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RECREATION PLAN



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1. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Tasman Recreation Plan has been produced as a collaborative effort between the Tasman Council (Council) and Sport and Recreation Tasmania (SRT). It was identified that a recreation plan would assist to better understand and plan for the provision of sport and recreation opportunities in the Tasman municipality.

Council recognises that it faces a range of recreation issues such as problems associated with ageing infrastructure, limited finances, and a small and transient population base. However the Tasman also has many recreation opportunities with extensive coastal and natural areas, some well utilised recreation facilities, and a community that values and supports sport and recreation. To respond to these issues and maximise these opportunities, the Council must strategically plan, develop and deliver recreation facilities and support the delivery of programs and services that achieve positive recreation outcomes for the community. This recreation plan provides a framework for this to occur.

The purpose of the plan is to provide information that will facilitate evidence based decision making about issues facing Council and its community in relation to sport and recreation facilities, programs and services. The plan provides practical, sustainable and achievable recommendations for Council to deliver and maintain sport and recreation opportunities in the municipality over the next 10 years.

The Recreation Plan acknowledges that the Tasman municipality is small and therefore has limited resources. It is important to note that the plan does not commit Council to implementing all or any recommended actions, however it will provide guidance to Council in the decision making process regarding the future provision of sport and recreation facilities, programs and services.

A summary of the recommendations within this Recreation Plan are as follows:

No.	Recommended Strategies	Rationale
1	SPORT AND RECREATION FACILITIES - EXISTING	
1.1	<p>Continue to maintain, improve and support the network of community halls and support for hall committees. In particular:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tasman Community Centre (Taranna) – general maintenance and investigate options for increasing usage • Nubeena Civic Centre – general maintenance and investigate options for increasing usage • Support Hall Committees with administrative tasks and promote consistent processes (see Recommendations 7 below). 	<p>Community halls are key recreational facilities in the municipality which are used for a variety of activities. Council working in partnership with, and supporting, hall committees will ensure maintenance requirements are prioritised and administrative functions are consistent (see Recommendations 7 below).</p> <p>Tasman Community Centre is used for a number of sporting activities such as badminton and basketball, as well as U3A meetings and Youth Group. It is centrally located, on approximately 50-acres of land, and is one of the key sport and recreation facilities in Tasman. Consideration should be given to providing for broader sport and recreation opportunities at the site given its size and central location.</p> <p>Nubeena Civic Centre is also well situated to accommodate additional activities due to its size, location and current under-utilisation (e.g. gym and climbing wall – see Recommendations 2.2 and 2.3 below).</p> <p>Any significant development or expansion of these sites should be consistent with a viable business plan (see Recommendation 2.1 below), and should seek to complement the other halls rather than compete.</p>

No.	Recommended Strategies	Rationale
1.2	<p>Continue to maintain sporting grounds and improve drainage as required. The three main recreation grounds are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Premaydena Recreation Ground • Nubeena Recreation Ground • Port Arthur Recreation Ground 	<p>The three recreation grounds are well-utilised and require ongoing maintenance. Inadequate drainage was previously reported at all of the recreation grounds, which created problems for usage over winter and challenges for recovery to ensure the grounds are in good condition in time for the start of the cricket season.</p> <p>Significant drainage works were undertaken at the Port Arthur and Nubeena Recreation grounds in 2012 which significantly improved the condition of these grounds. The main requirement now is for drainage around the boundary of the Port Arthur ground to remove water from spectator areas. Boundary fencing is also required at the Nubeena ground.</p> <p>Some drainage issues remain on the Premaydena ground, however it is only used in summer (for cricket) so is less of a problem/priority. Some minor maintenance works to improve drainage at the Premaydena ground is planned in the near future.</p>
1.3	<p>Continue to maintain and upgrade council owned recreation ground club rooms as required. In particular:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nubeena Recreation Ground club rooms – upgrade of showers, toilets and change rooms. • Port Arthur Recreation Ground club rooms – upgrade player and spectator facilities. 	<p>The club rooms at both recreation grounds are aged and in poor condition. Given the limited resources available to undertake the redevelopment works, some priority upgrades have been identified at each site.</p> <p>The condition of the club rooms at the Nubeena ground are very poor and in need of upgrading.</p> <p>The club rooms at the Port Arthur ground operate acceptably as change rooms, however they are very basic and limit future use (e.g. functions).</p>
1.4	<p>Support Grounds committees and promote consistent processes (see Recommendations 7 below).</p>	<p>See Recommendations 7 below.</p>
2 SPORT AND RECREATION FACILITIES - NEW		
2.1	<p>Ensure any new facility (or significant upgrade) proposal is supported by a business plan that demonstrates the project is feasible, viable and sustainable before committing to the project. Refer to Business Planning Guidelines (Appendix 1).</p>	<p>Business planning is crucial to assess the viability of projects.</p>
2.2	<p>Investigate opportunities to incorporate gym equipment within existing facility, e.g. Nubeena Civic Centre.</p>	<p>The results of the Community Survey (and broader consultation) indicate that the provision of a gym/weights room facility was the most popular sport and recreation facility respondents would like to see developed in the Tasman municipality.</p>

