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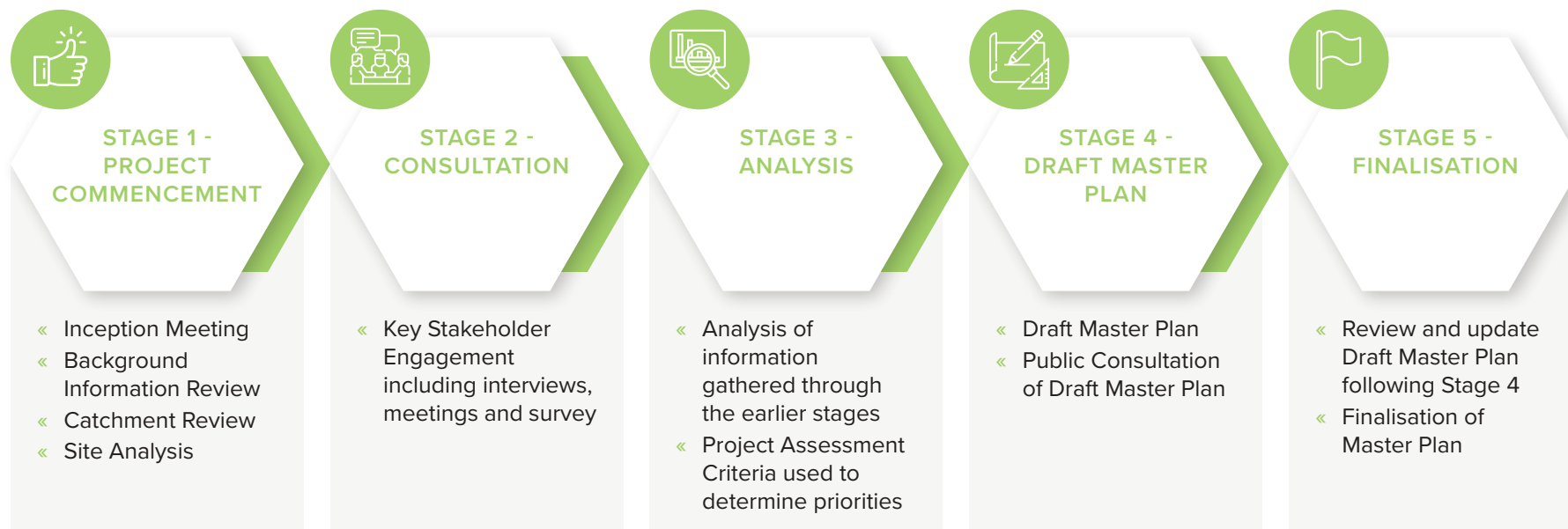
1. INTRODUCTION

Master planning for three major recreation reserve sites in the Maryborough township, within the Central Goldfields Shire Council (Shire) area has been undertaken. These three sites include:



Figure 1: Master Plan Locations in Maryborough

The master plan will develop a strategic direction for each major reserve for the next 10-15 years and identify priority recommendations including implementation processes. Determining the priority of projects will take into consideration factors such as facility compliance standards, asset condition, health and safety requirements, usage and demand, improved accessibility, greater provision of female friendly facilities and ensuring facilities are fit for purpose. The funding for identified high priority projects will be pursued as a matter of urgency. It is important to note that the timing, sequencing and delivery of projects will be subject to securing external funding and following appropriate design processes, such as concept, schematic and/or detailed design. The following outlines the process undertaken to develop the master plan for the reserves.



Council would like to increase participation in sport and active recreation by all residents within the Shire. To do so there is the need to build a physically active culture. This includes working to ensure the provision of a range of high-quality facilities for both structured and informal activity. These master plans will therefore establish clear directions, with strong community support, for the further development and management of high-quality open space, sport and recreation spaces, facilities, support services and opportunities at the Princes Park Complex, Jack Pascoe Reserve and JH Hedges Memorial Park. These master plans will ensure that the major reserves continue to be relevant and sustainable community assets, that meet contemporary needs. Realising the vision of the master plans will require significant funding which will need to be secured from multiple sources – across the government, community and business sectors. A critical factor to successfully achieving this will be a whole of community approach to advocacy and alignment to the master plans' goals.

2. LITERATURE REVIEW

A review of background information, reports and previous planning identified the following key information:



Healthy lifestyles

Council has a strategic commitment to supporting healthy lifestyles including promoting and enhancing passive and active recreation



Infrastructure

Providing supporting infrastructure (seating, shade, bike parking) can improve walking and cycling opportunities within Maryborough



Additional court

A feasibility study undertaken in 2009 for an additional indoor court at MSLC determined that it was not considered feasible at the time of the report



Connectivity

Improvements to the connectivity and walkability within the master plans should be considered



Heritage

Princes Park has a number of heritage considerations that need to be factored into future improvements, including both the pool and grandstand which both have conservation management plans that outline rectification works



Soccer

Maryborough Soccer Club has been looking for a home for soccer with consideration for Jack Pascoe Reserve or Jubilee Oval (Princes Park) if their first preference of Frank Graham Oval is not suitable



Improvements

Public open spaces are well utilised by the Central Goldfields community, improvements to footpaths, more or better exercise equipment, sports fields and swimming pools, improved lighting, toilet facilities and disability access have all been suggested improvements by the community to public open spaces



Compliance

- « Netball courts located at Jack Pascoe, JH Hedges Memorial Park and Princes Park have issues with compliance and safety
- « Tennis courts located at Princes Park have issues with compliance and safety
- « Turf wicket at Princes Park was not at optimum level following a 2017 soil analysis



Skate & scooter park

A new skate and scooter park in Princes Park is contracted to be built in mid-2022



Fair Access

Council is committed to implementing the Fair Access Policy Roadmap and Principles to ensure community sports infrastructure and environments are welcoming, safe, inclusive and gender equitable

Previous planning for Princes Park included the following considerations:

