



THE CITY OF
GREATER GEELONG

INDOOR SPORT AND RECREATION

SOCIAL INFRASTRUCTURE PLAN
GENERATION ONE: 2020-23

Council acknowledges Wadawurrung Traditional Owners of this land and all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people who are part of the Greater Geelong community today.

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This plan was endorsed by council on 28 July 2020.

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THE POLICY

The Social Infrastructure Planning and Investment Policy aims to provide Council and the City of Greater Geelong with a guide to fair and equitable decision making, and to provide our community with a clear understanding of Council's role and how decisions are made.

THE PLAN

The Social Infrastructure Plan will outline the needs of our community, investment priorities and the way forward to ensure that people know what is planned in the place that they live.

The plan is intended to provide Council and the community with a single, simpler and more integrated strategic summary of Council's investment priorities over the next 1-3 years.

The plan will be closely monitored and updated each year in line with the realisation of transformational elements identified in the document and as our understanding of social infrastructure continues to mature and grow.

THE NETWORK REPORT

The network reports provide a summary of social infrastructure needs and requirements for each specific network over the next 1-3 years, understanding that the plan component identified in each will be updated annually, as new information becomes available.

The identified projects within the summary plan for each network are broken down into five key streams:

- New
- Renew
- Maintenance
- Planning
- Services / People

This network report specifically relates to Indoor Sport and Recreation - Multipurpose Indoor Sports Facility, Gymnastics Centre, Squash Court(s) and Table Tennis Venue.

For a complete overview of all the social infrastructure needs and priorities across the City of Greater Geelong, please refer to the Social Infrastructure Plan - Generation One: 2020 - 2023.

NETWORK PROFILES

There are 13 individual network reports covering a diverse range of community places, spaces and services.

Generation One: The Networks Covered



Early Years



Youth Spaces



Libraries



Community Meeting and Program Spaces



Arts and Culture



Open Space



Play Spaces



Aquatics and Leisure



Indoor Sport and Recreation
(THIS NETWORK REPORT)



Outdoor Sport and Recreation
(including sports pavilions)



Golf



Cycling and Trails



Public Toilets

WHAT CAN YOU FIND IN EACH NETWORK PROFILE AND PLAN

Overview of the network + Map

Each network consists of an introduction including background context and a map of known facilities, an overview of what the network is, what it is made up of, it's value and what some of the emerging issues and opportunities are, in addition to any related plans, community insights and key considerations.

Our guiding documents

A summary of related documents including strategies, plans, policies, needs assessments and technical reports.

What our community told us

A summary of relevant community feedback and insights.

Generation One – Things we considered

A summary of key considerations relating to each network (i.e. legislative changes, emerging issues and trends).

Current State - Snapshot

A snapshot of what we know about the network so far including, known provision, condition, travel accessibility and service provision.

A gap analysis based on existing industry benchmarks compared with today's provision.

Indicators of need by planning area

Provision, population, social and health indicators by each planning area to help inform any relevant areas of need and opportunities.

Strategic focus areas and directions

In response to the needs and opportunities identified, this section outlines the strategic focus areas and directions for each network, including a high-level mantra to guide planning and investment for the next three years.

The Plan: 2020 - 2023

Generation One of the plan provides a summary table of identified projects by 'Network' broken down into five streams – New, Renew, Maintenance, Planning, and Services / People.

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SCOPE

Multipurpose Indoor Sports Facility, Gymnastics Centre, Squash Court(s) and Table Tennis Venue.

Indoor sport and recreation facilities provide one of the most multi-use and dynamic facilities in our community. They accommodate a wide range of community and physical activities, but the overall provision, distribution and quality of indoor venues is inconsistent across our municipality.

Indoor facility usage trends indicate that people aged between 0 to 39 years are twice as likely to participate in indoor leisure / sporting activities and use indoor stadiums. This age group currently represents (54.4%) of the total population.

There is a strong need to plan for continued high demand for indoor court spaces that provide sporting activities for residents of younger ages and family groups.

The review indicates that indoor recreation facility provision was low with only thirty-four (34) large / full size indoor courts available for community use in the City, whilst adjoining municipalities only provide a further six large indoor courts.

Education providers (Primary / Secondary Schools and Tertiary Education) provide a total of 25 large indoor courts but only 13 of these courts (just above 50%) are available for regular community use. A total of 10 large indoor courts are provided by other organisations with all courts available for community use.

