



Sheffield Recreation Precinct Master Plan Report

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1. INTRODUCTION

Sheffield is a town 23km inland from Devonport on the north-west coast of Tasmania. Sheffield is located along the route to the iconic Cradle Mountain World Heritage area. The town also serves as the main shopping hub for outlying agricultural areas. The Sheffield area is well known for its agricultural industries such as dairy, lamb and beef as well as boutique food and wine.

The Sheffield Recreation Ground located in Spring Street is the main sporting facility in Sheffield. It is the home ground of the Sheffield Robins Football Club and Sheffield Mountaineers Cricket Club, and has a variety of other users. The Kentish Pony and Hack Club grounds are located next to the oval and are used for training, competition and club room. There is a disused concrete cycle track around the oval.

The home of Redwater Creek Steam and Heritage Society is also adjacent to the oval, on the corner of Spring Street and Sheffield Road. This area houses a heritage train station where visitors and locals can take steam train rides on weekends. There are other permanent structures onsite including large storage sheds for historic machinery. The Society hosts the annual SteamFest event in Sheffield on the long weekend in March.

The former tip site is adjacent to the oval and is used informally as a playing area and off-leash dog walking area.

All these areas collectively form the Sheffield Recreation Precinct.

The Sheffield Recreation Precinct Master Plan has been commissioned to plan for the needs of the user groups and Sheffield for the next 20 to 30 years. The plan considers:

- The future needs of the user groups and the Sheffield Recreation Ground Special Committee of Council;
- The expansion of Council's stormwater assets located underneath the precinct;
- Potential conflicts between user groups;
- The need to ensure that the values are maintained; and
- The need for adequate management of the resources into the future.



1.1 Purpose of the Study

The purpose of this project is to develop a Master Plan for the Sheffield Recreation Precinct. The main aims of the Master Plan are to:

- Assess existing usage and facility provision, and likely future demand;
- Identify issues and opportunities; and
- Identify priorities for development over the next 30 years and estimated costs.

The plan also provides the following outcomes:

- A description of the natural and heritage values of the area;
- An overview of the existing use, user groups, facilities/infrastructure;
- Identification of the adequacy, constraints and improvements needed for the existing infrastructure;
- Future appropriate development;
- Competing interests among users and potential master plan and management solutions;
- Identification of issues, ideas and future opportunities from community consultation;
- Recommended management options and associated costs involved with implementation; and
- A detailed priority action plan outlining all recommended actions.

1.2 Methodology

The following methodology has been used in the development of the Sheffield Recreation Precinct Master Plan:

- Site inspections, condition and provision analysis;
- Steering Committee Meetings;
- Analysis of industry and participation trends;
- Review of demographic profile and relevant literature;
- Community and stakeholder consultation including:
 - Interviews with key stakeholders;
 - Public meeting; and
 - On site meetings;
- Investigation of key issues;
- Analysis of opportunities and constraints;
- Identification of design principles;
- Development of a Draft Master Plan and Report;
- Exhibition of the Draft Master Plan and Report; and
- Development of Final Master Plan and Report for Council endorsement.



2. BACKGROUND REVIEW

A detailed background review was undertaken as part of the master planning process to provide planning and policy context. This included a review of relevant literature, demographic data and participation trends.

2.1 Literature Review

The following documents were reviewed to ensure the master plan is consistent with Council's strategic directions and planning processes.

Kentish Council – Strategic Plan 2014-2024

The vision: *'Is that Kentish is known as a distinctive place where people want to live; for its caring community that celebrates the arts, diversity, the awesome natural environment and its vibrant local economy.'*

Council's objectives and strategies cover four areas 1) Infrastructure; 2) Economic and Community Development; 3) Governance and Organisational Development and 4) Planning and Development.

Completion and consideration of the Sheffield Recreation Precinct Master Plan is an action (1.4.6) in the Infrastructure (Parks and Reserves) section of the Strategic Plan.

Other documents reviewed as part of the master planning process include:

- Kentish Council Planning Scheme 2005 – 2010
- Kentish Indicators 2014



2.2 Demographics

Kentish Council

The population of Kentish Council / Local Government Area (LGA) was 6,104 in 2011, which had increased by 5.9% from 2006 and by a further 7.2% from 5,374 persons in 2001. The 2014-2024 Kentish Council Strategic Plan indicates the 2013 population to be 6,495, indicating a continued increase. As shown in the following table Kentish Council has a higher proportion of children aged 5-14 years compared to the state and national averages. A higher number of adults aged 55 years and over is evident when compared to the national average. The majority of residents were born in Australia (84.7%) and 3.6% are Indigenous persons (compared to 2.3% in Australia).

The following table provides a summary of the age profile and comparative information for Sheffield in 2006 and 2011, Kentish LGA, Tasmania and Australia.

Age Cohort	Sheffield (State Suburb) 2006		Sheffield (State Suburb) 2011		Kentish LGA 2011		Tasmania 2011	Australia 2011
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	%	%
0 – 4 years	84	6.0	82	5.3	363	5.9	6.3	6.6
5 – 14 years	190	13.6	193	12.5	838	13.7	12.7	12.7
15 – 24 years	152	10.9	159	10.3	678	11.1	12.6	13.3
25 – 54 years	501	35.9	514	33.4	2,456	40.2	38.8	41.8
55 – 64 years	212	15.2	244	15.9	890	14.6	13.5	11.6
65 + years	258	18.5	346	22.5	879	14.3	16.3	14.0
Median age	43		47		42		40	37

Source: Australian Bureau of Statistics 2006 and 2011 Census Data, Place of Usual Residence.

Sheffield

Sheffield (State Suburb) at the time of the 2011 census has:

- A total population of 1,538 people, a 10% increase on the 2006 census figure of 1,397.
- A lower proportion of children aged 0-4 years compared to Kentish LGA, Tasmania and Australia.
- A higher proportion of adults aged 55 years and over (38.4%) compared to Kentish LGA (28.9%), Tasmania (29.8%) and Australia (25.6%). Sheffield's 55 years and over group has increased from 33.7% of the population in 2006.
- A higher median age (47 years), compared to Kentish LGA (42 years), Tasmania (40 years) and Australia (37 years).

The demographic profile of Sheffield highlights the need to cater for all age groups through the provision of a diverse range of opportunities and activities. In particular it will be important to cater for older adults, and strategically crucial to provide good activity options for children.

2.3 Participation

The Exercise, Recreation and Sport Survey (ERASS) has been a joint initiative of the Australian Sports Commission and the state and territory government agencies responsible for sport and recreation. The first survey was conducted in 2001.

Following a Standing Committee on Recreation and Sport review into options for the most effective means of participation data collection, ERASS was wound up in 2011. It has been replaced by a biennial participation survey by the Australian Bureau of Statistics from 2012.

Unfortunately, this means that trend data from ERASS cannot be compared to contemporary data. In this section, data from both surveys is utilised, but great care must be taken in drawing conclusions from the figures.

An analysis of the 2010 Exercise, Recreation and Sport Survey (ERASS) results provides valuable information about the participation trends for persons aged 15 years and over in Australia, and more specifically, Tasmania. A summary of some of the key findings is provided below.

- In 2010, 82.3% of Australians participated at least once in physical activity for exercise, recreation or sport. (This is referred to as the 'total' participation rate.)
- Tasmania has a slightly lower rate of total participation (80.3%) as Australia and this has increased from 77.2% in 2001.
- Females in Tasmania have a higher regular participation rate than males (48.1% compared to 41.9%).
- In Tasmania, total participation remains the highest among those aged 15-24 years (89.2%) and declines to 70.5% for people aged 65 years and over.
- In 2010, the 35-44 year age group had the highest rate of regular participation in Tasmania (49.3%), followed by the 25-34 year age group (48.4%). Both of these participation rates are higher than the national rate (of 46.0% and 45.7% respectively).

