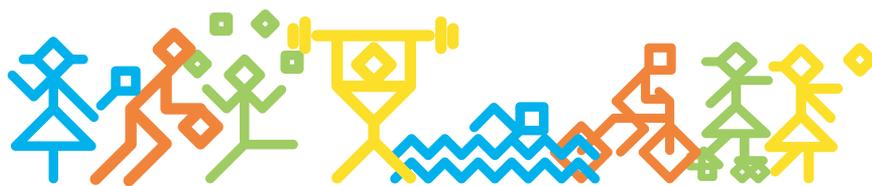


Active NEWS

May, 2015



Welcome wintersports clubs

Another summer is done and dusted and we are well into the winter season activities and seasonal risk inspections of sporting facilities are currently being completed. It is good to see that the majority of clubs are continuing to operate in accordance with their tenancy agreements and that sport facilities are being maintained and used in the appropriate manner. I would also like to remind clubs that as part of your seasonal licence agreements you are required to return all the requested documents along with your expression of interest forms.

Documents required from all clubs are as follows:

1. Expression of interest application for use of council reserves
2. Financial statement
3. Membership details
4. Team information
5. Public liability insurance cover
6. Key register
7. Liquor Licence (if applicable)
8. Food Registration Act
9. Competition fixtures
10. Legal status

If you have not forwarded the above information to the council please do so immediately or you may be found in breach of your licence agreements. Please refer to the table below for who to contact at the council if your club needs assistance.



Council contact details

Contact person	Responsibilities	Contact details
Liona Edwards Recreation officer	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Liaison with user groups • Casual ground and facility bookings • Grants and funding advice • Strategic planning/reports • Mowing 	Phone: (02) 6022 9284 Mobile: 0438 359 174 Fax: (02) 6022 9322 Email: ledwards@wodonga.vic.gov.au
Customer service desk	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minor maintenance • General enquiries 	Phone: (02) 6022 9300

For any urgent after hours enquiries, please phone (02) 6022 9300.



Sport and Recreation Plan

2014 to 2040

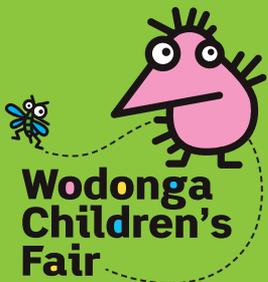
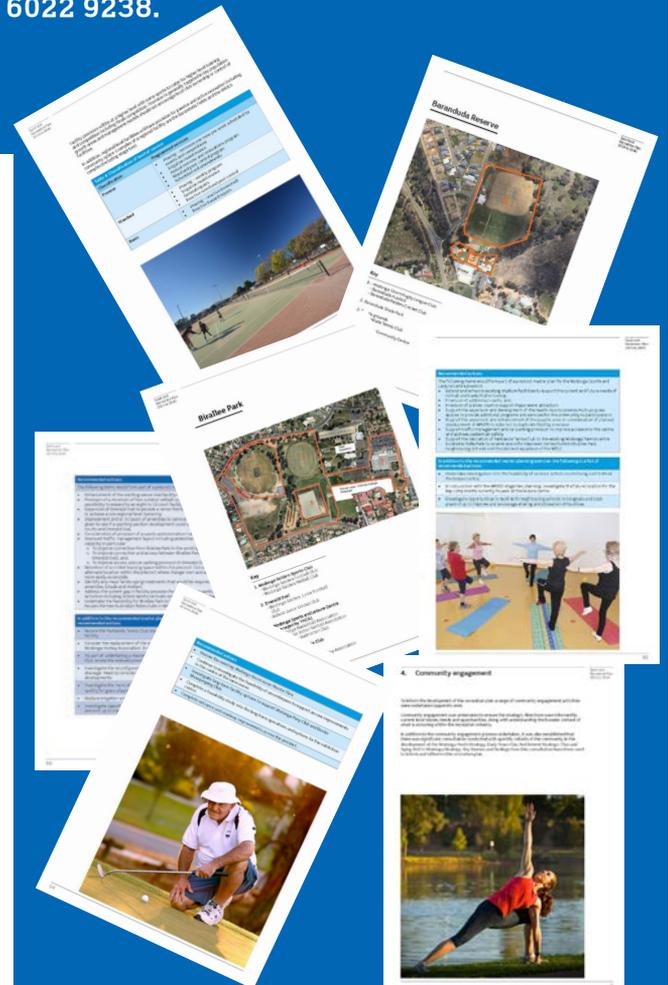


Sport and Recreation Plan and master planning

We will soon be contacting clubs to invite them in for comment on the draft master plans for Birallee Park, Kelly Park, Martin Park and the Wodonga Sports and Leisure Centre.

