged over 50, mostly ladies.	Stable, trying to increase numbers in the future	Own club house, 3.5 yrs old, fund raised for, accessible grass greens	Totally managed by club - support by regional clubs and association and state body	Yes	State Government grant for rain tank	Not for croquet		Lawns needed to be kept in good condition	Community doing it's bit, basically up to club members	Participation numbers and awareness of the game.	Not really			

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Leongatha Amateur Swimming Club	83 members, from U8's to seniors, majority 10 - 14 yrs,	Gradually increasing and likely to continue to increase with development of indoor pool	SPLASH indoor centre, used to use the outdoor pool	SPLASH - pay fee to use the pool, lane hire fee, have to have training later on in evening - only club in Gippsland paying lane fees	Difficulty with SPLASH is the ability to hold a crowd, can't fit all spectators	Just built		Unsure		Different variety of non-competitive water based activities, e.g. water aerobics - more time allocated to it,	Swimming clubs - lane hire fees, restricting members, Also SPLASH the only indoor heated pool open all year round, need something further east	Council set lane hire fees,	Increase in strength based physical activity and programs for older people - more needed still	Yes though walking paths/ areas needed - Leongatha fantastic, though more opportunity for incidental recreation esp. for smaller towns	Yes range of sports but lots are the more formal team sports and increase variety for those who don't do the competitive team sports.
Leongatha Gymnastics Club	54 registered gymnasts, 5yrs to 16 yrs, boys and girls	Depends on term, fewer members at end of year. Hopefully keep it going	Set up/pack up gym at Leongatha Secondary school.	Hire the venue from the school	Yes though a facility of their own would be better	Some equipment needing upgrading and replacing	No other real gymnastics clubs in area	Volunteer meeting basis	Needs basis – grants	Promotion – 'Come and try' days, displays at events, newspaper articles etc	Participation rates, sport profile and publicity, limited specialized coaching staff	Could help in support and funding	Soccer increasing, men's gymnastics becoming more popular	Yes	Yes
Leongatha Karate	15 - mix of juniors and seniors.	Stable and unsure of future change	Youth Club centre in Leongatha - floor area	Managed by Adrian	Yes	Maintenance		Volunteers - fees that come in pay for hire of venue	No	Advertising, word of mouth at moment	Travel for competition. Youth club lease runs out in June, may not remain available = no facilities	Council - unsure	Not sure	Yes, though if lease not renewed no facilities	Think so - could add a couple of venues for "other" sports
Leongatha Little Athletics	180, U6's to U15, boys and girls.	Increasing but can't increase more in the future without different facilities	Undersized oval in the velodrome - also used grassed areas outside	Leongatha rec reserve committee - discussions in place looking for new facility	350m circumference, Not really, also have to share facilities with junior football	Yes - long jump areas, currently just using dug up dirt	Also Wonthagi & Forster, if better facilities could possibly combine but would struggle keep all kids. Also share with schools	No. Meetings of volunteers, VLLA	Preliminary discussions to build new facilities	Council support if looking at new facilities, \$100k may be needed plus daily running of it	Facilities - full sized track and other infrastructure. Plus amenities	Will need to get new facilities going	Cricket made resurgence - juniors, lose kids at about 12 to other sports	Well distributed - basically catering for the size of population, bigger towns better facilities	Yes mostly - archery, bowls, cricket, and footballs except athletics track!
Meeniyah Bowling Club	40 men, 21 ladies, aged mostly between 60 and 80, men and women.	Increasing slowly, unsure in future	Synthetic green, 8 rinks, modern club house (on Meeniyah rec reserve)	All run by bowls club	Yep	Always things that could be improved	Not really	Priority list that they tick off then discussed in committee	Still paying off synthetic surface and kitchen	"Get on the Green" promotion - business bowls program 16 teams - some members coming out of that	It's going all right - keeping numbers up etc. Too many days on		Not sure really	Fairly well catered for	Plenty of things to do if they have the will
Meeniyah Golf Club	160 - 40 years and over. Men and women,	Stable, hoping to see increase in numbers especially young people. Social functions also catered for	Club house and bar w kitchen, 18 hole grass greens	Run by committee of management plus curator	Yes	Yes - bar does (health & safety issues)	Probably good idea but unlikely to happen, unsure who could amalgamate with	Business plan but no formal plan for capital investment need money first before can spent		Encouragement	Aging population, general population working harder so less time	Not really	Football clubs amalgamated - depends on administration	Yes - very well catered for	Yes
Poowong Squash Club	24 - from 16 yrs to 60 yrs, more men than women	Depends on business busy times, would like more players	In BB stadium, two squash court	Poowong Hall Committee	Yes	Not at the moment	Not really, would lose players but would be ok	No plan. Committee discussions	Not sure, hall committee would do it	Not really, nothing else really to do	Only small town, night comp		Not really -	Yes	Probably -