- « Expansion of Adventure Playground
- « Inclusion of more adult play equipment
- « Age friendly and older adults' physical activity components
- « Increasing multi-use shared use by clubs and associations
- « Cricket wickets and nets upgrades
- « Netball and tennis courts upgrades
- « Grandstand renewal
- « Potential splash park/ water play
- « Needs of Energy Breakthrough
- « Linking paths including Burns Street multi-use path
- « Seal walking track around Lake Victoria and develop a boardwalk/ fishing deck at the swimming pool end of Lake and outdoor gym equipment
- « Re-level existing hockey ground, upgrade sprinkler heads on playing field, improve drainage (Holyrood end), remove weeds and install additional seating around hockey field
- « Extend and upgrade netball courts and install terraced seating and additional seating alongside the court
- « Relocate some camping from oval and some teams from training on oval
- « Upgrade public toilets
- « Plant additional trees around the precinct for shade and undertake a review of the elm trees near the hockey fields and the oval; install an extended PA system
- « Improve access to outdoor swimming pool for people with disabilities
- « Decommission one bay of tennis courts, upgrade existing hard courts and upgrade change facilities in tennis pavilion.

The previous master plan for Jack Pascoe Reserve suggested the following opportunities:

- « Upgrade netball courts to ensure that they meet Netball Victoria Standards; along with lighting, emergency vehicle access and landscaping around netball courts, to improve visual amenity and to reduce runoff of water
- « Upgrade asphalt on athletics jumps
- « Develop paths through the site
- « Upgrade skatepark area by installing a concrete floor in the shelter and installing power, seats, tables, a BBQ, a storage cupboard, bins and a half-court, double-sided basketball/ netball court
- « Establish a Committee of Management for the site
- « Upgrade Little Athletics canteen and construct a toilet and change facility (including access for people with disabilities).



The previous master plan for JH Hedges Memorial Park suggested changes including:

- « Improve access for people with disabilities to the pavilion
- « Upgrade and expand pavilion, including a sewerage and power upgrade
- « Install an additional light for the netball court and two additional lights for the sportsground
- « Improve the standard of the path around the Reserve so that it can be used for walking, cycling, Energy Breakthrough training and Bike Ed
- « Formalise and extend car parking around the Reserve
- « Develop play facilities for children and families
- « Develop a pedestrian zone free of cars except for emergency vehicles, disabled parking and kitchen deliveries
- « Provide more seats and shade around the Reserve.
- « Extend the run-off on the east and west sides of the netball court to meet Netball Victoria standards and then reline the court.



As a result of the strategic review and implications, the following items need to be considered in the preparation of the master plans.



Ensure that each of the reserves provides and enhances opportunities for passive and active recreation. This should include sufficient seating and shaded areas.

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Ensure that there is sufficient connection with pathways and walkability both within the site and access to the reserves.

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Ensure that the facilities are meeting safety standards and are meeting Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) standards including lighting.

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Ensure facilities are accessible for all ages and abilities.

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Heritage considerations must be factored into future improvements, however innovative solutions are required to ensure improvements can occur that meet the current and future needs of the community.

3. DEMOGRAPHICS

Following a review of the demographics the following key points are noted:



Density

Maryborough has a large proportion of the overall population within the Central Goldfields Shire, with close to 8000 residents.



Growth

There has only been minimal growth (0.8% per annum) over the past five years, with similar rates expected to continue.



Age

Maryborough is an ageing community especially compared with Victoria as a whole, therefore opportunities for gentle exercise and recreation will be important considerations.

With only limited population growth expected, it would be anticipated that the ageing population will continue. Therefore, each reserve needs to ensure that both passive and active recreation opportunities are present.



Accessibility

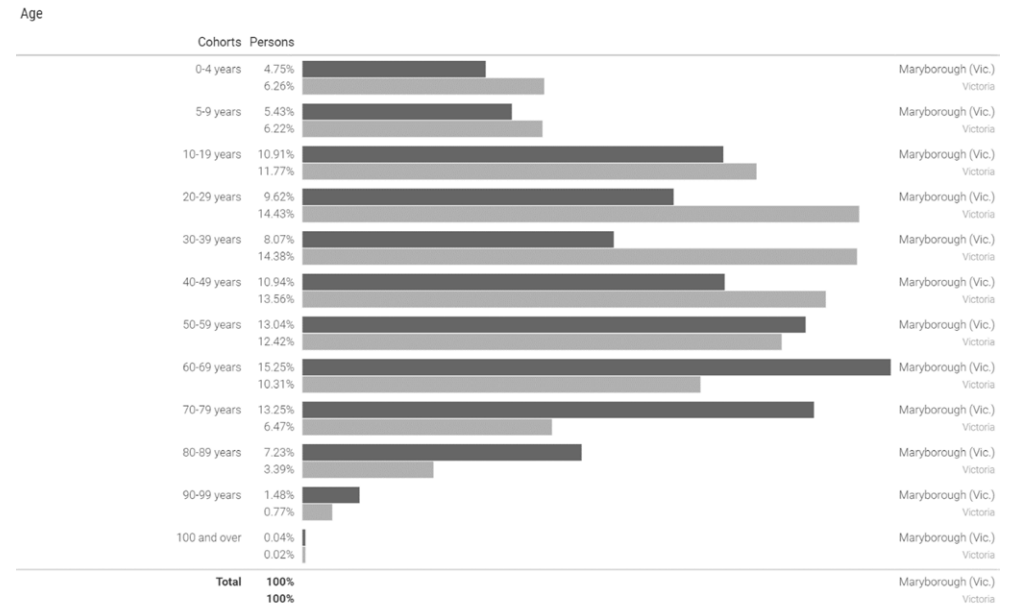
There is a higher rate of individuals that need assistance with core activities, therefore the reserves need to ensure suitable access and inclusion of amenities, pathways and facilities.



Cost

Maryborough has a low SEIFA score demonstrating a relatively greater disadvantage, therefore ensuring a range of free and low-cost opportunities to participate should be considered.