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2.3	Investigate opportunities to provide low cost sport and recreation opportunities for youth (for example indoor climbing wall at the civic centre has been suggested). Also investigate options for outdoor activities such as mountain bike riding, bushwalking and kayaking.	There are few opportunities for youth in the area and the demographic information supports the need to target this age group, particularly those under 15. Increasing the retention of young people in the municipality through the provision of meaningful, interesting and worthwhile employment and activities is a key strategy within the Tasman Council Strategic Plan.
2.4	Consider options for walking/cycling tracks to link communities, e.g. Nubeena Foreshore track and foreshore walkway from Murdunna jetty to Murdunna shop.	See Tracks & Trails (Recommendations 3) below.
2.5	Ensure future facility planning takes into account the ageing demographic of the community including accessibility options and facilities which cater for non-sporting activities.	The number of residents over the age of 55 has been increasing with the 55-64 age group representing the largest age-group in 2011.
2.6	Improve and develop infrastructure at popular surfing beaches (Eaglehawk Neck and Roaring Beach) including toilets, change rooms and seating.	There are many popular swimming and surfing spots on the peninsula, regularly used by locals and visitors. The lack of infrastructure at surfing beaches was identified in the community surveys.
3 TRACKS AND TRAILS		
3.1	Investigate opportunities for walking and cycling infrastructure around key population centres, including Nubeena to White Beach and Murdunna jetty to Murdunna Shop.	The characteristics of the Tasman Peninsula provide an ideal environment for outdoor recreation including walking, cycling and mountain biking activities. The Tasman Council Strategic Plan highlights the maintenance, improvement and extension of cycleways as one of its key strategies. There are opportunities to support, promote and develop facilities which provide these outdoor recreational activities. The need for maximising these opportunities is further supported by a general trend towards unstructured activities, the ageing demographic and highly transient population with the population increasing to over 8000 in the summer months. Development of foreshore tracks at Nubeena and Murdunna were identified as a priority in the Community Survey, however other worthy trail projects are also likely to emerge and can be assessed against the “ <i>Assessment criteria for trail developments</i> ” in the Trails Tasmania Strategy.
3.2	Maximise opportunities to provide options for bushwalking and mountain bike riding in collaboration with Parks and Wildlife Service and Forestry Tasmania.	
3.3	Ensure tracks and trails planning is in accordance with the Trails Tasmania Strategy.	

No.	Recommended Strategies	Rationale
4	SPORT AND RECREATION SERVICES	
4.1	<p>Continue to provide sport and recreation information through informal networks such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use of community noticeboards for designated sport and recreation activities and programs. Placed at shops, Council, halls/grounds. Include rosters and contact information • Use of Tasman Gazette and monthly Council newsletter for dedicated sport and recreation information • Information brochures or booklet with relevant sport and recreation information • Calendar of regular sporting events and contact details • New residents welcome pack with sport and recreation information. 	<p>The results of the Community and Club Surveys indicate that the majority of people access sport and recreation information through word of mouth and community noticeboards, however many would like to access information on the internet.</p> <p>Given the ageing population and the isolation of the Tasman community, it is important that informal information networks are maintained and improved.</p>
4.2	<p>Increase the provision of internet based information on sport and recreation facilities, programs and services, specifically through the Tasman Council website. The Council website would provide a central point for sport and recreation information for residents and visitors such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • General information about facilities, clubs, programs and activities • Information about where to access club rosters etc. • Up to date contact details and information on where to access rosters • Booking details and/or centralised booking system for halls and grounds (see Recommendation 7.3 below) • Calendar/noticeboard of sport and recreation activities and events. 	<p>The Community Survey supports the increased need for access to internet based information. The Tasman Council website is ideal for providing a central repository for sport and recreation information for the community and visitors to Tasman.</p>