The following table provides a list of the top ten physical activities undertaken in Australia and Tasmania in 2009.

Top 10 physical activities undertaken in Australia and Tasmania 2010

Australia			Tasmania		
Rank	Activity	Participation rate (%)	Rank	Activity	Participation rate (%)
1	Walking	35.9	1	Walking	38.4
2	Aerobics / Fitness	23.5	2	Aerobics / Fitness	17.7
3	Swimming	13.0	3	Swimming	11.5
4	Cycling	11.9	4	Cycling	11.1
5	Running	10.6	5	Running	8.0
6	Golf	6.7	6	Bushwalking	9.0
7	Tennis	6.0	7	Golf	6.0
8	Bushwalking	4.8	8	Aust Rules Football	4.4
9	Football (soccer)	4.8	9	Cricket (outdoor)	4.6
10	Netball	3.7	10	Tennis	4.1

Source: "Participation in Exercise, Recreation and Sport – Annual Report 2010".

Data from the Participation in Sport and Physical Recreation Survey, administered by the Australian Bureau of Statistics, is summarised in the table below:

Top 10 sport and physical recreation activities in Australia and Tasmania 2009-10 and 2011-12

Activity	2009-10		2011-12	
	Tasmanian participation rate (%)	Australian participation rate (%)	Tasmanian participation rate (%)	Australian participation rate (%)
Walking for exercise	29.1	21.2	28.5	23.6
Aerobics/fitness/gym	9.1	13.2	15.3	17.1
Jogging/running	4.4	6.8	6.2	7.5
Swimming/diving	6.5	8.5	6.0	7.8
Cycling/bmxing	7.4	5.3	5.8	7.6
Bush walking	5.1	2.7	5.3	2.4
Golf	3.4	4.2	4.5	4.8
Tennis	2.3	4.1	2.8	4.2
Netball	2.5	2.2	2.5	2.5
Soccer (outdoor)	1.2	3.4	2.2	2.7

Source: http://www.getmoving.tas.gov.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0009/75069/Key_messages_for_Tas_PA_data_edited_as_per_PPAC_mtg_minutes_28032013.pdf

Although the data contained in the two tables is not directly comparable, the following conclusions can reasonably be drawn:

- There is great variability in the data (such as the apparently low reporting of Australian Rules Football and Cricket in the ABS data, and the variance in reported frequency of walking for exercise between the two surveys). Some of this is due to different survey methodology and definitions.
- The top 10 activities participated in by Tasmanians in all surveys were similar to the national top ten, and reasonably consistent in ranking between the different surveys.
- Walking, cycling and running feature highly in all surveys. All these activities can take place in the Sheffield Recreation Precinct.
- Although not featured in all surveys, netball, Australian Rules football, soccer and cricket are still popular activities for Tasmanians.

The Australian Bureau of Statistics' "Children's Participation in Cultural and Leisure Activities" (2009) provides information about the participation trends for children aged 5 to 14 years. Some relevant findings include:

- An estimated 63% of children aged 5-14 years participate in at least one organised sport outside of school hours. The most popular sport for children was swimming with a participation rate of 19%, followed by soccer (13%) and Australian Rules football (9%).
- Approximately 60% of children ride a bike, which has declined from 68% in 2003.
- An estimated 49% of children participate in skateboarding, rollerblading or riding a scooter. Boys are more likely than girls to participate in both of these activities.
- Approximately 48% spend time on art and craft activities (outside of school hours). Girls are more likely than boys to participate in arts and craft activities.

2.4 Benefits of Participation and Open Space

Research shows that there are five key benefits to participation in recreation and physical activity. These benefits are listed below:

Health Benefits	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improved physical fitness and co-ordination. • Increased life expectancy. • Decreased risk of heart disease and stroke. • Reduced risk of a range of cancers. • Decreased likelihood of anxiety and depression.
Personal Benefits	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increased self-esteem. • Reduction in antisocial tendencies. • Reduced likelihood of social isolation. • Improvement / maintenance of mental health.
Community Benefits	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strengthened community identity and spirit. • Enhanced community pride. • Improved capacity for social interaction / connections. • Strengthened community support networks. • Provision of settings for people to socialise and experience volunteerism.
Economic Benefits	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Employment generation. • Volunteering. • Infrastructure development. • Linking local business and community recreation through sponsorship.
Environmental Benefits	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improved visual and aesthetic values associated with enhanced landscape amenity. • Improved environments for flora and fauna. • Sustainable use of resources. • Continued growth of an environmental ethic.

3. THE SHEFFIELD RECREATION PRECINCT SITE

The Sheffield Recreation Precinct is located on the corner of Main Street and Spring Street on the north-eastern edge of town. It is approximately 15.6 ha in size. Spring Street runs along the western boundary of the site.

The site is bordered mainly by residential and rural residential properties to the south and west, and by the Waste Transfer Station to the east. East Victoria Street (the Waste Transfer Station access) leads towards the site from the south-west, but does not connect into the site or through to Spring Street. There is lightly treed countryside to the north.

The site connects to the K-10 Sheffield School through Albert Street. The school grounds contain some limited sports grounds and facilities.



3.1 Existing Management

The Sheffield Recreation Ground Special Committee of Council is responsible for the management of the oval, club rooms and change rooms. The Sheffield Football and Cricket Clubs have seasonal leases over the oval, club rooms and change rooms. Kentish Council mows the oval, empties the rubbish and recycling bins and undertakes major maintenance as required.

The Kentish Pony and Hack Club have a lease and manage and maintain their grounds and club-room which is located on the northern side of the oval, hatched purple on the map below. The Pony Club shares the 'Away Team' toilet block with the football and cricket clubs.

Council manages and maintains the RV overnight area immediately east of the oval, a blackwater dump point to the west of the oval at the park entrance and the former tip site which includes an informal playing area. It is noted that while not a designated dog off-leash area, many people utilise the informal parts of the precinct for (off-leash) dog walking.

The Redwater Creek Steam and Heritage Society manages, operates and maintains the railway station, track, sheds and machinery which lies south of the oval. The Redwater Creek site is hatched pale blue on the map below.



3.2 Existing Conditions

The Sheffield Recreation Precinct consists of a range of facilities and features which are summarised below and shown on an aerial photo of the site on the following page.

Sheffield Recreation Ground	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Sheffield Recreation Ground consists of 5.5ha of land containing a football/cricket oval with a turf wicket, RV parking area and an open, grassed former landfill undeveloped area. • Other infrastructure includes clubrooms, changing facilities, an equipment shed, a spectator grandstand, coaches' shelters, timekeepers' box, five poles with training lighting, a disused cycle track around the oval and three cyclone wire cricket nets with concrete pitches. • The oval and cycling track are surrounded by a galvanized pipe fence. • The site has virtually no trees or shelter from wind and sun, other than trees in the Pony Club site bordering the oval to the north. • A graveled access road runs around the outside of the oval and is accessible via Spring Street. The road also provides access to the cricket nets and the RV camping area. • A blackwater dump point is located at the entrance to the Recreation Ground and is used by RV campers. • The open, grassed former landfill undeveloped area has been in the past used as an informal second oval, but is too small and has an irregular surface due to the previous landfill activity. Council has determined this area to be not suitable for playing sport in its current condition. This open area is also used for off-leash dog walking, and as an overflow area for Steamfest and other events.
Pony and Hack Club Ground	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Pony and Hack Club Grounds consist of 4.2 ha of land of triangular shape, containing Pony Club buildings and rooms and a large open area almost completely surrounded by mature trees. • Other infrastructure includes a toilet block (in average condition) located on the eastern edge of the Recreation Ground, a dressage arena and various small buildings, tethering areas and jumps structures. • There is an open area in the middle of the site which is used for equestrian events.
Redwater Creek Steam and Heritage Society	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Redwater Creek Steam and Heritage Society 5.6 ha lease area comprises the main site on the corner of Main Street and Spring Street, and a 600 metre linear corridor of 0.5 ha following the alignment of the railway track. The track wraps around the southeastern boundary of the Recreation Precinct. • Infrastructure includes two large sheds, the restored Sheffield Railway station building, the railway track, graveled access tracks, and various smaller buildings. • There are some trees on site, but other than buildings, the site is open and flat. Some of the site is used for tent and caravan accommodation during Steamfest. • A small area of land fronting Spring Street including a shed is sub-leased as a Men's Shed. The land is approximately 0.1 ha.