Our consultants have provided draft drawings of all four of the precincts including the strategic content and recommend actions as outlined in our *Sport and Recreation Plan*. These drawings have been internally reviewed and we are now preparing for our next round of consultation with users groups and the broader community.

If you have any questions regarding the master plan process please contact Jenelle Williamson on (02) 6022 9238.



'Futurescape'
 Sunday, October 25, 2015
 10am to 3pm
 Wodonga Racecourse,
 Hamilton Smith Drive, Wodonga

Wodonga Council is calling for recreation clubs and organisations to participate in North East Victoria's biggest Children's Fair.

This event is a fantastic way to have your club or organisation engage with the community and develop new relationships.

Deadline for bookings is 5pm on Friday, August 21, 2015

For more information or booking forms go to wodonga.vic.gov.au/childrens-fair or phone Liona Edwards on (02) 6022 9284



Volunteers the backbone of Australian sport

A new study confirms that Australia's 2.3 million sporting volunteers are the backbone of Australian sporting organisations, highlighting that sport would be unable to function or even exist without them.

Commissioned by the Australian Sports Commission, *Market Segmentation for Volunteers*, the most comprehensive study ever undertaken of Australia's 2.3 million sporting volunteers, looked at why Australians become sporting volunteers.

In identifying the core attitudes, motivators, needs and barriers that underpin people's decisions to volunteer in sport, the study reveals the characteristics of the army of people who make the largest contribution to shaping the national sporting landscape.

Releasing the study, Federal Minister for Sport Peter Dutton said the efforts of unpaid sports volunteers was worth billions of dollars.

Explaining that the study was an invaluable resource for sporting clubs and organisations to attract members and plan for future growth, Minister Dutton stated "there is not one person who has ever played sport in Australia who does not have a volunteer to thank for being given a chance to participate."

"It is a simple fact that sport in Australia would not exist without volunteers. There are more volunteers in sport than any other sector.

"Volunteers play a direct and hands-on role in improving the health of our communities as well as creating opportunities for our next Laura Geitz, Michael Clarke or Tim Cahill."

The study estimates that 23 per cent of Australians aged 14 years and older would consider volunteering in club sport in the next 12 months. Three in four of these, or just over 2.8 million people, could potentially be first time club sport volunteers.

Minister Dutton said organisations needed to ensure this first engagement was positive to encourage people to continue volunteering.

The study shows that nearly all club sport volunteers (89 per cent), were satisfied with their experience, which presents a great opportunity for sports to capitalise on the volunteers' enthusiasm and enhance their sport.

Minister Dutton concluded "anything that helps sports and clubs understand how they can attract more volunteers, retain existing volunteers and keep volunteers interested and happy is crucial to support Australian sport and increased community activity levels."

See more at: www.ausleisure.com.au/news/volunteers-the-backbone-of-australian-sport/



Recreation Projects Update - May

Wodonga Tennis Centre

The 10 new plexi-cushion courts have been completed. Ten layers of Plexicushion were needed on each court surface with up to 24 hours curing time between layers before the project was completed with line-marking. The Plexicushion surface makes for a smooth, uniform surface, and is easy and economical to maintain, requiring no bagging or rolling. The upgrade was a partnership between Wodonga Council, the Wodonga Tennis Club with a grant of \$524,000 from Sport and Recreation Victoria, \$180,000 from Tennis Australia through the National Court Rebate Program as well as a council contribution of \$344,000.



James Scott Memorial Skate Park extension

Works have commenced on the following elements, which are on track for completion in mid-2015.

- A half-court basketball and netball area which doubles as a stage and event area;
- Spectator facilities;
- Skate rails and ledges;
- Circular skate features;
- Security lighting; and,
- Shade structures.



Upcoming events

May 10 - **Mother's Day Classic** - Sumsion Gardens/Belvoir Park

May 16 and 17 - **Ultimate Victoria and Albury Wodonga Ultimate Frisbee event** - Willow Park

May 17 - **Border BMX event** - Silva Drive BMX track

July 10 to 12 - **Bhutanese Interstate Soccer Tournament** - Willow Park

July 19 - **2015 Commercial Club Classic Fun Run** - Belvoir Park