There were also a further 44 undersize courts across the municipality but the majority of these were not suitable for competition purposes (largely due to lack of run-off area and being undersized courts).

Benchmarking against other regional areas indicated that the City had the second lowest number of useable courts per population ratio of the regional areas reviewed.

The facility inventory also indicated that the majority of multiple court venues had high peak time use but many of the single court venues had low use and therefore had some capacity for more use (likely to be junior teams and training use).

The review of future population growth areas indicated that there was sufficient future facility development opportunities identified in the southern, eastern and northern growth areas of the municipality to meet increasing demand, at the time when expected population increases occur, as long as planning and funding strategies are commenced in these key areas within a reasonable time frame.

In 2014, the Indoor Recreation Facilities Strategy had been based on "the available indoor recreation facility supply being inadequate for the city's population needs", but consideration must be given to the large number of non-compliant / undersized courts and the low number of compliant competition courts. The strategy recommendations were therefore based on the need to:

- Increase use at a range of existing and suitably located centres that allow community use.
- Support and improve access to the best located and accessible education / institution centres that do not currently allow community use.
- Plan for between 7 to 10 new courts to be built and operational by 2018 and a further 7 to 10 courts planned and operational by 2031 to fill the gap in compliant courts across the municipality.
- Continue to operate and manage the facilities under direct Council management to ensure all user groups have access and that maximum facility occupancy is encouraged.

In response to the findings, the recommendations were:

- Develop facilities in areas of need and population growth.
- Expand key facilities in the north (Leisuretime Centre, Corio) and on the Bellarine.
- Encourage greater use of underutilised community / school indoor recreation facilities to provide more local area facility use and access.
- Develop new facilities in key growth areas with indoor recreation facilities at Armstrong Creek Precincts (up to 3 facilities) and Lara West (1 facility) as development is taken up and population triggers are reached.
- The emergence of a private provider in Marshall, 900 meters away from the recommended Brearley Reserve Council site had deferred development progress on that site. There is an opportunity to explore a potential partnership and/or expansion of the new private site to deliver on the deficit of courts south of the Barwon river.

OUR GUIDING DOCUMENTS:

The following related documents were used to inform this Plan (including strategic plans, policies, legislation and infrastructure plans):

- Council Plan (2018 - 2022)
- Indoor Recreation Facilities Strategy (2014)
- Brearley Reserve Regional Indoor Court Facility Feasibility Study (2017)
- New Stadium Management Options on Education Land - Report (2018)

WHAT OUR COMMUNITY TOLD US:

- **Sports Infrastructure:** With continuing growth in participation rates in sport and more recently in significant growth in women's sport, facilities and grounds are being challenged to meet demand.
- **Competing Access to Community Infrastructure:** Population growth affects all social infrastructure. Schools and educational institutions are also experiencing growth and as a result they are increasing their reliance and use of community infrastructure. This in turn can impact the amount of access time community groups have for the infrastructure they need.