Redwater Creek Steam & Heritage Society:

- 1 MENS SHED
- 2 RAILWAY BUILDINGS
- 3 EQUIPMENT SHED
- 4 TRAIN SHED
- 5 STATION BUILDING

RAIL TRACK

Recreation Ground:

- 1 R.V. CAMPING AREA
- 2 CLUB ROOMS
- 3 STORAGE SHED
- 4 BLACK-WATER PUMP OUTLET
- 5 DRAINAGE OUTLET
- 6 TURF PITCH
- 7 GRANDSTAND
- 8 CRICKET NETS
- 9 SCOREBOARD
- 10 TOILETS
- 11 OLD CONCRETE PITCH
- 12 DISUSED CONCRETE VELODROME

Pony & Hack Club:

- 1 JUMPS AREA
- 2 EQUESTRIAN CLUBHOUSE
- 3 TACK / STORE
- 4 SAND MENAGE
- 5 STALLS / PENS

General Items:

- * LIGHTS
- ACCESS POINTS

3.3 Groups regularly using the Recreation Precinct

The following groups submitted responses to the Organisation Questionnaire which was circulated in March 2014:

<i>Organisation</i>	<i>Members</i>	<i>Events</i>	<i>Facilities</i>	<i>Usage</i>
Redwater Creek Steam and Heritage Society	200 volunteers	SteamFest (March long weekend)	Redwater site Motorhome site Former tip site Rec Ground car park Spring/Albert St	Redwater Ck site in constant use with volunteer activity SteamFest 7000 visitors
		Kids Great Day Out (November weekend)	Redwater site	Popular event
Kentish Community Men's Shed	30 volunteers	Regular usage	Shed located on Redwater Creek site	Year round usage
Sheffield Cricket Club	105 members	Cricket season: Senior 1 st and 2 nd Grade Junior U13; U17	Rec Ground Cricket nets Clubrooms Change facilities	October-March Training: Thursday evening Games: Saturday and Sunday
Sheffield Football Club	100 members 15 volunteers	Football season: Two senior teams	Rec Ground Clubrooms Change facilities	April-September Training: Tuesday/Thursday evening Games: Saturday and Sunday
Sheffield School	70 players	Cricket and Football	Rec Ground Change facilities Cricket nets	Friday afternoons
	Whole school	School Athletics Carnival	Rec Ground	Annual, during summer
Kentish Pony and Hack Club	34 members 20 volunteers	3 major events each year	Pony Club ground Shared use of toilet	Casual use apart from events

4. COMMUNITY INPUT / CONSULTATION

During February and March 2014, interviews were held with key stakeholders and groups interested in specific developments for the site. This was followed by a public forum attended by 20 people representing Council, groups and community to discuss and provide input into the preparation of the Master Plan.

The following stakeholders have been engaged as part of this process:

- Kentish Council;
- Sheffield Recreation Ground Special Committee;
- Kentish Pony and Hack Club;
- Sheffield Football Club;
- Sheffield Cricket Club;
- Redwater Creek Steam and Heritage Society;
- Kentish Community Men's Shed;
- Motor Home Group;
- Tasmanian Trail Group;
- Sheffield School; and
- Neighbouring residents and interested community members.



4.1 Summary of Community input

The following comments and thoughts were expressed throughout the consultation process, in submissions, surveys and workshops:



What we are trying to achieve at the site:

- A shared, versatile site with flexibility for future opportunity.
- A well connected site that has good internal and external linkages to other destinations and features.
- A safe area for recreation and community wellbeing for people of all ages.
- An open green area that looks good, is inviting and allows for flexible use.
- A feeling of space and openness – ‘unplanned’ but not cluttered.
- Excellent visibility into and through the site.
- Good passive surveillance to promote safety and enhance the profile of the site.
- Sufficient car parking to support the proposed uses of the site.
- A space that promotes community cohesion.

Ideas for development of the site:

- Revamped sports changing rooms and toilet block upgrades.
- Upgraded oval with improved drainage, refurbishment of the cricket nets, extra lighting for training and new turf, roller and covers for the wicket area.
- Development of a second cricket oval on the landfill site, or relocation of the second oval to land adjacent to Sheffield School.
- Synthetic pitch for second oval.
- Off-leash dog area on the landfill site.
- Toilet relocation for the Pony Club.
- General site improvements for the Pony Club.
- Development plans for Redwater Creek including Café/Museum, Timber Heritage display and development of an Artisan Village.
- Suggestions for temporary camping areas for events.
- Public art and sponsored signs painted on the cycle track around the oval.
- Promotion of Sheffield as a ‘hub’ for the Tasmania Trail, encouraging people to stay longer in the area and use facilities in the town.

Suggestions for improved pathways / connections:

- Connection through the precinct from Spring St to East Victoria St (to be established as pedestrian access that could be opened up to vehicles on an as-needs basis or for emergencies).
- Improved paths and connectivity through the site and precinct.

Main oval and facilities:

The main oval was assessed by Cricket North West for the 2013/14 Cricket season. Results were provided to Clubs and Councils on 4 June 2014. The following feedback was provided through match reports for areas of improvement:

- The centre wicket block needs a consistent, even cover of grass. Maintenance and preparation for cricket needs to be done as soon as possible after the completion of the football season. The lack of grass cover has a real impact on the quality of pitches throughout the season. In the latter half of the season wickets were cracking up and the ball was keeping low, impacting on the quality of cricket played.
- Some shade near the visitors' change-rooms would be appreciated. It is inconvenient to drag a heap of cricket gear from the visitors' change rooms around to the grandstand just to find some shade.
- The outdoor nets are in severe need of refurbishment. The gravel run-ups are dangerous.
- The ground requires a better covering system, to avoid water getting in under the covers, as happened on several occasions. Either a larger cover or better drainage around the pitch square is required.
- The toilets for the visitors' change-rooms need more regular cleaning and could be refurbished.



5. ANALYSIS OF THE KEY ISSUES

A number of key issues and opportunities have emerged from an assessment of the precinct site, community consultation and background research. These issues are summarised below under six key headings.

5.1 General site issues

The Sheffield Recreation Precinct is made up of four distinct areas – the sports ground, Pony Club site, the former tip site and the Redwater Creek site. However, when there is a major activity in the Precinct (such as SteamFest or a Pony Club event), it is possible to use other parts of the site for car parking, temporary camping or other purposes.

Sharing of sites and facilities is easily the best way to ensure that Sheffield gets good value out of the Recreation Precinct. Of course this requires continuing good relationships and cooperation between groups, but it is a vitally important part of the Precinct's future success in serving the Sheffield community.