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Benchmarks: Victoria | Cohorts: All Selected

Figure 2: Age Breakdown Maryborough vs Victoria

As a result of the above items, key considerations for the master plans are:

- « Ensuring pathways and facilities are accessible and are suitable for all genders, ages and abilities will be important
- « Ensuring that there are facilities and areas that can accommodate free play and/ or opportunities for low-cost programming
- « Ensuring that there are open space areas that allow for passive recreation without the need to dedicate facilities in all of the spaces
- « Ensuring suitable car parking and that facilities are accessible to and from the car park.

4. TREND ANALYSIS

An analysis of the latest trends identified the following key information:

- « Public open space is vital for **community health and wellbeing** – physically, socially, environmentally, and economically
- « A **quality network of cycling and walking pathways** are critical to support open space networks
- « Open space has become important for informal and formal **group fitness** and social exercise
- « Lockdowns due to COVID-19 have demonstrated the importance of public open spaces, but planning needs to consider the impacts of **increased use and public health requirements** such as social distancing
- « There is generally an acceptance that open space should achieve several outcomes. This needs to be balanced against the value of the area if it is not **designed correctly**. In certain cases, shared use may not be desirable or cost-effective in the long term
- « Season overlap and **across-season usage** is becoming more prevalent
- « The importance of sport and recreation to help with **mental and physical health, crime prevention and social development**
- « Many community groups are struggling with **facility and program management** and there is an increased pressure on councils to develop or upgrade ageing assets
- « **Walking** for recreation is the highest participated activity for adults (over 15), this has increased by 6% in the past five years, for females the participation rate is much higher than males 62.4% compared to 38.2%
- « Male participation in **cricket** decreased by 4.6% since 2016 with a decrease in children participation of 2.7%
- « **AFL** had a decrease in children's participation in the past five years of 2.1% and netball decreased by 3.3%.

As a result of the above trends, the following items need to be considered for the master plans:



Walking

Suitable opportunities for walking, given it is the highest participated activity which has seen an increase in both male and female participation. This is important not only within the site but also connectivity to access the sites from surrounding areas.



Clubs

Ensure local cricket and AFL clubs are viable and participation is stable or increasing, considering the decrease in participation for both sports at a state level.



Sport

It is important that the reserves are planned to accommodate formal sporting activities but that this does not design out open space areas for a range of social and programming opportunities.



Implementation

Prioritising works within the reserves and seeking funding opportunities, will be significant factors for the master plans, given ageing assets and financial pressure on Council to implement actions.

5. PRINCES PARK OVERVIEW

Princes Park is centrally located within Maryborough and is considered the premier sport, recreation and open space facility in Maryborough and the Shire. The land is Crown Land Reserve with the Central Goldfields Shire Council managing the site and has the following key facilities:

- « Princes Park Oval, Princes Park Grandstand
- « Netball court plus netball court pavilion
- « Cricket practice nets (2)
- « Public toilets
- « Hockey/ soccer field plus pavilion
- « Jubilee Oval plus pavilion
- « Maryborough Lawn Tennis Courts plus pavilion
- « Maryborough Outdoor Swimming Pool plus Pool Pavilion
- « Parkland
- « Lake Victoria with walking track and solar lighting
- « Playground
- « CFA Track and Tower
- « Lions Club Park
- « Caravan Park
- « Energy Breakthrough Track
- « Proposed Skate and Scooter Park is contracted to be built in mid-2022.



Figure 3: Aerial of Princes Park

5.1. ASSESSMENT OF EXISTING FACILITIES



A condition audit undertaken determined that none of the facilities were at end of life and needed to be replaced. Several facilities are likely to require ongoing works throughout the planning horizon of the master plan.



The single netball facility provides for local level facility only, however, the court size is compliant.



The number of tennis courts can cater for large-scale events and opportunities, however, there are some runoff and compliance issues with some courts.



The size of the ovals is slightly less than ideal for both cricket and AFL, particularly with the width of the ovals.



The football field (soccer) width would also appear to only accommodate junior play.



Orientation of all facilities are within generally accepted guidelines.



Interchange benches are provided on the ovals, however, there is the opportunity to also accommodate an umpire's bench.



Similarly, additional facilities for players and officials could be provided for netball.



5.2. ENGAGEMENT

A range of engagement was undertaken with user groups and key stakeholders. The engagement process forms an important part of the master planning process, to understand current use, as well as any issues or opportunities. The findings of the engagement process identify areas of investigation and assist to inform future recommendations within the reserve. The following provides a summary of the feedback received through the engagement.

- « The site has **heritage significance** at a State Level. For any works within the reserve, approval would be required from the Executive Director of Heritage VIC; there are some exemptions outlined in the legislation, whereby some works are exempt (e.g. maintenance to playing fields). A Heritage Impact Statement and a permit application are then required to be submitted for any works.
- « The reserves are located within **Dja Dja Wurrung Country**. Dja Dja Wurrung should be involved throughout the process and implementation to identify opportunities to include cultural recognition as part of any proposed developments as well as ensuring obligations under the Land Use Activity Agreement (LUAA) are adhered to.
- « A community survey to understand **barriers** preventing increased use of reserves identified the standard of facilities as the biggest barrier (29.97%), followed by lack of appropriate facilities for adults and young people (17% and 16.91% respectively). Safety was also an important barrier with 12.97%.
- « There could be opportunities to better use **Lake Victoria**.
- « Access to walking around the lake is suitable and well used, however, there are issues with **access when football is on** and gates are being locked.
- « Possible opportunity for a **pump track** to further attract younger demographics and families near the future skate park.
- « A **splash park** has previously been suggested. Consideration should be given to incorporate this within the pool area and not within the reserve. Development within the reserve would reduce attendance at the pool. A splash park should target a range of ages to also attract tourists.
- « Football **grandstand** needs some work aesthetically.
- « There may be an opportunity to look at **wetland area/ bridge** over to the islands in the middle of the lake – but will have to be careful with the wildlife/ birds.
- « There may be an opportunity to **improve water quality** for additional fishing within the lake.