Club - Contact	Membership	Changing participation/ future change	Facilities	Managed by	Meeting clubs needs?	Anything needing upgrading?	Consolidate facilities?	Business plan? Program for capital improvement?	Current plans for capital/ maintenance?	Increase participation?	Issues?	Council help issues?	General trends in sport participation	Distribution of open space & recreation	Recreation/ open space types?
South Gippsland Pistol Club	15 members aged 18 to 70. 1 female rest male.	Stable, and similar in the future	Shooting sheds and moving targets, air pistol, club guns that members can use, safety equipment	Club committee	Yes more than adequate	Another range on go for a different shoot	Not really bc of distance (only two clubs in area really)	No. Constant - priority & improvement brought up at meetings	Volunteers - facility being built but	General knowledge	Licensing laws that can frighten off people	Nothing really	Not really - swimming	Yes	Yes - have to go out and do it
Stony Creek Football Club	250-300 members, 12 to 90 year olds, men & women.	Stable, juniors decreasing, expect possibility of further decrease	Ovals, netball courts, Stony Creek Recreation Club, Club rooms	Committee of recreation club and user bodies, all clubs share facilities - improvements could be made to management	No - still wanting stuff, social function area and kiosk near ground plus weights room	Yes - grandstand needed, spectator area needs upgrading	Can't really have two football clubs, already sharing with racing	Club is run as a business. Yes plans for capital investment	Yes - grandstand and kiosk near ground, plans done	Community working hard to get people involved	Money and expenses to keep club running	Grants - currently doing most on own	AFL decreasing, harder work to run the clubs	Yes	Not sure
Waratah Hockey Club	Disbanded - lack of numbers, used to be lots of clubs but all died out very suddenly														

### Sporting associations

Association	Association	Facilities?	Trend in participation	Different users	Changes expected	Users to be accommodated	Major issues?	Council assistance?	Master/strategic plan?	Partnerships?	Good open space and recreation?	Range of open space / recreation	Council priority?	Anything else?
Korumburra BB Association		Shire leases facilities to Korumburra Recreation Centre management, clubs use as they please	Down a little in senior teams, higher slightly in juniors,	Netball, Volleyball, used 6 days	No plans	No room for more groups,	Purchase of car park and depot site across road to turn to car park, volunteers to do it	Lots help from council, needed to after Leongatha Recreation Centre put in	Work with country BB association who have strategic plan	Just joined into committee of management to run centre				Good thanks to volunteers Everyone leaving and going to Leongatha,
Leongatha and Districts Netball Association	6 clubs playing at venue, about 700 members, 3 comps per year,	8 courts and club pavilion, part of Leongatha Recreation Reserve, share car parking etc. No indoor facilities as part of association but are available at recreation centre	Numbers steady, Difficult to get U17 playing	8 year olds to seniors, All grades, mostly female but boys and men play in mixed comp	Not much change	Nothing for people with disabilities	Volunteer positions, people not willing to give club and position the time. Officiating and umpiring	Could be more aware of things that need doing like roads, fencing, mowing. Large scale maintenance	Just finished 5 year plan and done few major upgrades, no money to do more at moment	Clubs are committees, courts used by footy clubs and school	For the need yes there is			Little athletics needs a venue and a bit of land, Recreation reserve needs better management systems esp. for scheduling events
Alberton Football League	14 clubs, 6 grades of football plus netball 6 grades. Three Shires involved. 8 clubs in Sth Gippsland	All over the Shire	More teams but some numbers this year are a little bit of a decline, mainly due to weather and hardness of ground	Netball and Football	Continue to expand during course of year	?	Access to water, league has had to move venues, 3 grounds, bureaucracy (Meeniyan not currently acceptable to play on), volunteers and umpires also problem.	Could help with processing; help coordinate with clubs to seek funds. Help by reviewing all facilities not just council owned	Not for grounds committee		Yes	Most sports well catered for	Maintenance of grounds and upgrading of facilities, toilet blocks and change rooms,	Foster put in lift for disable access,
Poowong Amateur BB Association	One big organisation - about 160 players (Juniors, seniors, boys, girls)	One court for Poowong, also used in conjunction with Korumburra Association	Fluctuates, around 150		Continue fluctuating		Assistance and volunteers help, coaching, administration. BB Vic cost to train coaches, police check as well.	Funding to cover costs or program to subsidise costs. Instigating programs for all associations	No	Not really	Yes	If kids want to do a sport they have a large range of options - always enough open space to kick a football.	Help with maintaining football grounds and facilities. Also providing equipment. Looking after the outer grounds not just Leongatha	Committee of management runs the stadium, stadium in good repair. Facilities that run well are the ones that have a good community feeling.