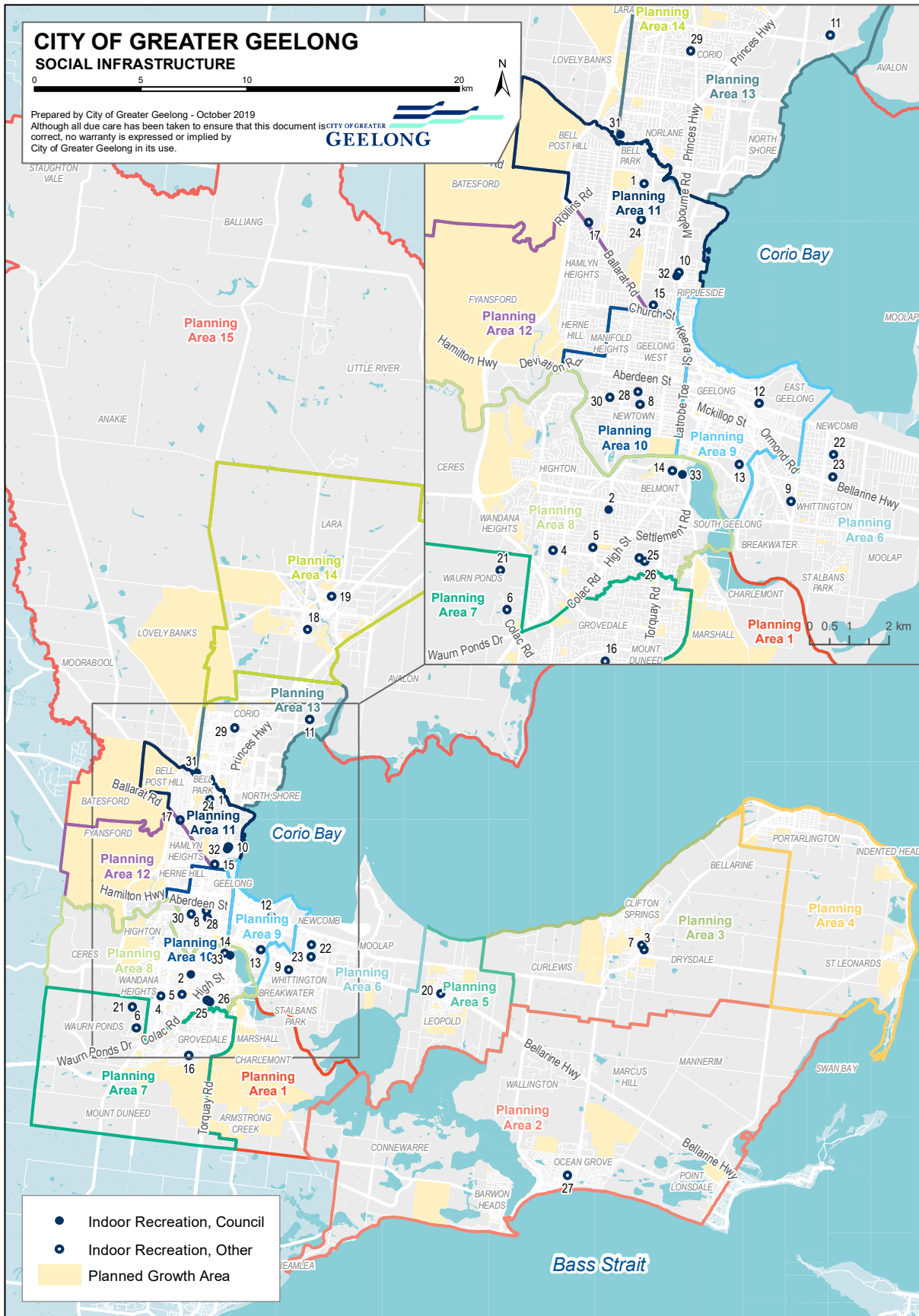
THINGS WE CONSIDERED:

- The low amount of compliant / full size courts for sports competitions and no compliant indoor netball courts available for regular use in the municipality.
- Emergence of private providers and the need to explore new ways of working.
- Finding the right delivery model in each unique area will be important. Increased pressure on education-based facility provision may affect overall community access to facilities.
- Indoor / high-ball centres will need to be adaptive to a range of activities and to be able to meet the changing needs of the community, and include provision for basketball, netball, volleyball, gymnastics, squash, table tennis and futsal at a minimum.
- Any future development will need to consider the ongoing management, operation, maintenance and renewal as part of any business case.
- Consider realignment of renewal, planning and development programs going forward to better respond to need and value manage outcomes.
- Consider a review of the 2014 strategy in line with new delivery models and changing expectations.