- « Opportunity to include **gentle exercise/ play equipment** in one of the reserves.
- « Site has been used for **CFA competitions and state championships**. Works to water within the precinct have reduced the water pipes and pressure which now prevents CFA competitions being held.
- « Opportunity for **additional amenities** near the CFA training area.
- « Opportunities to improve **accessibility** could be considered along with universal design for all facilities.
- « Need for **additional netball courts** (minimum 2), improvements to court condition and facilities, limits growth and expansion of the clubs. Revenue for the clubs is impacted when facilities are separated.
- « Improvements can be made to **existing facilities** that are dated and are not universally accessible.
- « **Low socio-economic area** – higher levels of obesity, so programs and services to increase participation have been challenging.
- « **Cricket turf wicket** at Princes Park oval is generally suitable.



6. JACK PASCOE RESERVE

Jack Pascoe Reserve is a multipurpose sport and recreation reserve. It is the location of Council's major indoor aquatic and stadium facility, the Maryborough Sports and Leisure Centre (MSLC). Part of the land is owned by Central Goldfields Shire Council and the remaining portion is owned by Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning (netball courts). The key facilities include:

- « Athletics Track (Grass) jumps and pits
- « Little Athletics Clubrooms and kiosk
- « Skate Park – will be decommissioned once the new Princes Park skate park is built
- « Maryborough Sports and Leisure Centre – includes 2 multi-use indoor courts, gymnasium, spin room, change facilities, indoor heated pools, spa and sauna
- « Maryborough Netball Association Courts (6) and Pavilion
- « Petanque Piste (currently unused)
- « Car Park
- « Public Toilets - only open for events
- « Dog Off-Leash Park (unfenced).



Figure 4: Aerial of Jack Pascoe Reserve

6.1. ASSESSMENT OF EXISTING FACILITIES



Based on the findings of the condition audit, all of the buildings are only considered in fair condition. Given the planning horizon of the master plan (10-15 years), it is likely that works and or improvements will be required for all of these buildings.

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6 netball courts meet sub-regional standards for netball, orientation is within desired guidelines and court sizes also appear compliant.

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There is evidence of surface cracking to the netball courts, which suggests the sub-surface has stability issues that will need to be addressed in the short term.

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The Athletics track meets standards and desired orientation.

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Upgrades to the clubhouse facilities are required for universal design standards compliance.

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There is no lighting to the athletics track and lighting levels at netball courts are unknown.



6.2. ENGAGEMENT

A range of engagement was undertaken with user groups and key stakeholders. The engagement process forms an important part of the master planning process, to understand current use, as well as any issues or opportunities. The findings of the engagement process identify areas of investigation and assist to inform future recommendations within the reserve. The following provides a summary of the feedback received through the engagement.

- « The netball courts are generally in poor condition with significant **cracking of the courts**.
- « Improvements to dog **off-leash area** through formalising a fenced area with play equipment.
- « Opportunities to **improve accessibility** could be considered along with universal design for all facilities.
- « Improvements can be made to **existing facilities that are dated** and are not universally accessible.
- « **Low socio-economic area** – higher levels of obesity, so programs and services to increase participation have been challenging.
- « The reserves are located within **Dja Dja Wurrung Country**. Dja Dja Wurrung should be involved throughout the process and implementation to identify opportunities to include cultural recognition as part of any proposed developments as well as ensuring obligations under the Land Use Activity Agreement (LUAA) are adhered to.
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7. JH HEDGES MEMORIAL PARK

JH Hedges Memorial Park is a sport and recreation reserve located in Rinaldi Drive. The main facilities at JH Hedges Memorial Park are for the traditional sports of AFL, netball and cricket. The reserve is owned in part by Central Goldfields Shire Council and the remaining portion is owned by Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning. The key facilities include:

- « Sports oval with 2 training level lights and play shelters, turf wicket, scoreboard, ticket box.
- « 1 asphalt netball court with 1 light, storage shed and shelters
- « 4 cricket nets
- « 3 storage sheds
- « 1 shared pavilion including change rooms/ social/ meeting room, kitchen, bar and office
- « 1 public toilet block managed and only open by Royal Park Football Netball Club
- « 2 water tanks – 1 off the pavilion and 1 off the public toilet block
- « Bushland with walking tracks



Figure 5: Aerial of JH Hedges Memorial Park

7.1. ASSESSMENT OF EXISTING FACILITIES



Based on the above table the general condition and age of the buildings would indicate that no major issues were identified that are likely to impact the master plan planning horizon.

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Oval is long enough but not as wide as preferred standards, however, would still be within suitable standards.

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Single netball court does not meet runoff standards.

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Both the oval and netball court have the correct orientation.

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Four cricket nets meet the requirements for regular club use.

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There is some player seating for the oval and netball court which would appear to meet standards for local/ club use.

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Officials/ umpire seating appears lacking for both the netball court and the oval.



7.2. ENGAGEMENT

A range of engagement was undertaken with user groups and key stakeholders. The engagement process forms an important part of the master planning process, to understand current use, as well as any issues or opportunities. The findings of the engagement process identify areas of investigation and assist to inform future recommendations within the reserve. The following provides a summary of the feedback received through the engagement.