## 6. Interviews with community groups and Committees of Management

### Recreation Reserves - Committees of Management

Reserve	Committee?	Facilities?	Trend in participation	Key activities	Different users	Changes expected	Users to be accommodated	Major issues?	Council assistance?	Master/strategic plan?	Partnerships?	Good open space and recreation?	Range of open space / recreation	Council priority?	Additional comments
<b>Dumbalk Recreation Reserve</b>		20 acres, leased out, oval, old footy rooms	Increase in #'s walking	Walking on oval, dog walking, cricket on oval	All age groups	Walking track around oval, renovate footy rooms, get table tennis is?	No, people go to Leongatha	Lack of people so can't get grants to upgrade for people to use	Not really, lack of council funding	No plans, just maintaining, meet once per year	Possibly with progress association however same people,	Pretty good, most places have walking trails and ovals. More walking trails needed as roads become busier	Accessibility a problem, limited by getting around and lack of public transport	Bike paths	Not really
<b>Toora Recreation Reserve</b>		Football group, football, cricket and netball courts	Increased use of facilities	Football, netball, cricket, walking, jogging etc	Walking dogs	Hope to see increase, Increased numbers of people in country needed and need to improve facilities	Caravan and campers, possible also for soccer	Funding to keep reserve operating	They do as much as they can	No plan but in process of establishing one	Possibly but can't think of who	Yes, every town has own facilities	Yes, given the numbers in the towns	Getting population back	Not really
<b>Koonwarra Recreation Reserve committee</b>	9 volunteers	Toilets, oval for cricket, tennis court,	Stable maybe more teams,	Cricket, tennis, recreation stops, rail trail virtually finishes at reserve	All age groups, caravans, lots of walkers & bike users	Not really	Not really, ground not big enough	Drought is issue,	Grant from Shire to maintain	No plans - just meeting	Not really	Yes think so, memorial park, not that many people.		Not sure	Not really
<b>Loch Memorial Reserve</b>	Trustees on behalf of Loch community who own reserve, monthly meetings, AGM, fundraising etc	Cricket field, tennis courts (free for public), Gazebo, BBQ, children's play, toilets, memorial, club rooms with kitchen,	Definitely increased after state gov fund to put in gazebo's & BBQ's, picnic tables with wheelchair friendly so lots of groups. Camping increased	Lots of walkers, camping, tennis, cricket, football lately as softer grounds	Lots of users	About to put in grant for external painted etc, internal blinds, mower needed, third tennis court resurfaced.	Think so, offered for use in club newsletter, only two clubs in Loch	Cleaning of facilities by volunteers only, vandalism, maintenance of strip of land btm reserve (btm swing bridge and Loch Poowong Rd)	Shire been helping where they can, could help with cleaning, can't fault the Shire they very useful in grants	Meetings, volunteers needs basis	Not really	Yes every town has good park facilities	Good facilities close by, only thing missing is indoor cricket. Nowhere to do that at moment	Don't need to increase open space but help with maintenance of what got and assist voluntary groups	Skate facility going in Loch (in Sunnyside Park)