- The principle of sharing sites and facilities is strongly endorsed through this Master Plan process.
- Some comments were received in relation to the management of vehicles in the Precinct particularly for SteamFest, Pony Club events and game day for cricket or football. The roadway around the oval was viewed by some to be too narrow and in need of upgrading, possibly to be sealed in the future.
- Other suggestions were made to open up vehicular access from East Victoria Street. It was felt that this could be opened seasonally. However, an unformed vehicular track in that location could easily end up as a boggy mess. A properly formed road for vehicles would be expensive to construct and maintain.
- Some comments supported a pedestrian pathway, continuing the alignment of East Victoria Street across the site between the oval and the pony ground. This would also provide a link to the Tasmanian Trail, incorporating the proposed Mountain Bike Trail Council is investigating, and help make a connection with the facilities at the Sheffield Recreation Precinct.
- It may be possible to create a pedestrian pathway that is wide enough for very occasional vehicular use, for example during SteamFest.
- Another suggestion was made for a pathway following the alignment of the railway, connecting the Redwater Creek site with East Victoria Street. It was also suggested that the pedestrian access along Albert Street, between Sheffield School and the Recreation Precinct could be improved.
- Based on demographic data, reported popular activities and the current recreational use of the Precinct, there would be value in creating and designating a running circuit, comprised of existing graveled roadways, the pedestrian network, mown grass areas, and pathways on the Redwater site, all linked together in a continuous circuit. The circuit could be used for training purposes as well as casually.



5.2 Landscape and Amenity

Sheffield is located in a beautiful setting, with the backdrop of Mount Roland and the rural landscape of the valley. The Recreation Precinct benefits from this visual context.

- There is general support in the community to retain the sense of space and openness of the Precinct. This is consistent with encouraging flexible use of the site and avoiding visual and spatial clutter.
- View lines to Mount Roland are highly valued by the community and should be retained and enhanced through effective use of vegetation and landscaping.
- While there are plans to develop new structures on the Redwater Creek site, care should be taken to ensure that this is planned so as to retain views and the sense of space. The open area of the former tip site is a key part of meeting this objective.
- Several suggestions were made for some carefully planned planting to complement the open spaces. These suggestions included:
 - Limited provision of shade trees has been identified as being important to the overall amenity and use of the Precinct.
 - Planting of trees around the oval. This would provide some shade as well as a partial windbreak. The trees should have enough height at maturity to allow for clear views under the leaf canopy through the Precinct. A locally-indigenous species should be selected, and carefully located so as not to compromise lighting or the roadway around the oval.
 - Some vegetation to lightly separate different parts of the Precinct. Planting around the oval would be consistent with this objective.
 - Planting of medium-sized trees along Albert Street would help delineate the pedestrian pathway between Sheffield School and the Precinct.
- Across the precinct, there are many different styles of fencing, which can give a poor impression initially to the visitor. On the Redwater Creek site, there has been the introduction of post and rail fencing, reflecting the heritage aspect of the site. A move towards greater consistency in fencing styles will help to tie the elements of the site together. While this is a good thing, it does not mean that the entire precinct should be fenced in an identical and relatively expensive fashion. As various fencing reaches the end of its useful life, there should be an assessment to determine whether a fence is still required, and if it is, what style will suit and tie in with the rest of the site, in line with available budgets.
- It would be worthwhile to commission a simple Landscape Plan for the Precinct to define areas of planting, as well as open areas; recommended species; and appropriate provision of fencing, seating and other minor infrastructure. Such a Plan could help avoid short term, ad hoc decisions, and protect the valued view lines to Mount Roland, as well as preserving a sense of openness in the Precinct.



5.3 Sporting Infrastructure

The oval is important for both football and cricket and is regularly used by both junior and senior teams. It plays a crucial part in the network of facilities not just in Kentish, but in north-west Tasmania. While some aspects of the facilities (such as the clubrooms and grandstand) are in reasonable condition, there is strong agreement that improvement, replacement and upgrading of other facilities is urgently required. Cricket Tasmania has identified the Sheffield ground as the Premier league club in the state most needing facility improvement.

- Change facilities are inadequate, particularly for “away” teams. There is agreement that there should be a new change room and toilet for home and away teams, with a moveable wall to create a flexible space for club and community use.
- The new facility should include toilets and showers, with lockable external public access. This should be designed for changing room security on game day, but also the ability for the toilets to be accessed safely by members of the public at events.

There was discussion about the need for a “second oval” during the consultation. The former tip site has been previously used informally in this way. There are no accepted standards for a junior size cricket field or AFL football oval. It would be possible to fit another main Sheffield sized oval into the former tip site space, if the current overnight RV carpark were to be relocated elsewhere on site. Again, a junior oval could be squeezed in without relocating the RV carpark.

However, if the former tip site was to be converted to playing field use permanently, it would require expensive capping and continuous maintenance to fill areas of subsidence. It would also restrict the flexibility of this area to be used for other activities. Community members have strongly supported flexible use of the Precinct and the former tip site provides this capacity.

- Another option for a second oval, supported by submissions, is the oval on the northern side of Albert Street, adjacent to the Sheffield School buildings. The advantage of this location is that the oval would be available for School use, as well as for junior teams on the weekend.
- Access to school toilets for changing would have to be negotiated.
- There should also be a small shelter provided at the side of the oval.
- A new synthetic pitch could be provided on the second oval.

Feedback from Cricket North West for the 2013/14 Cricket season (as well as previous seasons) indicates that the cricket nets are in poor repair. The run-ups are believed to be dangerous. Some submissions suggested that the nets should be relocated to the junior oval at the School site, creating better access for school children. However, the Cricket Club may prefer the nets to be retained at the main oval for access for senior team training, convenient use on game day and closer location to showers and changing facilities.

- There is clear support for upgrading and extending the nets.
- An upgrade in the existing location should ensure that there are adequate and safe run-ups, proper pitch dimensions, and that occasional errant cricket balls do not damage nearby park users, vehicles or infrastructure.

There are several other improvements which could readily be undertaken:

- Improvement and extension to the centre turf square.
- Provision of improved lighting for football training.
- Provision of sight screens, a new roller and new pitch covers.

There was a suggestion that the concrete cycling track around the oval could be used partly as a surface for public art, continuing Sheffield's murals theme; and partly for sponsored advertising as a small revenue stream.

5.4 Pony Club and Hack Ground

In their response to the survey questionnaire, the Pony Club broadly indicated that they were happy with some recent works to improve the Pony Club and Hack Grounds. Outstanding issues include:

- The Club has expressed a need for toilet facilities close to the Club buildings. They want exclusive use of the facilities, but are also prepared to take on full maintenance responsibilities. Options for new toilet facilities range from the provision of a single uni-sex DDA-compliant toilet, to a larger toilet block which could be useful for events at the Pony Club Ground.
- The Club suggests that the existing toilet block at the eastern end of the oval should be demolished. If the main oval changing facilities are upgraded as recommended, demolition of the old toilet block would be supported by other user groups too.
- Other initiatives supported by the club include progressively filling the swamp area to expand the available working area and resurfacing of the main ground to fill in hollows and level out small rises.



5.5 Redwater Creek site

The Redwater Creek Steam and Heritage Society site contains several buildings and supports various activities, centred around the SteamFest event. It is a very important focal point for Sheffield from a tourism and economic viewpoint. It also provides a vitally important social and community aspect, contributing to the health and wellbeing of the town and district. The Society has several proposals for future development of the site. Because the Society leases the site, it can pursue these initiatives with the landlord and set some of its own priorities. Without seeking to limit the Society's ambitions for the site, the following comments are made, informed by the consultation process.