- « **Parking and viewing areas** to the oval are suitable and should remain.
- « Opportunities to **improve accessibility** could be considered along with universal design for all facilities.
- « Need for **additional netball courts** (minimum 2) as it limits growth and expansion of the clubs. The existing court has safety concerns with significant wear and tear and an area that constantly remains wet.
- « Lighting upgrades for netball court and oval are required.
- « **Low socio-economic area** – higher levels of obesity, so programs and services to increase participation have been challenging.
- « The reserves are located within **Dja Dja Wurrung Country**. Dja Dja Wurrung should be involved throughout the process and implementation to identify opportunities to include cultural recognition as part of any proposed developments, as well as ensuring obligations under the Land Use Activity Agreement (LUAA) are adhered to.
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8. KEY FINDINGS AND IMPLICATIONS FOR MARYBOROUGH MASTER PLANS

Three master plans are being prepared for the Maryborough Region, these include Princes Park, Jack Pascoe Reserve and JH Hedges Memorial Park. A range of background information, demographic reviews and stakeholder engagements have been undertaken to understand the key findings and opportunities for each reserve.

The Maryborough Region has a large population, with close to **8000 residents**. Growth is minimal within the region at **0.8% over the past five years** and is expected to continue at a similar rate into the future. The Maryborough population is an **ageing population** compared with Victoria and is considered to have a relatively **greater disadvantage**, compared to many other areas. Maryborough region also has a higher rate of individuals **needing assistance** with core activities compared with Victoria.

The Central Goldfields Shire Council has a commitment to supporting healthy lifestyles and promoting and enhancing passive and active recreation. Previous planning undertaken by the Council suggests that the public open spaces are well utilised, however, improvements to walkability and connectivity should be considered. Supporting infrastructures such as seating and additional shade would also improve opportunities for the community.

As a result, a number of key findings should be considered for all of the master plans:



Ensuring pathways and facilities are accessible and are suitable for all ages and abilities.



Ensuring that there are facilities and areas that can accommodate free play and/ or opportunities for low-cost programming.



Ensuring that each of the reserves provide and enhance opportunities for passive and active recreation. This should include sufficient seating and shaded areas.



Ensuring that the facilities are meeting safety standards, are meeting Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) standards including lighting.



Ensuring that Dja DJa Wurrung are involved throughout the process and implementation to identify opportunities to include cultural recognition as part of any proposed developments, as well as ensuring obligations under the Land Use Activity Agreement (LUAA) are adhered to.



Ensuring suitable car parking and that facilities are accessible to and from the car park.



Ensuring infrastructure improvements to the reserves consider gender equitable access and use policies and principles

Key findings specific to the Princes Park Master Plan include:

- « Single netball court limits netball opportunities on-site.
- « Tennis courts have issues with compliance (suitable runoff), which limits overall opportunities for the facility.
- « Opportunities to include officials/ umpire seating on the ovals.
- « Additional clubhouse facilities could be considered for netball.
- « Significant heritage consideration on the site, with any improvements needing to be approved by Heritage Vic.
- « Opportunities to improve amenity and use of Lake Victoria could be considered.
- « Opportunity to consider additional spaces/ areas for youth and families – noting that a skatepark and exercise equipment are planned to be developed in the short term.
- « Water pipe to CFA training facility has been reduced, preventing the ability to host competitions and championships.
- « Condition audit findings would suggest work will be required to the grandstand, and Jubilee clubrooms.
- « Given the number of competing uses within the precinct it would be suggested that an overarching committee may be valuable to ensure a planned and coordinated approach to the implementation
- « Council should consider reviewing tenure arrangements for user groups
- « Consider traffic flow and shared use zone particularly along Lake Road (Jubilee Oval entrance)
- « Consider installing bollards along lakeside path to maintain walking access around lake.

Key findings specific to the Jack Pascoe Reserve Master Plan include:

- « Condition audit of buildings suggests that the facilities are only in fair condition, therefore it is likely that work will be required in the future to ensure they are up to standard
- « Opportunity to repurpose unused Petanque Piste facility
- « Size of netball facility meets regional standards, but court condition is considered poor
- « Opportunity to formalise the dog off-leash area with fencing and equipment, however, need to ensure connectivity between the park is maintained (i.e. between netball and athletics)
- « Council should consider reviewing tenure arrangements for user groups.

Key findings specific to the JH Hedges Memorial Park Master Plan include:

- « Condition audit identified no major issues
- « Single netball court does limit overall opportunities for netball on site
- « Some player seating but officials/ umpire seating could be considered
- « Lighting upgrades required for netball court and oval
- « Council should consider reviewing tenure arrangements for user groups.




9. PUBLIC CONSULTATION

The master plans for the three reserves went through a community engagement process from 2 May to 2 June 2022. This included a user groups engagement session on 12 April 2022, two community consultation sessions on 1 June 2022 and an online survey which was promoted through various Council channels. Two additional small group online meetings were held with the Council Events Team and Maryborough Football Netball Club – Netball Representatives. A summary of the feedback received from both the survey and consultation sessions is detailed below:

Survey Summary

A total of 35 responses were received for the survey. Not all responses provided a comment on all three master plans, a breakdown of the total comments received for each plan is shown below:

	Princes Park: 22 comments
	Jack Pascoe Reserve: 13 comments
	JH Hedges: 12 comments

It should be noted that the 35 responses received are insufficient to interpret findings as being representative of the broader Maryborough community. They are summarised as an indication of the views of the residents who responded.

PRINCES PARK	
SURVEY SUMMARY	WORKSHOP SUMMARY
<p>Generally supportive responses, agreeing with upgrading facilities within the park.</p> <p>Key feedback included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> « Location of the splash park and ensuring it is free « Cricket upgrades being a priority and concern over location of practice nets « Oval upgrades including storage and irrigation (Princes Oval) « Lighting upgrade to Jubilee « Needs of cyclists & pathways catering for multi-use « Soccer needing clubroom « Rovers and tennis need lighting and change rooms « Nets for goals on Oval at Jubilee « Netball needing female change rooms and shelter (Jubilee) « Moving netball to Carrick Street (Jack Pascoe) 	<p>Session 1</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> « Site of proposed Water Play/Splash Park <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Unlikely that it would impact on patronage of the pool. • Pool needs to have some interactive play equipment regardless • Splash Park needs to be free, unfenced, available for much longer dates/times than outdoor pools « Parking <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Is there a need for improved parking along Holyrood Road to service the community events area? « Off Leash Dog Park <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Is there room between the fire track and Lake Victoria? « Visitor (Caravan) 'Pull Up'/Day Parking Area <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Space near Grandstand/public toilets • Would create 'Traveller Friendly' image of Maryborough – easy to walk into town, dog exercise space, need for dump point?? • Similar area could also be considered near adventure playground/skate and scooter park « Current Soccer Building <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Facility Upgrade required to support proposed community events space « Tennis Courts <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Integrated Tennis/Netball clubrooms/amenities, more hard courts would be preferred « CGSC Budget 2020/2021 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • References planning for the Splash Park as 2 different amounts on 2 different pages (\$30,000 and \$50,000)

JACK PASCOE RESERVE

SURVEY SUMMARY

Generally supportive responses, agreeing with upgrading facilities within the park.