### Progress Associations

Progress Association	Who are they	What they do	Current projects?	Trends in participation	Local issues	Sth Gipp open space issues	Sth Gipp recreation issues
<b>Buffalo Progress Association</b>	Only few members, getting grants to develop rail trail area	Improve environment in Buffalo, working with local rail trail, developing old railway line, where Buffalo station used to be	Looking at developing into building for local people, BBQ, weigh bridge, toilet on rail trail, tanks for water	There are not many young people in Buffalo, lots of people using the rail trail for bike riding.	Small number of people	Couldn't imagine there are many issues,	Leongatha pretty well set up for sporting facilities,
<b>Tarwin Lower Venus Bay Association</b>	Rate payers organisation	Issues of built environment and development	Just spent 4 years fighting off developments of housing in area, trying to purchase land to return it to wetland status.	Not sure	Within existing sub division, lots of odd blocks that are owned by Shire, Shire looking into selling them off, Association looking at not selling off to development but left as open space, everything else part of coastal park and still protected	Not really sure beyond the area, combined with small local parks, we are well catered for	Unsure

## 7. Community forum notes

### Agenda

- Welcome and introductions
- The brief
- What we've done to date
- Relationship with the open space plan
- Key issues raised
- Key questions of you
- Your turn: local issues
- Where to from here

### The Brief

#### Aims:

- To establish a profile of programs and services, and prepare an inventory of recreation facilities by locality.
- To analyse recreation demand and activity projections for the next 10-20 years.
- To develop a Recreation Plan and determine priorities to:
  - increase participation in leisure and sport
  - maximise the value of recreation service and facilities
  - address key issues
  - provide a vision, and long term objectives for recreation facilities and services.
- To determine the nature of services and facilities feasible for Council to provide that will meet demand and Council's service objectives

#### Methods

- Literature and background information review
- Consultation
  - Submissions and interviews with stakeholders and staff
  - Workshops - community
  - Household survey
  - Interviews of community clubs and groups
- Site inspections
- Service / facility mapping and inventory
- Analysis of distribution and quality of existing facilities
- Preparation of locality analysis
- Key issues and detailed actions and strategies
- Key products from the Open Space Strategy

## Household survey results

- 463 returns
- A third of people said there was nothing they want to do but can't
- Key activities that people would like to do but can't include: gym, walking, swimming, cycling, dancing, fishing and ten pin bowling
- Single thing that Council could do to meet open space and recreation needs: walking and cycling paths, maintenance of paths, grants and funding assistance, sports field development and upkeep, and footpaths

## Suggestions and common themes:

- Concern about Coal Creek
- Need for walking and cycling paths/ expansion of rail trails
- Volunteers/committees need more assistance
- Suggestions regarding swimming
- Concern that Leongatha receives the 'lions share' of everything
- Support for developing sports
- Others include; climate change, libraries, sub division design, supporting young and elderly people, revegetation, gym/programs

## Shire wide issues from the Open Space Plan

- Need for walking paths / trails
- Difficulty in maintaining sports facilities with volunteers
- Aging population and implications for sport
- Condition of tennis facilities
- Need for home base/ support for athletics and equestrian, soccer / hockey facilities
- Core services by town
- Identifying future developments required - to negotiate with developers

## 7.1 Community Forum – Foster 18<sup>th</sup> June 2007

### Other shire-wide issues?

- Promotion of sport throughout the Shire
- Need sport to integrate people/community, a healthy start to life. All sorts of sport, eg. Boccè at Mt Best
- Not to be all Council funded, participants to contribute too
- Certainly need sport as part of the social framework
- Little work, many young people leaving, aging population, fixed income - need suitable sports
- Bowls: social and affordable
- Rural clubs run by few volunteers. Need help to look long term/ strategically. Reserve committees and pools too. Business plan, especially for funding
- Have sufficient population to sustain existing facilities, need to work to keep what is here. But have interest in many sports, hard to maintain whole suite
- How obtain available funding? What is on offer? See Council notice board (local paper), register at 'www.ourcommunity.com' (\$75 annually) for 'easy grants' newsletter. Vital for Council to keep advertising grants on offer
- Rail trail been a real win for everyone who has access to it!

### Locality specific issues

#### The key questions

- What services and facilities do you have?
- What works well and doesn't work well?
- How can we increase participation in leisure and sports activities?
- What are the key issues you face?
- How can we make what you have more sustainable?
- What are the priority capital works projects

#### Dumbalk

##### Issues:

- Rec Reserve (tennis and cricket) new committee now, gained funding, interest as home to more clubs, MDU. Tennis court surfaces need work. Need to connect trails. Needs work if to accommodate winter sport. Need somewhere for bikes/jumps, and play
- Possibility to amalgamate another cricket club at the Rec Reserve (Meeniyon).
- Meeniyon: Lots of participant support to rebuild the club and make it family oriented etc. Clubs driving the Reserve, little from the Rec Committee, ideally want 50-50 contribution.
- Potentially have space for 2 grounds at Dumbalk. Issue is combining different clubs with different agendas at one site with shared facilities.
- Possibility to combine club representatives in the one recreation committee to look after multiple reserves and perhaps the hall?