- Generally there seemed to be community support for the progressive expansion of facilities on the Redwater Creek site to support SteamFest and other compatible uses.
- There was also support for the modest expansion of the Men's Shed facilities to cater for the expanding needs of the group.
- The Society has recently upgraded their kitchen to commercial standards. A planning permit has been received for an amenities block south of the Big Shed. A grant application was made for the amenities block to Tasmania Community Grant Fund in March 2014.
- Redwater Creek has long term plans for a coffee shop and museum complex; a heritage timber industry display, artisan's village, extended rail line and temporary display and accommodation areas for SteamFest. The Society should prepare a simple site plan to allow Council to see the future vision for the site, and avoid ad-hoc development.
- Redwater Creek proposes a possible caravan park in the lease area, subject to any relevant planning permission, external funding being available, and suitable power, water and other services. The Society is looking for community assistance in preparing a planning permit application. However, there were some doubts expressed during the consultation as to whether a full service caravan park would be appropriate or even viable in the Precinct.
- If the RV overnight area were to be relocated, a possible option would be to accommodate the RV area within the Redwater Creek lease area. Another option would be to provide a temporary camping area off Spring Street, between the Redwater buildings and the main oval. Such an area would be used for large events such as SteamFest, and by negotiation could make use of the main oval showers, toilets and change facilities.



5.6 Former tip site

There is strong support generally to keep the former tip site area open and undeveloped, so that it is available for events, but also for landscape and aesthetic reasons.

- The area has been used as an informal junior oval, but now the School has an oval of similar dimensions, the cost of capping and resurfacing the former tip area becomes a greater issue. This cost would make formalising an oval in this location a very low priority. (See Attachment 2 p.37 for an update to this comment)
- Several suggestions were made to make the former tip site available as an off-lead dog area. It was reported that there are no other opportunities for dogs to play off-lead in Sheffield. It could be necessary to make this available during specific hours (for example, weekday mornings) so as not to interfere with other users. However, there could be a 12-month trial with no time restrictions to see if an un-regulated approach works. It would be important to establish a strong “pick up after your dog” policy with bags and bins provided.
- Provision of a tap for drinking water for pets, combined with a drinking fountain for humans, may be worth considering if not too costly.
- Planting should not be allowed over the filled part of the site. However, some limited peripheral landscaping could be appropriate, consistent with a simple landscape plan for the entire site. Preservation of views and the openness of this area must be retained.



6. DESIGN PRINCIPLES

The following design principles have been developed in response to the key issues and background research. These principles provide a basis for the Sheffield Recreation Precinct Master Plan and are outlined below.

1. Maximise community use of sport, recreation and events infrastructure

- Maximise community benefit through a diversity of opportunities and attractions.
- Recognise the potential of the site to assist in promoting and supporting recreation and tourism activity in Sheffield and surrounds.
- Encourage community involvement in the planning and management of the precinct and associated infrastructure.

2. Provide for a range of facilities informed by community demand

- Ensure a diverse range of recreation opportunities is provided to enable people to achieve health and wellbeing benefits.
- As this is a long-term plan for the Sheffield Recreation Ground, proposals should be well-thought through and well-designed so as to be financially realistic and capable of being maintained in the future.
- Recognise and strengthen the complementary roles played by the Redwater site, the cricket/football facilities and the Pony Club area
- Encourage greater use of the precinct and participation in unstructured exercise, by improving access and providing space for informal recreation opportunities.
- Provide opportunities to bring people of all ages / cross generations together.

3. Encourage flexible use of the site to accommodate events and seasonal sports and activities

- Maximise multi-use and sharing of facilities between groups. Where possible, re-develop existing facilities in preference to providing additional new facilities.
- Ensure flexible site design so as to allow particular events (eg SteamFest; Pony Club) to take over large parts of the Recreation Ground for short periods of time, and accommodate temporary camping/caravans. Good access to power, toilets and waste disposal is important.
- Ensure facilities are safe, accessible and attractive to encourage community groups to value and maintain them.

4. Improve connectivity, access and circulation

- Ensure the precinct is accessible to all abilities, ages, genders, cultural backgrounds and financial circumstances.
- Provide continuous paths of travel to enable easy access and mobility throughout the precinct. Improve the relationship and connectivity between the School and the Recreation Ground.
- Improve accessibility by formalising pedestrian and vehicular entry and exit points and providing paths of travel throughout the precinct.
- Provide signage for way finding, identification and information.
- Ensure the Recreation Precinct is easily accessible from other facilities and open spaces in Sheffield through the provision of an interconnected path network.



7. DEVELOPMENT PROPOSALS

7.1 Sporting Infrastructure

- Main oval – upgrade centre square and turf for both cricket and football requirements. Incorporate improved drainage works.
- Second oval – develop a junior oval in conjunction with Sheffield School, incorporating a small shelter at the side of the oval. Negotiate access to school toilet facility on an as-needs basis. (Update May 2015 – develop junior oval on former landfill site as part of a multi-use solution – should the site prove not to be suitable, proceed with school option)
- Cricket nets – extend and refurbish existing cricket nets.
- Change facilities – extend change facilities to provide new “away” change rooms incorporating public toilets with external lockable access. Facilities to have an openable wall between “home” and “away” to create flexible spaces for club and community use.
- Provide improved training lights.
- Provide new roller and new pitch covers.

7.2 Pony Club and Hack Ground

- Pony Club – extend current clubrooms and incorporate a single uni-sex toilet for club use.
- Investigate demolishing stand-alone toilet block.
- Progressively fill the swamp area to expand the available working area and resurfacing of the main ground to fill in hollows and level out small rises.

7.3 Former Tip site

- Delineate informal walking track from East Victoria Street to Spring Street (constructed to enable one-way vehicle access on an as-needs basis or for emergencies).
- Construct a 10 meter wide barrier over the underground storm water drain in the form of a fence and/or low lying shrubs to prevent vehicular access over the pipe. Construct 2 vehicle crossover points.
- Install bollards or low lying fence to prevent campervans and caravans parking outside the lay by area and replace existing broken fence.
- Avoid structures and retain open area over former tip site, to accommodate dog off-leash area, overflow for events, and informal recreation.
- Provide dog off-lead infrastructure – water, signs, dog waste disposal.

7.4 Redwater Creek site

- Generally support expansion of facilities on the Redwater Creek site to support SteamFest and other compatible uses – developments could be staged according to availability of funding.
- Investigate possible Caravan Park on the Redwater Creek lease area, subject to successful feasibility and business case, competitive neutrality issues being addressed, planning permission, funding being available and appropriate power, water and other services.
- Redwater Creek has long term plans for a coffee shop and museum complex; a heritage timber industry display, artisan’s village, extended rail line and temporary display and accommodation areas for SteamFest.
- Support modest expansion of the Mens Shed facilities to cater for the expanding needs of the group.

It is noted that should there be a caravan park in the precinct, Council would consider closing down the free RV camping area to maximize the viability of such a development. Consequently the investigations to be undertaken for the establishment of a caravan park would need to consider all implications.