Key feedback included:

- « Athletics needing upgrades (synthetic track and jump pits)
- « Making sure car park doesn't take up too much green space
- « Dog off leash area supportive
- « Supportive of football moving to Jack Pascoe (although suggestion for field needing to be fenced to stop balls)
- « Move netball association to Princes Park
- « More seating / shade

WORKSHOP SUMMARY

Session 1

- « Soccer
 - Clarification - one pitch only, is this enough?
 - Need to allow for junior games.
 - Need to consider synthetic surface – more costly to install but fewer maintenance issues, more compatible with an athletics track, able to cope with more training
- « Little Athletics
 - Jump pits etc need to be brought up to standard
- « Dancing and Gymnastics
 - Popular activities lacking suitable facilities/ home base
 - Could MSLC be considered (addition?)
- « Dog Park
 - Agreement that there is need within the Shire/Maryborough
 - No strong opinion re Jack Pascoe Reserve as a suitable location

Session 2

- « Shared Pavilion for Soccer and Little Athletics
 - Should it be an extension of the MSLC rather than a separate building?
 - Could amenities be shared with Martial Arts?
- « Future Purchase of Private Land
 - Has this been considered, especially regarding future need for additional parking?

JH HEDGES

SURVEY SUMMARY

Reasonable support for the developments, feedback included:

- « Support for netball upgrades
- « Need to resurface all entry road / surrounds of ground
- « Need additional netball court
- « Change rooms needed / toilets showers (plumbing issues currently)
- « Oval lights (new needed)
- « Children's playground needed
- « Support for MTB / pump track

WORKSHOP SUMMARY

Session 1

- « Change/Social Rooms
 - Need to be Female Friendly, particularly address needs of netballers
- « Netball Court
 - Have additional courts been considered? (Yes, insufficient space)
- « Parking
 - Parking needs to be extended and improved

Session 2

- « Fence
 - Reserve is a paid venue for football therefore issue re accessing proposed trails
- « Netball Courts
 - Additional half court needed for netball practice
- « Change/Social Rooms
 - Significant issue with sewerage, every time it rains. Tree root blockages are adding to problem
 - Previously used by agency supporting people with visual impairments – need to consider 'access for all
 - Is there enough space for extensions (+ possible inclusion of public amenities)
- « Oval Boundary Road
 - Needs resurfacing to provide improved access and parking for game days

All of the feedback received was considered and discussed. Amendments were then made to each of the master plans as required taking into account demand, feasibility and cost implications.

10. MASTER PLAN PRINCES PARK

The following table provides details of the master plan for Princes Park. The timing and delivery of projects will be subject to securing external funding and following appropriate design processes, such as concept, schematic and/or detailed design.













DESCRIPTION	DETAILS
District Recreation Park	Creation of a district recreation park, co-located with planned skate park and fitness stations. Update playground facilities, including expanding universal play opportunities and sheltered picnic areas
Walking Trails	Maximise internal loop trail walking/running trails including connections to picnic, fitness stations and to broader footpath connections
Seating	Additional Park bench seating along walking trails
Signage (within Park)	Development of way finding, cultural and distance signage along walking trails
Entry Signage	Installation of arrival signage / entry statements
Community Events Space	Connect Lions Park and former hockey field to create open space community events space. Community events space can include installation of 3-phase & 10-amp power outlets, water taps, food van concrete platforms
Aquatic Centre	Include in any future facility improvement planning the incorporation of diversified water options to expand attractiveness for all potential aquatic markets
Public Amenities	Re-life current public amenities throughout the precinct including universal accessibility and CPTED outcomes. Future consideration of adding a changing places facility.
Princess Park Grandstand and Clubroom	Undertake works required to address termite damage Electrical audit and upgrades, roof repairs and drainage maintenance and ongoing maintenance and upgrades to the grandstand, internal club rooms areas, kiosk infrastructure and social room areas. Expansion to include female friendly change rooms.
CFA Training Area	Undertake upgrades to water supply to ensure suitable water pressure for events
Tennis Courts and Clubhouse	Development of a 10-14 synthetic court facility (including retention of existing 5 synthetic courts) new lighting, and shared tennis/netball pavilion extension and upgrades
Princess Park Oval	Improvements to irrigation, drainage, new turf wicket, lighting to competition standard and inclusion of netting behind goals
Jubilee Clubhouse	Expansion of facility to include accessible and female friendly change rooms
Jubilee Oval	Upgrades to lighting to ensure competition standard and inclusion of netting behind goals
Netball (Princes Park)	Second netball court with lighting to be created in location of cricket nets (if feasible or nearby location) New storage and accessible toilet
Cricket	Cricket nets relocated (if required) / redeveloped along western boundary
Netball (Jubilee)	Development of 4 multi-use courts with lighting for netball and tennis (location near disused grass tennis courts)
New tree plantings and protection of heritage listed vegetation	Plant new native trees/vegetation around the Lake edge, walking track and on the three islands in the middle of Lake Victoria to improve the ecology and natural features of the precinct