MAP 10 – INDOOR SPORT AND RECREATION

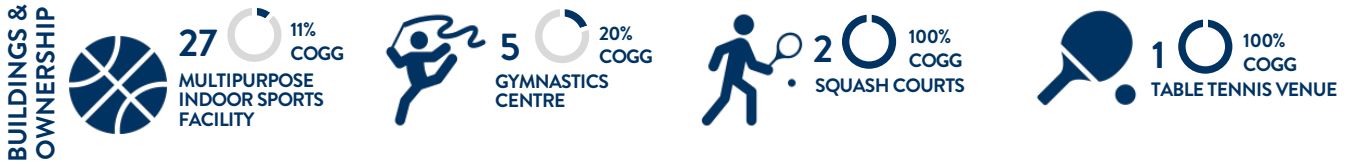
MAP REFERENCE	NAME
1	Action Indoor Sports Centre
2	Belmont Secondary College
3	Christian College - Drysdale Campus
4	Christian College - Middle School Campus
5	Clairvaux College
6	KD Stewart Centre (Deakin University, Waurn Ponds Campus)
7	Drysdale Primary School
8	Geelong College Senior School
9	Geelong East Primary School
10	Geelong Gymnastics Centre
11	Geelong Grammar
12	Geelong High School
13	Geelong Indoor Sports Centre
14	Geelong Lawn Tennis Club
15	Geelong Table Tennis Centre
16	Grovedale Secondary College
17	Kardinia International College - Indoor Sports Courts
18	Lara Lake Primary School - Indoor Sports Court
19	Lara Secondary College - Indoor Sports Court
20	Leopold Primary School (LINCS) - Indoor Sports Court
21	Marcus Oldham College
22	Newcomb Park Primary School - Indoor Sports Court
23	Newcomb Secondary College Hall - Indoor Sports Court
24	North Geelong Secondary College
25	Oberon Secondary College
26	Oberon South Primary School
27	Ocean Grove Memorial Hall
28	Sacred Heart College
29	St Francis Xavier Primary School
30	St Josephs College
31	Leisuretime Centre
32	The Geelong Arena
33	Barwon Valley Activity Centre (BVAC)

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Multipurpose Indoor Sports Facility, Gymnastics Centre, Squash Court(s) and Table Tennis Venue.



SERVICE	CURRENT PROVISION STANDARDS	TODAY	BENCHMARK	DIFFERENCE
Multipurpose Indoor Sports Courts Facility (i.e. Basketball / Netball / Futsal)	1 Facility per 12,000 Persons (all ages)	27 Facilities (56% comprise undersized courts)	21.4 Facilities	5.6 Facilities
Gymnastics Centre	1 Facility per 500,000 Persons (all ages)	5	1	4
Squash Courts	No Parameters	2	N/A	-
Table Tennis Venue	1 Facility per 500,000 Persons (all ages)	1	1	-

○ Data Notes: Despite the large number of indoor sports facilities, there is a lack of compliant / full-size and publicly accessible indoor sports courts with approximately on 44% of all courts provided across 27 sites are considered full-size for training and competition use.

DISTRIBUTION



TRAVEL ACCESSIBILITY



USAGE / OCCUPANCY



FELT NEED

There is a significant need for access to full-size compliant indoor sport and recreation facilities.

There is an inequity in the provision and distribution of access to indoor sports courts with a particular focus on the southern areas of Greater Geelong.

Over half of all courts provided across the 27 sites are considered undersized and not compliant for competition use.

The emergence of private providers and new school developments creates and opportunity for partnerships, however a placed-based approach will be key.

Any developments will need to consider the ongoing management and operation during the design phase to ensure desired outcomes are achieved.