No.	Recommended Strategies	Rationale
5	SPORT AND RECREATION PROGRAMS AND ACTIVITIES	
5.1	Encourage flexible programming to cater for those constrained by full-time working hours and those who are retired or working part-time.	Results of the community survey indicate that some of the reasons people don't participate in sport and recreation activities include work commitments, lack of time and parenting commitments, which is consistent with broader trends in Australia. While Council is not responsible for delivering programs, it has a role in supporting and promoting program delivery within the municipality. It is noted that the Dunalley Neighbourhood house offer childcare with some of their physical activity options which is well received. The demographic profile indicates the need to provide a range of sport and recreation options to suit all age groups, particularly youth and those over 45 years of age. The ageing and relatively transient population supports the need for unstructured programs and activities. Many trail, water and nature based activities can meet this need and make good use of the area's natural advantages. This was further supported in the results of the Community Survey.
5.2	Promote opportunities to participate in brief/short activities.	
5.3	Support programs and activities which attract and accommodate a range of activities including sporting and non-sporting activities across all age-groups in the community. This is particularly relevant for youth (0-14 age group) and older residents aged 45-64 of which there are high numbers in the Tasman area.	
5.4	Encourage and support activities which provide for informal, low cost participation such as cycling, walking, exercise/gym classes and mountain bike riding.	
5.5	Encourage and support opportunities for childcare arrangements to be included/considered with some activities.	
5.6	Continue to support and promote nature and water based activities such as bushwalking, swimming, walking and fishing. These activities were the most popular activities undertaken, based on the results of the Community Survey. They are also ideal to meet the needs of the ageing demographic and the transient population.	
5.7	Support clubs and community groups in providing other sport and recreation activities within the region (e.g. netball, basketball, walking groups and fun runs were all suggested within the community surveys).	

No.	Recommended Strategies	Rationale
6 SPORT AND RECREATION CLUBS		
6.1	<p>Support sport and recreation clubs with their administration and governance and encourage club planning including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Club strategic planning (refer toolkit at: www.sportandrecreation.tas.gov.au/sportrectas/publications/strategic_and_operational_planning) • Risk management (refer toolkit at: www.sportandrecreation.tas.gov.au/sportrectas/publications/risk_management_toolkit) • Facility development planning (see Appendix 1) 	<p>Tasman has a number of different sporting clubs and being a smaller, isolated community, these clubs are integral to fostering community cohesion and social inclusion.</p> <p>Well-administered and well-governed clubs will be more sustainable, more likely to meet community needs, and reduce pressure on volunteers.</p> <p>Results of the Clubs Survey indicate that the main challenges faced by clubs are the ground/facility condition, cost, lack of transport and lack of club funds.</p>
6.2	<p>Ensure sporting facilities reflect the high standard expected by the community by ensuring that maintenance and upgrades adhere to requirements for accessibility, safety, environmental and building standards (see Recommendations 7 below).</p>	
7 COUNCIL ADMINISTRATION		
7.1	<p>Clearly establish roles and responsibilities between Council and Halls/Grounds committees with regards to facility maintenance.</p>	<p>Within Tasman, there are a number of special committees which have been set up to manage the five community halls and three recreation grounds. These committees operate relatively independently and are responsible for booking arrangements, fee collection, general maintenance and day to day operations. There is also a small Council budget available for facility maintenance and upgrades.</p>
7.2	<p>Develop a facility management plan for all the main recreation grounds and halls, in collaboration with committees, to maximise the effectiveness and efficiency of the facilities (see: www.dsr.wa.gov.au/managementplanguide)</p>	<p>While the special committees are clearly integral to the successful operation and management of the halls and grounds, there are opportunities to work more in partnership with Council in relation to promoting facilities to increase usage, sharing the administration responsibilities, promoting consistency in operations across these facilities and prioritising maintenance and upgrade requirements.</p>
7.3	<p>Investigate opportunities for a centralised booking system for halls and grounds through the Council website with Council to administer the booking process.</p>	<p>As the halls and grounds currently operate independently with separate committees, there is scope to promote consistency between the way these facilities are managed. Council taking on a greater administrative role (through centralised bookings) would ease the burden on committees and provide a central point for users and promote consistent processes.</p>