## Fish Creek

### Issues:

- Plenty of local support to maintain facilities
- Decline in competitive clubs (tennis, cricket), still have social scene, travel further for competition
- Strong bowls club, but only one green
- Minimal Shire representation
- Interested in development of rail trail, and deviations off it
- Development of caravan/overnight tourism. Ideally a way-side-stop in conjunction with the rail trail for caravans to park overnight.

## Foster

### Issues:

- Bowls club: built second green, now one green and one synthetic surface. Attracting younger players
- Cricket club: aim to move all facilities to golf club site, but gets very wet and has lack of facilities. CMP requirement to book/allocate for hired use (safe use of ground), concern over purpose / backlash of this?
- Tennis club: 2 synthetic courts (more popular) and 2 other, plans to expand to 4 synthetic over time
- No parents to help support junior tennis - had some interest but not enough support. Similar for basketball. Middle generation gap.
- Skate ramp is a bit ordinary, bowl is for older kids and need a facility for younger kids before they can skate the bowl
- Showground Playground funding approved, will go ahead
- Kids have too many sport options, getting burned out young, sick of sport by 18. Need to hang onto Junior players, need incentive to stay here
- Is evidence of generational sport participation
- Schools provide a lack of sport alternatives, have lack of coaching / knowledge for a variety of different sports (tennis)

## Port Welshpool

### Issues:

- Raffles to support sports clubs
- Have power lines which boats must go under (wish to put underground)
- Schools influence the degree of sport participation / access to different sports, ideally want to work with schools to promote / try sports (previously had a 'sports expo')
- Wish to see rail trail / walking trails happen. Many locals out walking



## Toora

### Issues:

- Is a hole in generations (leave to find work). Many new people, many fixed income, not ready to contribute personally
- Bowls Club: has 40 year old facilities, working out a business plan for synthetic green (stage 4 water restrictions)
- Pools: struggling for committee interest, need to look to next 20 years
- Tennis: no competition, good courts but need work, maybe need to work with Foster to provide new courts (Foster has night comp now)
- Good skate park and walking tracks
- Want to get rail trail happening
- Rec Reserve: need help to coordinate clubs into the future
- Want to dredge boat ramp (stopped by greens / government departments- "sea grass")
- Only 2 (good) access points to fishing areas
- Bennison Rec Reserve, used for equestrian sports, is wet and unsafe for use, needs drainage works. Pony club uses other areas because of drainage issues and because parking is difficult. Possibly an unsuitable site? There are some works that could happen to improve the site though. Crown Land.

## 7.2 Community Forum – Mirboo North 19<sup>th</sup> June 2007

### Other Shire-wide issues?

- How the will Rec Plan fit in with the Health and Fitness plan for the Shire? Will the 2 plans be combined? Eg. identification of walking trails and accessibility
- Identifying alternatives to the 'gym' function, and accommodating activities at different facilities
- Potential to purchase the block of land beside the gym to accommodate additional facilities (especially for use during school hours)

### Mirboo North

#### Issues:

- Creative Village: the advisory group to the Shire for Baromi Park, started in 1996. Has found walking / cycling / off-road trails are in high demand
- Facilities include:
  - Schools and Community Gymnasium (1x small basketball court, also used for tai kwon do),
  - "green room" used by the school for recreation,
  - multi-purpose hall at the Rec Reserve (holds a palates class),
  - scout hall (not shared with other activities),
  - A&P large shed (used for storage)- talk to retrofit for indoor use eg netball,
  - RSL hall (used for tai-chi),
  - community gardens.
- Lots of activities are available, issue is knowing *what* is available: community newspaper, notice board outside supermarket, disseminate info through the Mirboo Country Development group (website), community list at Library etc
- Because of working arrangements, it is often difficult to access information about what is available and meeting/mixing with other people
- Funding available through netball/football clubs (via SRV)
- Is the Mirboo North Shire hall used to capacity? It is expensive to hire/rent, and quite large (too large for some activities)
- Is governance training run by the Shire? Previously it was for S86 committees. A 'How To' manual may be useful (see agencies eg. DSE for this type of information). Also, the Community Strengthening Dept advocate grants via the Community Engagement Seminar
- Many Latrobe Valley people travel to the pool (3 depths, setting, BBQ provision, town hangout in Summer for teens and families). Mirboo Nth pool is a summer events pool, need to travel to other pools in the municipality for year round use. Has a unique setting (cold water, outdoors)
- The pool will require major funding in future
- Pool issues over next 5-10 years: aging, concern over structural failure, need to plan for future. Issue: fix to original 60's design, or upgrade for today/future? Need family change rooms, accessible facilities, café, first aid room, decide whether to cover it... People like the setting, don't know if people want change
- Many people travel the rail trail and Lyre Bird walk
- Beside the Library is a small garden, started from a grant, which is now getting larger than the community group can support and now want the Shire to manage the maintenance of it
- Concern over how many of the recommendations can actually be implemented
- Rec Reserve: main oval has 14ft drop, drainage problem requiring major \$, tennis courts (x4) require re-seal also used for netball, surrounding area requires upgrade/seal (eg around hall and playground), Cricket Club looking to develop turf wicket