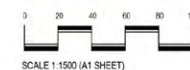
KEY DIRECTIONS

- 1 Improve walking trails, seating and signage throughout the park precinct
- 2 New skate and scooter park
- 3 New outdoor fitness equipment
- 4 Update playspace equipment
- 5 Potential water playspace locations subject to the future playspace strategy investigations
- 6 Public amenities upgrades, including consideration of changing places facility
- 7 Princes Park Grandstand, clubrooms and adjacent public amenities upgrades including a universal female friendly change room extension to the existing social room area (west side)
- 8 Princes Park oval – drainage, irrigation, new turf wicket, lighting improvements, ball catch netting and maintenance
- 9 Princes Park netball area - add an extra court and upgrade the existing netball court, upgrade lighting for both courts, additional storage and accessible toilet added to the existing building
- 10 Cricket training nets - new nets in a new location
- 11 CFA training and events track - water pressure upgrades
- 12 Community events space created
- 13 Tennis club - add 5 new synthetic courts, new lighting and shared tennis/netball pavilion extension and upgrades
- 14 Jubilee oval netball area - add 4 new multi-purpose netball/tennis courts, including lighting
- 15 Jubilee oval - clubrooms upgrades and lighting upgrades
- 16 Upgrade public amenities and change facilities building
- 17 New bike repair station
- 18 Add native trees to the surround of the lake and to the three islands

LEGEND

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|  | Proposed netball court |  | Proposed cricket nets |  | Energy Breakthrough Tracks |
|  | The existing buildings (grandstand, pavilion / clubrooms/changerooms, shelters and public toilets) |  | Existing buildings or infrastructure as noted, to be removed |  | Existing heritage-listed trees |
|  | Existing path to be upgraded |  | Synthetic tennis courts |  | Proposed multi-purpose tennis and netball courts |
|  | Potential Shared Use Zone between the Jubilee Oval entrance and the playspace node |  | Existing railway line |  | Existing open space and trees |

KEY DIRECTIONS PLAN PRINCES PARK, MARYBOROUGH



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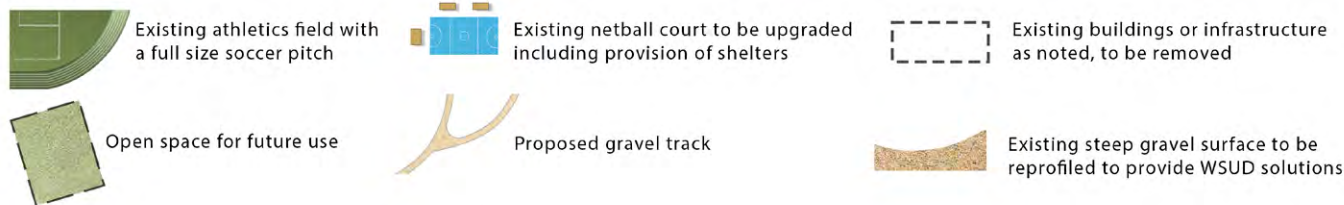
DESCRIPTION	DETAILS
Netball Courts	Full redevelopment of netball courts to improve sub-surface civil works and to avoid future surface cracking
Netball Clubhouse	Expansion of facility to include expanded universal amenities and improved CPTED outcomes
Dog Off Leash Area	Development of fenced dog off leash area
Childrens Playspace	Potential development of small children's play area near netball and dog off leash area
Food van concrete platform	Connect dog off leash area, recreation area and formalised sport spaces, can include installation of 3-phase & 10-amp power outlets, water taps
Skate Park	Decommission skate park
Maryborough Sport and Leisure Centre	Include in any future facility improvement planning the incorporation of diversified water options to expand attractiveness for all potential aquatic markets and include provision for future expansion of the indoor courts
Soccer Field	Develop new soccer field within the athletics track area
Modified Soccer Field	Development of a modified junior playing field could be considered near the decommissioned skate park
Clubhouse	New shared used Clubhouse for little athletics and soccer including universal change rooms, public amenities, kitchen/kiosk and storage
Walking Trails	Maximise internal loop trail walking/running trails including connections to broader footpath connections
Car Parking	Expand car parking on site
Athletics Upgrades	New long jump pits including synthetic run ups



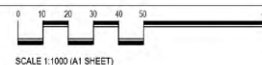
KEY DIRECTIONS

- 1 Full redevelopment of the netball courts, clubhouse, provision of coaches and players shelters between some of the courts and at the ends of courts
- 2 Add a soccer pitch inside the athletic's track
- 3 New shared club house for the soccer club and little athletics club. Removal of the existing little athletics club's facility
- 4 Potential fenced dog park with seating, shade shelter and water stations. Provide a small car parking area.
- 5 Maryborough Sports and Leisure Centre - future development of warm water pool, waterplay and indoor court expansion
- 6 Decommission the former skate park and re-purpose the site for other uses such as passive open space or modified small playing field
- 7 Car parking expansion at key activity areas seal the new car park area and provide WSUD and passive irrigation solutions
- 8 Improve/provide walking paths and seating to the perimeter of the park.
- 9 Upgrade the existing gravel slope to reduce erosion. Provide stormwater WSUD solutions to divert stormwater to the existing wetland
- 10 Enhance the existing wetland/pond through diversion of stormwater flow from the netball courts and the gravel entrance track to the netball pavilion
- 11 Public art/signage feature at the path entrance to celebrate the history of the site as the former Maryborough showgrounds
- 12 Potential new playspace
- 13 Long jump pits with new synthetic surface run ups
- 14 Possible splashpark subject to future playspace strategy investigations
- 15 Bike repair station

LEGEND



KEY DIRECTIONS PLAN JACK PASCOE RESERVE, MARYBOROUGH



Amendments:
 23.02.2022 Rev A Master plan mark up
 28.02.2022 Rev B Athletics + Existing building mark up
 11.04.2022 Rev C Athletics + Car park mark up
 11.07.2022 Rev D Legend + Key direction mark up