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7.4	<p>Support and promote multi-use of facilities to ensure sustainability of sport and recreation facilities in the municipality (refer “Sharing sport and recreation facilities” information sheet - www.sportandrecreation.tas.gov.au/sportrectas/publications/information_sheets)</p>	<p>There are a number of sport and recreation facilities in Tasman which have limited use or are only used for a single purpose. Facility sharing helps to maximise usage and reduce the burden/costs associated with facility maintenance and upgrades. It also enables greater sustainability of the programs offered at the facility.</p>
7.5	<p>Assist clubs by providing information on funding opportunities and work with clubs to plan projects in accordance with Business Planning Guidelines (See Appendix 1).</p> <p>Also assist with Club Strategic Planning and Risk Management (see Recommendation 6.1 above)</p>	<p>There are a number of funding options to consider for facility projects including tracks and trails. These projects might include facility upgrades or the development of a new facility. There are a number of external funding options available including grants (local, state, federal), donations, loans and sponsorship. Well planned projects, with a supporting business plan, have a greater chance of attracting funding opportunities.</p> <p>Grant information is available from various sources including but not limited to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • www.sportandrecreation.tas.gov.au/sportrectas/funding_opportunities • www.tascomfund.org/ • www.business.gov.au/grantfinder/grantfinder.aspx

2. INTRODUCTION

The aim of the Tasman Recreation Plan is to inform Council and assist it in decision making relating to the provision and utilisation of recreation facilities, programs and services over the next decade.

2.1 Definitions and Scope

The Recreation Plan articulates Council's role in the future provision and support of sport and recreation opportunities. It will assist Council to strategically plan, develop, deliver and maintain recreation facilities, and support the delivery of programs and services over the next 10 years.

The primary focus of this recreation plan is sport and active recreation, however it is acknowledged that Council plays a role in promoting and supporting non-active recreational opportunities in the community. The following definitions of sport and recreation were agreed for the purpose of this plan:

- **Sport** - activities which are based on formal competition and/or organised administration and have a formal set of rules.
- **Recreation** – physically active opportunities and activities undertaken by choice, in free time, for personal enjoyment or other benefits.

The plan considers facilities, programs and services owned/operated by commercial organisations, not-for-profit organisations, local government and state government agencies. These have been defined as:

- **Facilities:** sporting grounds, halls, stadiums, aquatic facilities, open space, playgrounds, tracks and trails;
- **Programs:** sport and recreation opportunities or activities including structured sports normally offered through competition or rosters and activities (such as bushwalking, mountain biking, fishing or canoeing) organised through formal or informal networks;
- **Services:** information via newsletters, websites, maps, signage etc. which inform the community of sport and recreation facilities and opportunities including location and cost. This also includes information on community transport, program leaders, venue staff, management processes, disability services, subsidies and grants.

2.2 Objectives

The plan aims to provide a strategic direction that will address the following objectives:

- Identify current provision of sport and recreation facilities, programs and services and identify any gaps;
- Identify those Council owned facilities that are currently sustainable and make recommendations on those that are not sustainable;
- Respond to current and emerging recreation issues including those associated with ageing recreation infrastructure and the cost effective and optimum utilisation of facilities or programs;
- Compile and analyse sport and recreation trends and demographic data to inform the use of current sporting and recreation infrastructure and the planning of the future provision;
- Align planning of future sporting and recreation infrastructure with 'good planning principles' such as needs assessments, feasibility studies, business cases and project planning;
- Engage with key stakeholders such as land managers, regional bodies, local government, Department of Education and not-for-profit organisations in order to maximise joint planning opportunities during the design phase of sporting infrastructure projects;
- Implement and embed sustainability principles and practices in sporting and recreation infrastructure planning, design and management.

2.3 Outputs

The principal output of the project is the Recreation Plan. The plan provides:

- A list of existing sporting and recreation infrastructure (facilities, programs and services) and some of their key characteristics;
- An analysis of the provision, distribution and appropriateness of the infrastructure to meet current and future needs;
- An analysis of the Tasman community profile, demographics and sport and recreation trends;
- A summary and analysis of community consultation results;
- Recommendations which address the gaps between existing infrastructure and community needs, and enhance the sport and recreation opportunities in the Tasman municipality.