7.5 General issues across the site

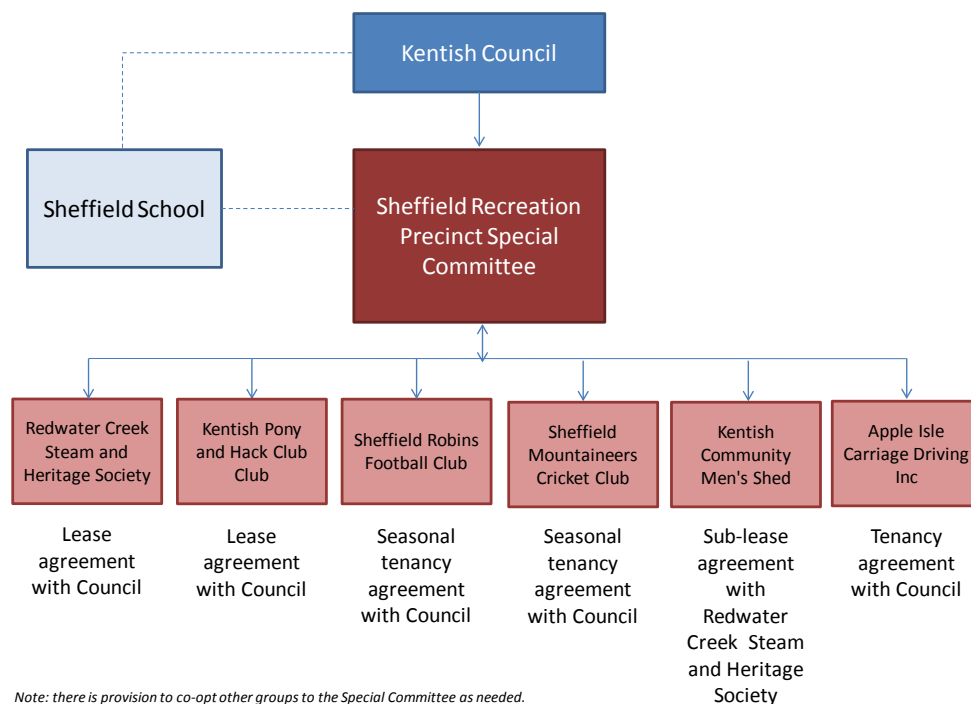
- Consider developing a landscape concept for the site, defining vegetation, open areas, views and public safety issues, to be implemented progressively.
- Promote Sheffield as a 'hub' for the surrounding district, where users such as Tasmanian Trail horse-riders and mountain bikers extend their stay in the area, and develop or adjust facility provision accordingly.
- Investigate roads and tracks on site for capacity (width, surface and drainage) with a view to establishing a safe, low cost, low maintenance traffic and pedestrian circulation system.
- Implement informal running circuit around the Precinct – incorporating and linking up existing graveled roads, pedestrian paths and mown grass areas.
- Investigate practicality of public art and/or limited advertising on bike track surface.



8. MANAGEMENT

The preparation of the Precinct Master Plan has brought together user groups and tenants across the entire site. The Sheffield Recreation Ground Special Committee of Council has been used as a basis to invite other groups across the precinct to discuss a vision and priorities for development of the precinct. There is now an opportunity to expand the membership of the Special Committee to incorporate representatives of all the user group organisations. General support for this idea was expressed throughout the consultation period that has informed this draft plan.

The following diagram indicates a recommended management model for the Recreation Precinct:



The Sheffield School is obviously owned by the State Government and managed by the school under Education Department structures. School facilities are used by the community under agreement with the school, just as the school use of the Recreation Ground is negotiated with the Special Committee and specific clubs. This report recommends further strengthening of this school / community relationship with the development of a cricket oval at the rear of the school and it is therefore proposed that the management structure recognises effective lines of communication with the school.

This management structure involves the following considerations:

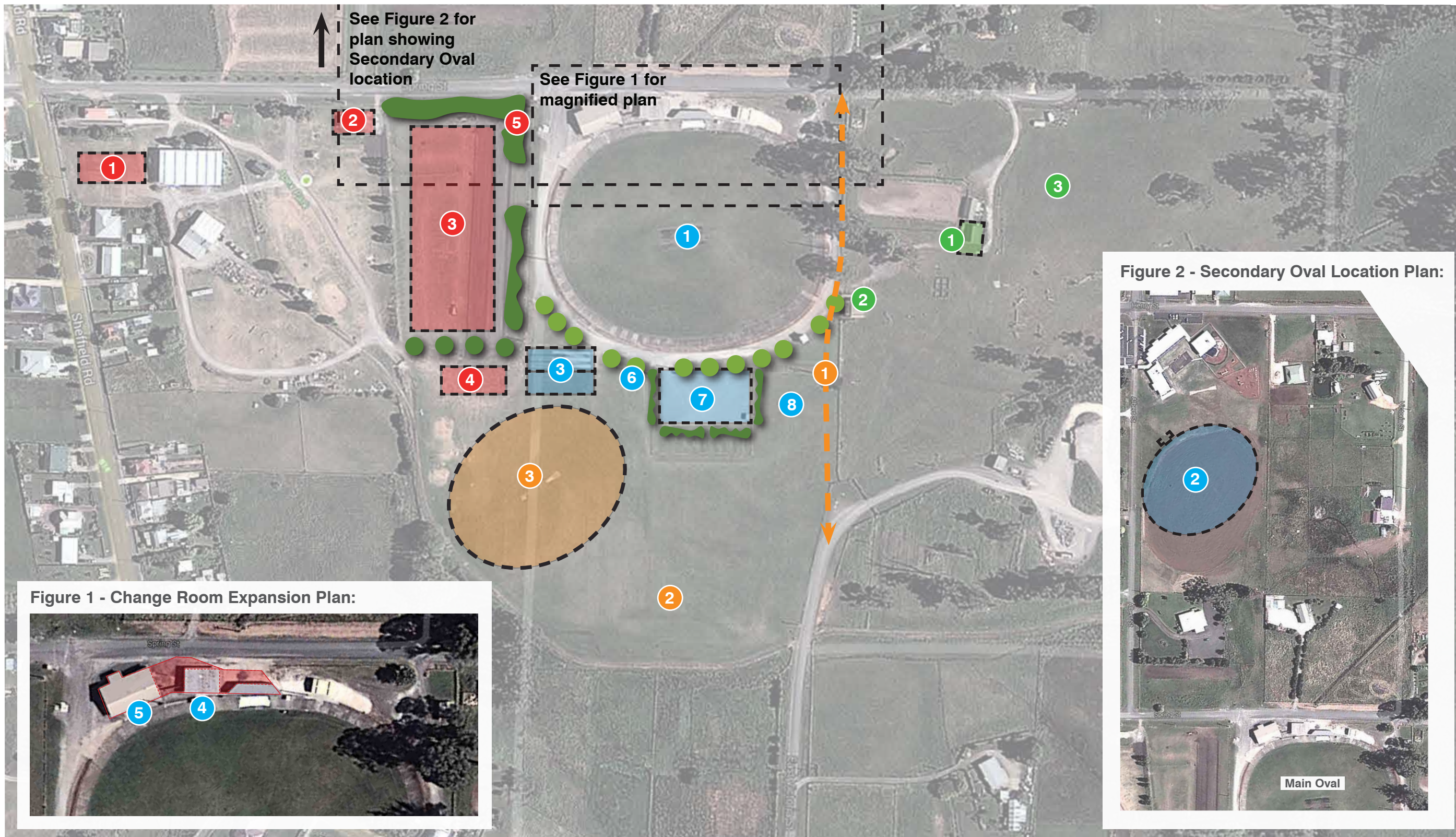
- Renaming the Special Committee to Sheffield Recreation Precinct Special Committee.
- An integrated approach to the management of the entire precinct.
- Provision to co-opt other groups to the Special Committee as the need arises. For example the Tasmanian Trail Committee may have an interest or other community groups may start up in the future and have a vested interest in the Recreation Precinct.

- Regular communication with the Sheffield School regarding community use of school facilities and more specifically establishment and use of the cricket oval and synthetic wicket for juniors.
- There may be value in documenting the current utilisation and sharing of spaces and facilities across the precinct as a way of encouraging further cooperation across the different user groups.

9. MASTER PLAN

The master plan is reflected in the concept on the following page.