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INDICATES A METRIC THAT IS OF SIGNIFICANCE TO ASSESSING NEED

DESCRIPTION OF SMALL AREAS	BY PLANNING AREA														
	Armstrong Creek - Marshall - Charlemont	Barwon Heads - Ocean Grove - Rural Bellarine Peninsula	Clifton Springs-Curlewis - Drysdale-Bellarine	Portarlington - St Leonards - Indented Head	Leopold	Newcomb-Moolap - Thomson - Breakwater - Whittington	Grovedale - Mount Duneed - Waurin Ponds	Belmont-Highton - Wandana Heights - Ceres	East Geelong - Geelong - South Geelong - Drumcondra	Geelong West - Manifold Heights - Newtown	Bell Park - Bell Post Hill - North Geelong - Ripplside	Hamiyn Heights - Herne Hill - Fyansford	Corio - Norlane - North Shore	Lara	Lovely Banks - Batesford - Moorabool - Rural North
KNOWN PROVISION	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
Multi-purpose Indoor Sports Facility	0	1	2	1	2	1	7	3	3	3	2	2	0	0	1
Gymnastics Centre	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	2	2	0	0	0	0
Squash Court(s)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Table Tennis Venue	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
PROVISION GAP	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
Multi-purpose Indoor Sports Facility	GAP	GAP	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	GAP	GAP	-
OTHER INDICATORS	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
Condition by area	To be determined in 2020 / 21														
Access by area	Poor	Good	Good	Good	Good	Good	Good	Good	Good	Good	Good	Good	Good	Good	Poor
SOCIAL INDICATORS	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
Households with Families	1974	4023	2666	936	2358	2895	3765	6314	1619	3425	2512	1747	4504	3056	826
School Age (5 – 17)	17.3%	17.8%	16.8%	11.0%	16.4%	13.3%	15.6%	16.6%	10.9%	16.1%	13.8%	13.4%	18.4%	16.9%	18.4%
Young Adults (18 – 34)	31.6%	15.0%	18.7%	11.1%	21.2%	23.1%	27.2%	23.7%	28.9%	23.7%	23.4%	27.1%	24.1%	23.6%	21.2%
Vulnerability* *% of children surveyed who are deemed vulnerable on one of more domain in their first year of school	N/A	19.5%	15.1%	30.8%	17.1%	35.2%	13.4%	16.4%	22.0%	16.4%	19.3%	15.1%	35.7%	17.8%	17.4%
SEIFA – Average of local area scores	1030	1064	993	945	987	891	1020	1024	1037	1050	937	968	793	1000	1001
Workforce Participation % of Planning Area population	67.9%	59.7%	54.9%	39.6%	61.2%	53.0%	60.2%	61.7%	62.8%	64.9%	53.7%	60.9%	45.9%	60.6%	62.2%
Car Ownership % of households without access to a car	2.3%	2.3%	3.0%	4.1%	2.3%	9.1%	4.7%	5.2%	8.2%	7.9%	8.2%	7.5%	12.2%	2.9%	1.4%
HEALTH INDICATORS	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
Self-rate health (%) – rated their health as fair or poor	9.5%	5.2%	8.8%	15.3%	11.4%	18.4%	11.9%	7.3%	10.1%	11.5%	6.6%	6.3%	21.2%	14.0%	9.5%
Physical activity (%) – Classified as sedentary	10.4%	5.1%	11.9%	8.3%	9.1%	14.1%	14.3%	6.7%	2.8%	8.0%	8.8%	4.1%	22.6%	13.1%	11.7%
Overweight (%) – Based on Body Mass Index	50.6%	29.4%	35.1%	31.6%	35.8%	47.0%	34.7%	34.4%	39.1%	37.4%	30.9%	28.2%	25.9%	45.4%	35.9%
Obese (%) – Based on Body Mass Index	15.4%	21.6%	18.9%	31.6%	26.6%	29.5%	19.5%	10.9%	12.9%	12.5%	30.9%	23.9%	28.4%	31.1%	19.8%
Psychological distress (%) - High / Very high distress rates	9.1%	6.8%	7.1%	12.0%	13.8%	12.0%	10.1%	10.6%	3.7%	8.7%	6.5%	4.1%	21.3%	8.5%	11.0%
Life satisfaction (%) – Rated their life satisfaction as high or very high.	82.6%	95.8%	84.8%	90.4%	86.8%	83.2%	85.7%	87.0%	88.6%	88.6%	80.3%	95.1%	68.1%	88.9%	84.9%

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IN THE NEXT 3 YEARS WE WILL FOCUS ON:

RE-THINKING THE NETWORK

STRATEGIC FOCUS AREAS



GREATER USE OF EXISTING FACILITIES

Maximise use of existing facilities and work with local private and education providers.



PLANNING BEYOND BASKETBALL

Expand and adapt a range of sports and activities into our planning and provision.



SUSTAIN HIGH QUALITY FACILITIES

Develop a detailed understanding of facility requirements to meet the changing needs of the community.



EXPLORE NEW MODELS OF DELIVERY

Explore contemporary delivery models to ensure equitable access to indoor facilities.