- #1 Rec Reserve priority: reseal around hall (or maybe the upgrade of the oval)
- Golf Course: great asset, home to Vic Junior Golf
- Bowls Club: recently got a synthetic green, looking now towards internal clubhouse retrofitting, also require formal car parking
- Ideally want a trail from beyond the Bowls Club, past the School, past Baths Rd Res, through Baromi Park, onto a pedestrian underpass to the Rec Reserve
- Existing Gym, privately owned land with an undersized hall. Have ideas to purchase the block next door for recreation use, especially during school hours. It would be a community development in conjunction with the schools
- There is huge demand on the Gym between the 2 schools. Hall is over timetabled, and there are issues when it is raining during school PE classes
- May need to talk to the School Council re: future of the hall and demand for indoor space
- Building an auditorium, to be used for school classes, also (secondary) for community use
- Good Sports Programs have been making positive change
- Baromi Park- underage drinking, a culture issue, not a sport club issue. Also an issue of only a few activities for youth to do in a small town
- Structure Plan: public open space / Gippsland Water Treatment Plant conflicts? Probably referring to the Lyre Bird Walk?
- Structure Plan: Land available for sport and recreation was mentioned. This is not an issue of land shortage, but retaining what is currently there and avoiding incremental development in open space
- Supporting volunteers: an ongoing issue of time and money to off-set grant applications, can drain enthusiasm for involvement. Mirboo Country Development is the umbrella group intended to support community groups as a whole
- The Shire has a Grants Officer who works on sizable grant projects
- Have 500-600 volunteer groups in the municipality
- Groups need/want assistance filling in application forms, but too big a job for the one Grants Officer to do
- Councillors have \$10k discretionary fund for community groups- at times small assistance is a huge help (eg. pot hole grading)
- Question to ask when grants come to increase: should they increase in cash donations or through provision of some services/tasks by the Shire?
- Some tasks are not done well by volunteers/out of their league: eg. managing the implementation of the Baromi Park plan. Need mediation over who is responsible for what between the Shire and volunteers

## 7.3 Community Forum – Leongatha 27<sup>th</sup> June 2007

### Leongatha

#### Issues:

- Recreation Reserve and Committee of Management doing a good job.
- Township is projected to undergo population growth - and ageing.
- Condition of roads and limited funds to improve them.
- Direction and advice towards funding opportunities.
- Rec Reserve is constrained by land availability.
- Seeking direction of possible future athletics track.
- Future location for the regular circus - previously provided at the Rec Reserve.
- Community facilities & meeting rooms to accommodate arts and craft activities.
- Mesley Hall to cater for performing arts.
- Limited facilities for 'dance' activities and performances.
- Difficulties with using school facilities and they need to be available when the community needs them.
- Where possible retain facilities and activities in one central area (ie. Recreation Reserve).
- Land adjacent the Rec Reserve may be available for an athletics track, may require a reorganisation of the golf course.
- An advantage of the golf course is that it is walkable from the town centre.
- Upgrading of the equestrian park and concern of the long-term tenure of the land.
- Seeking assistance for a course redesign, and desire to improve the area vegetation.
- Limitations of on site parking and are losing competition and events to alternative sites that can better cater for them.
- Constraints with pavilion and amenities that are provided - additional shade and showers required.
- Leongatha Tennis Club - have 8 porous courts and limited use during water restrictions.
- Hard courts are too hard for some older players, not their preferred surface.
- Plans to install water tanks to help with maintenance. Plans to undertake a feasibility study for a major surface replacement.
- Looking forward, are the existing courts enough to cater for future demand and population growth.
- Direction regarding the future and support for courts in rural areas.
- Leongatha and a court at Foster are the only porous courts in the Shire - this brings in players from the around the Shire.
- Perhaps a hierarchy around the shire to meet the diversity of demand - social, casual, visitors, competition
- Travel is a constraint for competition and training, particularly if activity is centralised in one location
- Potential for sharing of facilities and the implications for doing or not.
- Better promotion of school facilities that could offer community facilities
- Pony clubs / riding clubs appear to experience similar issues, particularly space constraints - could look at a possible regional scale facility or a diversity of facilities that could each provide for different disciplines.
- Local adult riding and pony clubs are increasing, locally.
- No option to participate in senior athletics, significant travel is required.
- Losing students and residents that move away from there area to train and participate in athletics, as well as those that regularly commute to athletics training
- Could be significant demand from surrounding townships to use a quality athletics track.