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DESCRIPTION	DETAILS
Netball Court	Full redevelopment of netball court to improve sub-surface civil works and to avoid future surface cracking
Netball Lighting	Lighting to meet minimum competition standards
Netball Facilities	Additional undercover area along netball court including seating and upgrade access / pathway
Clubhouse	Expansion to include female friendly change rooms and public amenities to meet universal accessibility outcomes
Southern Viewing Area	Undertake civil works to stabilise ground and prevent erosion. Opportunity to create informal seating / spectator area as part of works
Car Park	Upgrade Car Parking / Entrance Road
Oval	New lighting to meet competition standard
Mountain Bike Facilities	Refurbish and expand existing Mountain Bike Trails including signage, opportunity to develop a dirt pump track, can include a bike repair station near public amenities



KEY DIRECTIONS

- 1 Netball court resurfaced, new lighting and shelter upgrades
- 2 Clubrooms - upgrade existing pavilion and expansion to include female friendly universal design change rooms and new public amenities. Remove the existing public amenities building
- 3 Car park - resurface the existing entrance road and the existing sealed area
- 4 Southern viewing area - terraced seating to the exposed hillside for spectator viewing and to reduce erosion
- 5 Main oval - new lighting towers to be installed
- 6 Enhance the existing tracks as bicycle tracks with bike station facilities. New bike pump track includes way finding, route signage and distance markers. Provide a gate to access the trails and pump track
- 7 Provide for a bicycle repair station
- 8 Continue the gravel road along the eastern side of the oval

LEGEND



Existing netball court resurfaced, new lighting and shelter upgrades



Proposed gravel road along the eastern side of the oval



Upgrade training lights

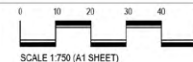


Proposed terraced seating for spectator viewing and strategically located to reduce erosion of the slope



Enhance the existing gravel tracks through the adjacent Box-Ironbark forest as bicycle and walking trails. Provide way finding, including distance signage and route markers

KEY DIRECTIONS PLAN J.H. HEDGES MEMORIAL PARK, MARYBOROUGH



Amendments:
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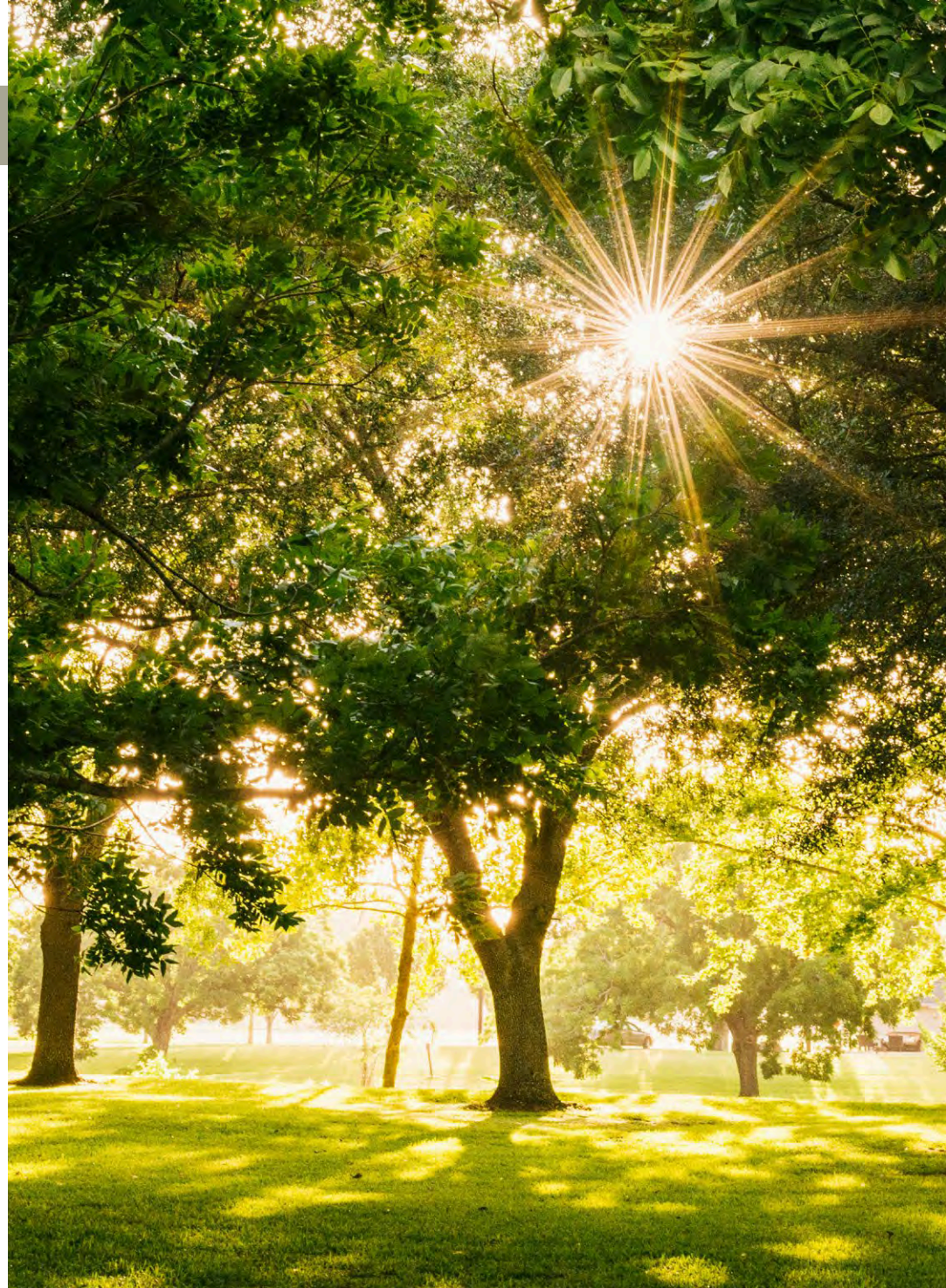
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