2.4 Guiding Principles

Tasman Council identified a number of guiding principles which have been incorporated into the development of this Plan. The Plan's guiding principles are:

- Multi-use and efficiency in the provision of sport and recreation facilities;
- Viable and sustainable sport and recreation opportunities that consider and manage environmental impacts;
- Partnerships and shared responsibility – exploring opportunities for the joint development and operation of facilities, programs and services;
- Diversity in the range of recreational opportunities that meet community needs;
- Consideration of the potential to upgrade or rationalise current assets depending on usage and condition;
- Organisational and financial capacity of a small Council in planning and managing realistic facilities, programs and services;
- Promoting access and equity in recreational opportunities;
- Prioritising support for facilities, programs and services that deliver benefits to a wide cross-section of the community;
- Promoting sport and recreation as a means of strengthening the community, developing social capital and enhancing the health and wellbeing of residents and visitors;
- Ensuring community recreation opportunities comply with contemporary health, risk management and public safety standards and practices.

2.5 Project Timeline

The Recreation Plan project commenced in July 2012 and was finalised in November 2013.

2.6 Project Methodology

The methodology used in developing the Tasman Recreation Plan included:

2.6.1 Literature and policy background search

Relevant plans and policies were reviewed and considered throughout this project to ensure the Tasman Recreation Plan is consistent with other strategic planning documents.

These included:

- Tasman Council Strategic Plan 2011-2016
- Sport and Recreation Tasmania (SRT) Strategic Plan
- Tasmania's Plan for Physical Activity 2011-2021
- Trails Tasmania Strategy

2.6.2 Audit of existing sport and recreation facilities, programs and services

Information was gathered on existing sport and recreation facilities, programs and services in the municipality including:

- Type of facility, program or service
- Location
- Ownership and management
- Usage

This information was reviewed and considered in the development of recommendations for the plan.

2.6.3 Review of factors impacting on recreation interests and trends

Demographic Profile of the Tasman municipality

A demographic profile of the Tasman municipality was produced, based on 2011 ABS Census data. This provided a comprehensive picture of the Tasman municipality which was considered in light of the recommendations included in the Recreation Plan. Information included in the demographic profile included:

- Population distribution and projections
- Age and distribution and trends
- Income and employment status

Tasman Community Profile

The features of the Tasman municipality were reviewed and were used to inform the recommendations in the plan. This included the physical, economic and demographic features of the region.

The impact of broad social trends

Broad social trends that may have implications to sport and recreation provision were reviewed and used to inform the recommendations within the Tasman Recreation Plan. These included changing work, social and family structures, population ageing and the increased use of technology.

A review of sport and recreation participation trends was also undertaken including an analysis of ABS data from the 2011-12 Participation in Sport and Physical Recreation Survey.

This information had a number of implications for planning the provision of appropriate opportunities for participants into the future and were incorporated into the recommendations.

2.6.4 Community and stakeholder consultation

A variety of methods was used to collect community and stakeholder perspectives in relation to usage of facilities, participation patterns, challenges and barriers, facility maintenance requirements, sport and recreation needs. Consultation occurred through the following:

- Community survey accessed through the Tasman Council website;
- Club Survey distributed to a number of local sport and recreation clubs
- Halls and Grounds Surveys distributed to representatives from each hall and grounds committee.

- Informal consultation via attendance at local meetings/gatherings
- Written submissions

The information collected through the consultation was recorded and used to help inform the plan.

2.6.5 Recommendations, actions and priorities

The information arising from research findings, audit of current facilities, programs and services and the consultation process was consolidated and reviewed to determine implications for sport and recreation provision. This was used to develop a number of recommendations which form the basis of the recreation plan.

2.6.6 Feedback from stakeholders and finalisation of the plan

The following process was undertaken to endorse the Recreation Plan:

- Draft Plan presented to Council workshop for feedback
- Draft Plan presented to community with time allowed for public comment (via written submission);
- Plan adjusted accordingly
- Plan finalised and adopted by Council via Council meeting

2.6.7 Implementation and evaluation of the plan

Primary responsibility for implementation of the plan will lie with the Tasman Council in consultation with the community and key stakeholders within that community.