- The level and depth of competition at Leongatha in Little A's brings participants in from other regions and areas
- A preferred site for a new track would be the Rec Reserve, but alternative locations may be acceptable.
- Benefits for families and participation to have facilities and sports within the one precinct - share facilities, less travel
- Leongatha has a range of facilities and opportunities for visitors - it helps to draw them in and also retain them.
- Has the ability to offer a good depth of competition and a range of activities.
- Perhaps greater assistance required for less traditional and smaller sports / activities.
- Could prioritise on population numbers, levels of participation, maximising facilities, promote sharing.
- Players often play in a range of areas and may not reflect local population figures.
- Provide access to available Council skills, staff and experience (ie. Access to parks and gardens staff for improvements - redressing surfaces, sealing car parks, perhaps at a reduced rate for local clubs)
- Need for greater sharing of resources and equipment, particularly maintenance equipment - perhaps controlled and monitored by Council
- Opportunities for sharing - public toilets
- Question over demand for squash and suggestion that existing courts may be reaching the need for improvement
- Squash competition in place and links developed with schools / school programs.
- Possible future facilities - ten pin bowling could be provided in a multi-use capacity with gymnasium, squash etc.
- Growing demand for fitness classes and hydro pool to cater for the ageing population. High demand for aquarobics at Splash.
- The health and physical activity classes could be supported by Council, but may be the role of community groups and / or private sector to operate them - Council could provide access to quality venues though
- The flexible and multi-purpose use of halls can also make it difficult for clubs that don't have access to storage or dedicated space
- Look at future design and development for truly multi-purpose facilities.
- Some existing halls and facilities are often cold, noisy, lack storage space
- Accessing funding to upgrade these facilities is often difficult to obtain.

#### **Priorities:**

- Safety in facilities and conducting of activities

### **Tarwin Lower**

#### **Issues:**

- Location of the tennis club and court resurfacing
- The more visible sport and recreation is the more vibrant activity is
- Casual participants in tennis is high during summer periods
- New netball courts recently developed
- Funding for facility improvements
- Activity in tennis has remained constant, need to retain numbers and the quality of facilities
- New facilities may help to attract a more diverse group of players
- No floodlights on tennis courts
- Contributions towards facility improvement are draining on club finances
- River access improvement has been positive
- Limitations through lack of mains water access

## 7.4 Community Forum – Korumburra June 28<sup>th</sup> 2007

### Other Shire-wide issues?

- Better communication with peak sporting bodies, leagues and associations - help to set a wider strategic direction, particularly across the Gippsland region
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### Korumburra