Redwater Creek Steam & Heritage Society:

- 1** Possible coffee shop & museum complex
- 2** Expansion of Men's Shed facilities to cater for expanding needs of the group
- 3** Possible Stage 2 caravan park: subject to planning permission, funding being available, and appropriate services
- 4** Possible heritage timber industry display
- 5** Proposed canopy vegetation to soften possible caravan park but ensure views through between oval and caravan area

Sporting Infrastructure:

- 1** Upgrade main oval's centre square and turf for both cricket and football requirements
- 2** Future provision of a junior oval and small shelter at the school should a junior oval on the former landfill site not succeed. Access to toilet facilities and the oval to be negotiated with Sheffield School.
- 3** Extend and refurbish existing cricket nets
- 4** Extend change facilities to provide new "away" change rooms with public toilets & external lockable access. Change facilities to have an openable wall between "home" and "away" to create flexible spaces for club and community.
- 5** Addition of shade structure or shelter attached to / located in front of facade of change room building facing the field

Pony & Hack Ground:

- 1** Pony Club - Extend current clubrooms and incorporate a single uni-sex toilet primarily for club use
- 2** Investigate future use or demolition of the stand-alone toilet block
- 3** Improved drainage

Former Tip Site:

- 1** Delineate informal walking track from East Victoria street to Spring Street
- 2** Avoid structures and retain open area over former tip site, creating area for carriage drivers
- 3** Level the ground for a junior cricket oval to be marked out with cones during games

10. IMPLEMENTATION PLAN

The implementation plan summarises projects according to high priority (up to three years), medium priority (up to six years) and low priority (10 years and beyond).

The table below details a total of 20 actions and these can be summarised as follows:

Priority	Indicative total cost	Potential external contributions
9 high priority actions	\$721,000	Potential for government funding and club contributions for building and ground improvements
4 medium priority actions	\$50,000	
6 low priority actions	\$150,000	
1 ongoing action	\$0	Funding to be secured by Redwater Creek Society
TOTAL	\$921,000	

The following table itemises the actions required to implement the Master Plan. Each action has indicative costs and priorities noted which provides a guide for Council's budget process and for seeking funding opportunities.

Actions	Community Response	Detail	Indicative Cost & Responsibility	Priority
Sporting Infrastructure				
Action 1: Main oval	Supported. Funding possibly available through Cricket North West.	Upgrade centre square and turf for both cricket and football requirements. Incorporate improved drainage works. (Seek funding contribution)	\$25,000 Cricket Club / Football Club	High
Action 2: Second oval	Supported. School has provided some conditions for use. Funding possibly available through Cricket North West and Cricket Australia.	Option 1: Develop the junior oval on the former landfill site. (Explore options for funding contribution) Synthetic pitch for second oval.	\$10,000 \$5,000	High
		Option 2: Develop the junior oval in conjunction with Sheffield School, incorporating a small shelter at the side of the oval. Negotiate access to school toilet facility on an as-needs basis. (Seek funding contribution) Synthetic pitch for second oval.	\$30,000 \$10,000	
		Small Shelter for second oval if required.	\$15,000	
Action 3: Cricket nets	Supported. Funding possibly available through Cricket North West and Cricket Australia.	Extend and refurbish existing cricket nets.	\$20,000 Cricket Club ¹	High
Action 4: Change facilities	Supported. Funding possibly available through Cricket North West.	Extend change facilities to provide new “away” change rooms incorporating public toilets with external lockable access. Facilities to have an moveable wall between “home” and “away” to create flexible spaces for club and community use. (Seek funding contribution)	\$500,000	High
Action 5: Training lights	Supported.	Four new training lights (using existing poles) (Seek funding contribution)	\$40,000	Medium
Action 6: New roller and pitch covers	Supported. Funding possibly available through Cricket North West.	Provide new powered roller and pitch covers.	\$40,000	Low

Action 7: Seal the road around the oval	Stakeholder request.	Seal the road around the oval.	\$40,000	Low
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1 – Note: Cricket Club has secured \$10,000 as part of 2014 state budget to contribute towards the refurbishment of the cricket nets.

Actions	Community Response	Detail	Indicative Cost	Priority
Pony and Hack Ground				
Action 1: Clubrooms and toilets	Supported.	Extend current clubrooms and incorporate a single uni-sex toilet for club use.	\$30,000	High
Action 2: Demolish standalone toilet block	Other uses for toilet block may be investigated once it is no longer required.	Investigate removal of toilet block following upgrade of main change rooms and construction of pony club toilet facility.	\$10,000	Low

Actions	Community Response	Detail	Indicative Cost	Priority
Former tip site				
Action 1: Remedial work	Apple Isle Carriage Driving Inc to be accommodated on the former landfill site with barrier to be constructed over storm water pipeline.	Annual compaction rolling once a year to locate any possible sink holes. Install a 10 meter wide barrier which can be in the form of a fence and/or low lying shrubs to prevent vehicular access over the pipe. ²	\$40,000	High
Action 2: Minor landscaping	Supported.	Minor landscaping – but avoid structures and retain open area over former tip site, to accommodate dog off-leash area, overflow for events, and informal recreation.	\$10,000	High
Action 3: Dog off-leash area	Dog off-leash area to remain a modest facility in the precinct.	Facilities for dog off-leash area – water, signs, dog waste bin	\$10,000	Medium
Action 4: Walking track	Supported.	Delineate informal walking track from East Victoria Street to Spring Street.	\$15,000	Low

2 – Note: Apple Isle Carriage Driving Inc has volunteered to coordinate contractor's in-kind support to complete the remedial work with substantially reduced costs to Council.

Actions	Community Response	Detail	Indicative Cost	Priority
Redwater Creek site				
Action 1: Men's Shed	Supported.	Modest expansion of the Men's Shed facilities to cater for the expanding needs of the group.	\$40,000	High
General support for Redwater Creek facilities	Supported.	Generally support expansion of facilities on the Redwater Creek site to support SteamFest and other compatible uses	Redwater Creek Society	Ongoing
Actions	Community Response	Detail	Indicative Cost	Priority
General Site issues				
Action 1: Landscape Plan	Supported. Recommendation to create a vehicle barrier between the access road and the former landfill site.	Consider developing a landscape concept for the site, defining vegetation, open areas, views and public safety issues, to be implemented progressively. Consider using a consistent fence style, replace broken fence and extend to prevent vehicular access to the site.	\$16,000	High
Action 2: Promotion	Supported.	Promote Sheffield as a 'hub' for the surrounding district, where users such as Tasmanian Trail horse-riders and mountain bikers extend their stay in the area, and develop or adjust facility provision accordingly.	Nil	Medium
Action 3: Public Art	Supported. Cricket Club would like to be consulted about public art.	Investigate practicality of public art and/or limited advertising on bike track surface.	Nil	Medium
Action 4: Roads and pedestrian circulation	Supported.	Investigate roads and tracks on site for capacity (width, surface and drainage) with a view to establishing a safe, low cost, low maintenance pedestrian walkway and road through to East Victoria Street suitable for emergency access to bypass the township north of Main Street.	\$40,000	Low
Action 5: Informal running circuit	Supported.	Implement informal running circuit around the Precinct – incorporating and linking up existing graveled roads, pedestrian paths and mown grass areas.	\$5,000	Low

11. IN SUMMARY

This Master Plan provides an agreed vision for the Sheffield Recreation Precinct. It is the first integrated plan for the entire site.

Once endorsed, this Master Plan will enable all user groups to confidently plan their improvements to facilities and infrastructure on their own sites throughout the precinct. Many improvements will require a partnership approach with Council while others will rely on the initiative of the groups themselves to plan and steer the projects and seek necessary approvals along the way.

Implementation of high priority actions may take some years and many will be subject to additional funding being provided through various grants programs. The prioritising of actions in the implementation plan is provided to guide a focus on the projects of highest need.