The plan should be reviewed on a regular basis, particularly as different opportunities arise, new demographic trends emerge and community needs change. As a living document, the plan must retain flexibility to allow for updates as required.

Evaluation of the plan is essential to measure the effectiveness of the plan and enable Council to determine the success of actions or projects that result from recommendations.

2.7 Project Limitations

The community consultation does not necessarily provide a complete picture of community needs in the municipality and were therefore only used as a guide to help inform the plan. Council will need to continue to monitor community needs on a regular basis rather than rely exclusively on the evidence and recommendations contained in this plan.

It should also be noted that the Council budget is limited and as such, the recommended strategies in the plan were aimed at being realistic and achievable to ensure they can be implemented.

2.8 Project management, support and input

The project was undertaken as a partnership, utilising the expertise and capacity of both Sport and Recreation Tasmania (SRT) and the Tasman Council in a cooperative cost-effective approach. It reflects the commitment of both to the planning, provision and management of sport and recreation opportunities in the Tasman municipality

3. REVIEW OF RELEVANT REPORTS AND STRATEGIES

Relevant plans and policies were reviewed and considered throughout this project to ensure the Tasman Recreation Plan is consistent with other strategic planning documents.

3.1 Tasman Council Strategic Plan 2011-2016

The Tasman Council Strategic Plan 2011-2016 identifies the development of a Municipal Recreation Plan and community partnerships as key strategies to address Council's objective of providing a "range of recreational activities and services that meet the reasonable needs of the community".

Through its Strategic Plan, Council has identified six strategic themes as a result of input provided by the community and Council. This Recreation Plan primarily aligns with and contributes to the strategic themes "Lifestyle" and "Infrastructure". Within the Lifestyle theme, Council has identified some key strategies relevant to the recreation plan. These are:

- (a) Youth – increase the retention of young people in the municipality through the provision of meaningful, interesting and worthwhile employment and activities. Council identifies key strategies around supporting the development of programs and activities for young people;
- (b) Volunteers – encourage community members to volunteer by ensuring appropriate recognition of volunteers, facilitate volunteer training programs and supporting staff to undertake volunteer duties. This is of particular relevance to the Recreation Plan as the Tasman community is very reliant upon volunteers to facilitate sport and recreation opportunities;
- (c) Recreation – provide a range of recreational activities and services that meet the reasonable needs of the community through development of a Recreation Plan and identifying opportunities to work in partnership with the community to improve and expand recreational services and activities.

Under the "infrastructure" theme, Council will focus on the maintenance of existing infrastructure, and strategic investment in new infrastructure, to maximise the community satisfaction and benefit from infrastructure provided by Council. Council identifies the following key strategies within this strategic theme which are relevant to this Recreation Plan:

- (a) Footpaths – maintenance and improvement to the standard and safety of pedestrian footpaths/walkways
- (b) Cycleways – maintenance, improvement and extension of cycleways
- (c) Community Halls – continue to maintain, improve and support the network of community halls and support hall committees
- (d) Public facilities – maintenance and improvement of the provision of public facilities to support both locals and visitors – e.g. Three Capes Walk, public toilets and rest areas.
- (e) Sports grounds – maintenance and improvement of the provision of recreational facilities. Continue to support the Port Arthur, Nubeena and Premaydena Recreation Grounds committees.

3.2 Sport and Recreation Tasmania's Strategic Plan 2009-2014

Sport and Recreation Tasmania's Strategic Plan outlines a vision, goals, key priority areas and deliverables for the period 2009 to 2014. Sport and Recreation Tasmania (SRT) works in partnership with organisations to ensure that all Tasmanians have the opportunity to participate in quality sport, recreation and physical activity.

The SRT goals are to:

- 1. Develop and support a vibrant, innovative and inclusive sport and recreation sector
- 2. Develop Tasmania's elite athletes

3. Facilitate partnership opportunities in sport, recreation and physical activity.
4. Promote the benefits and importance of sport, recreation and physical activity to the Tasmanian community
5. Support the provision of quality facilities and environments that meet the sport, recreation and physical activity needs of the community

The development of the Tasman Recreation Plan contributes to SRT's strategic objectives by facilitating participation opportunities in sport, recreation and physical activity (Goal 3) and by supporting the provision of quality facilities and environments that meet the sport, recreation and physical activity needs of the community (Goal 5). In particular, this Recreation Plan contributes to the SRT Key Priority Area (within Goal 5) of encouraging and supporting regional and local government recreation planning.