DIRECTIONS

REF	DIRECTION	POLICY / RESPONSE ALIGNMENT
1.	<p>Planning beyond basketball. Expand and adapt a range of sports and activities into our planning and provision.</p> <p>Contemporise and undertake holistic planning and policy development. Indoor / high-ball centres will need to be adaptive to a range of activities and be able to meet the changing needs of the community; including provision for basketball, netball, volleyball, gymnastics, squash, table tennis and futsal at a minimum.</p> <p>Include planning for people and place (i.e. Gender-neutral provision, positive ageing and access for all abilities).</p>	<p>In response to the need to diversify, contemporise and holistically plan for future sport and recreation provision, and sustainable management and operation.</p> <p>In response to the low amount of compliant / full size courts for sports competitions and no compliant indoor netball courts in the municipality.</p>
2.	<p>Encourage greater use of underutilised community and school indoor recreation facilities to provide more local area facility access and use.</p> <p>Explore new models of delivery that ensure access to facilities where and when they are needed and in consideration of the long-term sustainability, management, operation and renewal of the facility. This may include working with the private, not-for-profit and/or education sectors to assess the appropriateness of planning and development together.</p>	<p>In response to the emergence of private and education providers and the need to explore new ways of working.</p> <p>In response to the need to find the right delivery model that fits each unique area and opportunities, will be important.</p> <p>In response to increased pressure on education-based facility provision that may affect overall community access to facilities.</p> <p>In response to the need for sustainability. Any future development will need to consider the ongoing management, operation, maintenance and renewal as part of any business case.</p> <p>In response to competing access to community infrastructure.</p>
3.	<p>Focus on infrastructure projects that build the quality, functionality and carrying capacity of the existing network. Maximise use of existing facilities by initiating and supporting upgrade projects that focus on creating flexible multi-use spaces and building overall capacity.</p> <p>Focus on strategic partnerships to build capacity and capability across the network to deliver on infrastructure needs.</p> <p>Plan and develop legislated and/or contractual obligations in growth areas in a timely and efficient manner. A place-based approach is required for development in growth areas to ensure that the timely sequencing of delivery can be achieved to support a sustainable operating model and it's intended use.</p>	<p>In response to the significant deficit of compliant and accessible courts across the municipality.</p> <p>In response to the need for equity and accessibility.</p> <p>In response to the need to build capacity in the network and working with others.</p>

IDENTIFIED PROJECTS

SUMMARY OF INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT OVER THE NEXT 3 YEARS (2020-23)

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HARD INFRASTRUCTURE			SOFT INFRASTRUCTURE	
NEW	RENEW	MAINTENANCE	PLANNING	SERVICES / PEOPLE
<p>New:</p>	<p>Minor refurbishment: As required.</p> <p>Major Refurbishment: Reconfigure and expand Leisuretime Centre to provide more functional indoor courts and replace outdoor netball courts: Plan for up to 4 additional indoor courts with new floodlighting, redevelop existing indoor courts to become multi-purpose and provide new amenities to meet future northern area population growth.</p> <p>Explore opportunity to work in partnership to develop new courts on the Bellarine: New court extensions at Bellarine Secondary College to meet future eastern area population growth (potential to contribute via gifted land).</p> <p>Replace the roof at The Geelong Arena.</p> <p>Geelong Arena Disability Access Toilets Upgrade in line with DDA compliance.</p> <p>Geelong Arena install heating and air-conditioning in the Annex.</p>	<p>Based on Asset Management Plan – develop annual maintenance program(s).</p> <p>Implement Indoor Sport / Stadium Upgrade Programs.</p>	<p>Develop Asset Management Plan in line with asset condition, fit-for-purpose and criticality audits.</p> <p>In line with proposed Sport and Recreation Needs Study – consider the ongoing requirements and opportunities for high-ball activities.</p> <p>Leisuretime Centre Regional Facility Development Plan. Including a focus on detailed design and business case for internal court development and expansion including engineering.</p> <p>Conduct feasibility of Indoor Sports Stadium in Armstrong Creek Town Centre (including multicourt indoor sports stadium with potential for flexible entertainment space). Explore alternative delivery model and use of developer contributions.</p> <p>Investigate a potential partnership to achieve the expansion of the Indoor stadium at Bellarine Secondary College Indoor Sports Centre.</p> <p>Develop New Growth Area Facilities.</p> <p>Investigate the diversification and rebranding of The Geelong Arena to become a community and cultural hub (with basketball and gymnastics provision).</p> <p>Commence planning for new 3 court indoor stadium located at Lara West as development is taken up and population triggers are reached.</p>	<p>Work in collaboration with private, not-for-profit and education providers to ensure reasonable access to indoor sport across the municipality.</p> <p>Promotion and activation of indoor recreation centres – appointment of a marketing and program development resource.</p> <p>Implement Smart City Technology assessing existing service performance.</p>

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