With an integrated management model (proposed in this plan), there will be a regular opportunity for all groups to work together on implementing the Master Plan. Joint funding initiatives, coordination of works and regular communication will be of great benefit to the future of the recreation precinct.

The Sheffield Recreation Precinct provides excellent recreation and tourism opportunities for residents of Sheffield and surrounding areas and visitors to the region. With improved facilities and an integrated management approach, the recreation precinct will continue to be an important asset to the Sheffield community and the Kentish municipality.



ATTACHMENT 1 – SUMMARY OF SUBMISSIONS RECEIVED ON DRAFT MASTER PLAN (FEB 2015)

The draft Master Plan was available for public exhibition for a two month period. During this time a range of feedback was received and this is summarised in the table below. The issues that were considered in the finalisation of the Master Plan included:

- Making provision for the Apple Isle Carriage Driving Inc on the former landfill site and on the management committee;
- Providing barrier landscape over the storm water pipeline with vehicle crossing points;
- Removing the access path to the Sheffield School oval as this is not required;
- Moving the dog off-leash area to the area between the RV pullover area and the proposed pathway from East Victoria to Spring Streets;
- Installing new bollards to prevent vehicle access to the former landfill site;
- Deleting site screen action and increasing funding allocation to the new roller and pitch covers;
- Adding an action to seal the road around the oval – as a low priority; and
- Including the consideration of alternate uses for the toilet block when it is no longer required.

Feedback from	Issues Raised
Apple Isle Carriage Driving Inc. (AICD)	AICD currently have a working relationship with Redwater Creek Steam and Heritage Society Inc. (Redwater Creek). Over the summer they have conducted rides on the Redwater Creek leased land during the steam train operation days. They wish to use the old tip site on a regular basis for training, public displays rides and competition events. AICD do not have a home ground, club house or facilities. Their presence would complement and be an additional attraction for visitors.
Resident	Supports a secure dog off-leash area but believes more funds should be allocated to fence, shade and other infrastructure outlined within the 'Dog Parks: Benefits and Liabilities University of Pennsylvania thesis'.
Sheffield School	<p>The Sheffield School supports the second cricket ground to be located on the Sheffield School oval. The Sheffield School has the following conditions for use of the oval:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The new pitch must not interfere with the new drainage installed on the oval. • The Sheffield Cricket Club (SCC) will need to be responsible for covering the pitch at the end of the cricket season before football was played on the oval. • The SCC hire agreement is needed for use of the oval and the Recreation and Related Arts Building; taking responsibility for the key, security etc. The Principal indicated the option of a walkway through to the Recreation Ground toilets may be more desirable in the future. • No vehicular access to the ground would be permitted. The Recreation and Related Arts Building car park could be used for parking.

Feedback from	Issues Raised
Cricket North West	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Advised they have an Infrastructure Fund that Sheffield Cricket Club can apply for \$5,000 for implementations of actions items 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6. • Advised the Sheffield Cricket Club is eligible to receive \$5,300 from Cricket Australia's National Community Cricket Facility Funding Scheme and Cricket Tasmanian's Facility Grants Scheme for action items 2 and 3. • Support the removal action item for the sight screen and allocate the funds to action item for a new roller and pitch cover.
Sheffield Cricket Club	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Endorsed all the cricket related recommendations. • Support reallocating sight screen funds to a believed shortfall in the purchase of a new roller and covers in the future. • Requested the landscape plan incorporate trees around the training nets as a wind break. • Would like to consult council when considering public art around the bike track to ensure it didn't interfere with a batters ability to see the cricket ball. • Would like to see the addition of a training net at the Sheffield School in the future.
Sheffield Recreation Ground Special Committee of Council and Other Stakeholders Feedback	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Supported the draft Master Plan suggestion of a wider Precinct management committee to include other stakeholders. • Supportive of the Apple Isle Carriage Driving Inc. request to use the old tip site and become members of the new proposed Sheffield Recreation Precinct Special Committee of Council. • Redwater Creek requested that the proposed crossover through the 10m wide barrier over the pipeline at the old tip site could be 20m wide to facilitate Steam Fest event traffic and patronage. • Apple Isle Carriage Driving Inc. was happy to coordinate work with various contractors under the instruction of Council's Engineer so that the work could be completed ASAP at will little if any cost to Council. • A request was made to seal the road around the oval. • Remove Pony and Hack Ground action to resurface and drainage as it is now complete. • Investigate possible other usages for the stand alone toilet block before its demolished. • Stakeholder's agreed list of priority actions: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. Second oval at the Sheffield School; ii. Upgrade the centre square of the main oval; iii. Kentish Pony and Hack Club toilet; iv. Design plans for the new change rooms; and v. General landscaping. • The stakeholders indicated the remaining items were considered lower priority and could be re-assessed by the committee at a later date through the new

Feedback from	Issues Raised
	<p>Sheffield Recreation Precinct Special Committee of Council.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The pedestrian and running circuits were considered a low priority. • The off-leash dog exercise area was considered a low priority. Sites suggested for the off-leash dog exercise area were discussed next to the current Self-contained Recreation Vehicle Overnight Pullover Area but should be considered with future extension of the Pullover Area if a caravan park is built. • The Sheffield Cricket Club indicated that the second oval at the Sheffield School would be used for weekend matches and not training therefore Sporting Infrastructure action pedestrian access to Albert Street is not needed.
Council staff	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Council's Engineer recommends remedial work on the old tip site. The entire site will need compaction rolling once a year to locate any possible sink holes. Annual allocation should be \$5,000 referred to operational budget . • The area around the underground storm water drain has been poorly compacted. This creates voids and sinkhole problems. The cost to excavate the contaminated fill and refill is prohibitive. It is therefore recommended to build 10 meter wide barrier. The barrier can be in the form of a fence and/or low lying shrubs to prevent vehicular access over the pipe. • A crossover can be made where dirt can be dug out and refilled with gravel and compacted to make it safe for vehicle access. • Council's Technical Adviser recommends bollards or low lying fence to prevent campervans and caravans parking outside the lay by area and replacing the damaged treated pine post and rail fence between the oval and the old softball ground.

ATTACHMENT 2 – SUMMARY OF ONSITE MEETING (MAY 2015)

An additional consultation meeting was convened onsite due to new information becoming available. The meeting was attended by nine representatives from Kentish Council, Sheffield Cricket Club, Kentish Pony and Hack Club, Apple Isle Carriage Driving Inc, Kentish Community Men's Shed and Redwater Steam and Heritage Society with the project consultant.

The following summarises the findings of the meeting and subsequent amendments to the Master Plan:

- A report recently commissioned by Council found that the underground storm water drainage is sound and in good order. A special treatment along the former landfill site is no longer required.
- It is at least 30 years since the closure of the landfill. With regular heavy machinery running over the site and the numerous divots and holes that have been filled in over the years, there is a confidence among user groups that risk of future problems on the site is low.
- The experience of other Councils within the region is that similar landfill sites that are relatively shallow with similar types of fill and top dressing have had good outcomes as sports fields.
- The Redwater Steam and Heritage Society offered to level the ground for the Cricket Club prior to each summer season ensuring that any depressions created by the society's heavy machinery are levelled out.
- The Cricket Club agreed to mark out a junior cricket ground with cones for each game to ensure that the area remains multi-use when cricket is not being played. The ground could be used for cricket club training as well as junior games.
- The new Special Committee (proposed by this report) reflects a cooperative approach to the management of the entire precinct – all users agreed to this management structure as a way to communicate, monitor and review the performance of an oval on the former landfill.
- It was agreed that if there are any concerns about the former landfill succeeding as a cricket oval (with minimum maintenance requirements) that a second oval at the school site could still be pursued.

It is noted that the Master Plan – Section 9 has been amended in accordance with the agreed outcomes.