#### Issues:

- The majority of funding for facilities in the town has come from the community. This may not be sustainable in the future.
- Recreation facilities are currently servicing needs, but may not in the future if the population grows.
- Cricket, basketball, volleyball, netball, badminton, football, bowls, tennis, croquet, pony club, indoor bowls, shooting, skate park, aerobics, swimming - motor bikes at Outrim
- Major project at the sporting precinct happening - grant has been approved
- Basketball has a very high participation - ages 5 to 35 age groups is 35%, highest in Victoria
- Football club concerns regarding the size of the 'top' recreation reserve and have moved activities to the Showgrounds - concern is that the ground is leased and costs. However it is the only facility that can cater for football club expansion.
- Wide distribution of existing sporting facilities, preference would be have them centrally located.
- There is a disparity in funding between reserves / locations / committee's
- Swimming pool is the only olympic sized swimming pool from Dandenong out - draws regional schools to host carnivals and tournaments
- It is a priority swimming pool for maintenance and improvement.
- Potential new location for tennis and lawn bowling club should population grow.
- **Potential to create a "sporting body" to oversee and plan the future of sport in the township / district.** Help to set the direction in a coordinated way, with a prioritised plan. Will help to increase communication amongst and between groups.
- Previous success achieved through the "Shire Raffle"
- Volleyball - stadium is inadequate to cater for volleyball. One of the top rural regional volleyball competition in Victoria - has a strong junior program.
- Under-sized courts, no run-off and height restrictions. Look at potential development / expansion.
- Traffic management and car parking issues associated with the showgrounds / sporting precinct - a decent access from the Highway would assist to provide an overall improvement. Potential to create an access from the sale yards (which have been sold - maybe for commercial development).
- Future planning for floodlighting of the lawn bowls club - can bowl year round on the synthetic green
- 16 bowls clubs in South Gippsland with the majority having synthetic greens
- Master Planning exercise for the showgrounds precinct - question the future of the "drill hall".
- Ensuring the correct equipment is available to cater for a range of participation markets
- Golf course
- Korumburra Public Park - the need to improve the walking trails / tracks, it is one of the only locations to cater for major walking tracks
- Promotion of existing facilities and activities - "what to do and where".

## Loch

### Issues:

- Loch Reserve - cricket, tennis, walking, camping, exercise, youth activities.
- The reserve is segregated from the town and requires better access from town centre - suggestion of an underpass to improve access, particularly for walkers and school students
- Township caters for lawn bowls, Lions Club market.
- Thinking about space between the town centre and rec reserve - seeking greater input from the community regarding improvements
- Reserve has a grant application in for clubroom refurbishment and to install fitness stations. Potential for tennis court resurfacing.
- Skate park have an upcoming auction to raise funds for skate park landscaping, in conjunction with Council and SRV.
- Attempts to make the bowls club more attractive for the younger population. Possible installation of a synthetic surface - potentially seeking Council and funding assistance
- Received Vic Health grant for new equipment. Received grant for water tanks and applications in for clubroom improvements.
- Difficult to attract new members from within a small township.
- All experience volunteer and committee representation difficulties

## Poowong

### Issues:

- On the Recreation Reserve we have football, cricket (jointly with Loch), tennis, netball
- Facilities are relatively modern, football rooms are multi-purpose
- Significant power access is now available throughout the Reserve so can host the Dairy Expo
- The ground is in 'good condition' - which is managed by a Committee of Management. Football club generally maintain the playing surface, and has had many upgrades.
- **Require additional land** at the Recreation Reserve, which is currently owned by a developer and will be expensive to acquire - looking for Shire assistance to take a land contribution through future sub-division
- Have a dairy expo at the Recreation Reserve that experiences some parking issues
- Have 2 services clubs, a sports stadium catering for squash and basketball, swimming pool (seasonal).
- Primary school is looking to develop a cycling track, through Education Dept funding. Looking at potential to connect to the Rec Reserve
- Stadium - squash and basketball generally, badminton is no longer played. Could be potential to add some new activities. Draw participants from the neighbouring district(s)
- Stadium users have dropped off over the past few years. Squash are back to 1 grade, no junior competition anymore.
- Basketball used to have 7-8 junior teams, back to mixed junior teams (maybe 5 or 6).
- The addition of land will help to create and retain a centralised sports precinct.
- The preference would be to retain and improve the existing swimming pool. It would be expected that an improvement would be justifiable throughout the community.
- In the short-term the heating of the pool may help to prolong the operating season.

## 7.5 Community Briefing – Leongatha May 28<sup>th</sup> 2007

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### Open Space Issues

- Poowong Recreation Reserve: There is a need for extra land
- Expansion and development of Leongatha Recreation Reserve and it being land locked. Is there need another sports site?
- Utilise school sites- especially for sport – partnership agreements
- Connectivity and linkages for off road paths and trails
- Leongatha Equestrian Park need for security of tenure – Council future plans for the land?

### Recreation Issues

- Funding support is required for management committees – how? Levy from rates?
- Support for seeking funds – assist with grants, grant writing, planning
- Committee of Managements structure and succession planning