3.3 Tasmania's Plan for Physical Activity 2011-2021

This is a long term plan for Tasmania prepared by the Premiers Physical Activity Council (PPAC), in consultation with a broad range of stakeholders. It sets a unifying direction and framework for action: "All Tasmanians experience and enjoy the many benefits of regular physical activity".

The plan goals are:

- Becoming a community that values and supports physical activity
- Create built and natural environments that enable and encourage physical activity
- Develop partnerships that build and share knowledge and resources; and
- Increase opportunities for all Tasmanians to be physically active where they live, work and play

The Tasman Recreation Plan is consistent with this plan and should assist the Tasman community in achieving these goals.

3.4 Trails Tasmania Strategy

The key findings of the Trails Tasmania Strategy indicate that there is a range of identified trail needs within the Tasmanian community. The strategy identifies trails as an essential part of the Tasmanian lifestyle and a key component of the Tasmanian experience for visitors to our state. Recreational trails represent a significant asset for Tasmania and are one of the key recreation activities for locals and tourists on the Tasman Peninsula. This Recreation Plan supports the growing community demands for better management of existing trails and the building of new trails but recognises the need for a partnership approach between government, councils, interest groups and the community to address these demands.

The Recreation Plan recommends that any future trail developments or upgrades on the Tasman Peninsula be in accordance with the trail development criteria implementation strategies outlined in the Trails Tasmania Strategy.

4. CURRENT PROVISION OF SPORT AND RECREATION FACILITIES, PROGRAMS AND SERVICES

4.1 Administrative Structure

Council owns a range of recreational facilities including halls, toilet blocks, jetties, boat ramps, sport grounds and other sporting facilities. Section 24 of the Local Government Act 1993 provides for Council to establish special committees to assist it in carrying out its functions under the Act. These committees are made up of volunteer community members who have invested many hours into fundraising and working bee efforts to maintain or upgrade facilities. The special committees are responsible for managing the following facilities: Saltwater River Hall, Koonya Hall, Tasman Community Centre (Taranna), Nubeena Recreation Ground, Port Arthur Recreation Ground and Premaydena Recreation Ground. The Nubeena Civic Centre is currently managed through several committees.

There is a small Council budget for maintenance or upgrading of facilities but maintenance programs have been ad hoc and at times are reliant on volunteerism, fundraising or government grants for building maintenance and upgrading of facilities. The community halls and clubrooms have traditionally been the focal point of community activities within the sub-regions of the municipality however it is apparent that some of the halls are under-utilised and could be promoted to offer additional recreation opportunities.

Hiring of halls and sports grounds are by arrangement with the relevant committees and are reliant on specific individuals rather than a central body. The special committees are clearly integral to the successful operation and management of the halls and grounds, however there are opportunities to work more in partnership with Council to provide a more consistent approach and ease the burden on committees.

The following tables provide a current listing of sport and recreation facilities, clubs, programs and services in the Tasman municipality.

4.2 Sport and Recreation Facilities

The following table provides a current listing of sport and recreation facilities in the Tasman municipality

Halls	Primary Use	Location
Saltwater River Hall	Indoor Bowls	Saltwater River
Koonya Hall	Craft, arts, community events	Koonya
Nubeena Civic Centre	Basketball, events, indoor bowls, indoor soccer	Nubeena
Tasman Community Centre	Badminton, basketball, U3A meetings, circuit classes, Youth Group	Taranna
Eaglehawk Neck Hall (not Council owned)	Community activities, events	Eaglehawk neck
Recreation grounds and club rooms	Primary Use	Location
Nubeena Recreation Ground	Football, cricket, soccer, touch football, community events	Nubeena
Nubeena Recreation Ground Club Rooms	Nubeena football club, Nubeena Cricket Club, Pirates soccer club, darts	Nubeena
Port Arthur Recreation Ground	Football, cricket, community events	Port Arthur

Port Arthur Recreation Ground Club Rooms	Port Arthur Football Club and Cricket Club, community events	Port Arthur
Premaydena Recreation Ground	Cricket	Premaydena
Premaydena Cricket Ground Club Rooms (not owned or operated by Council)	Premaydena Cricket Club	Premaydena
Tasman Community Centre oval	Not used for sport or recreation	Taranna
Other facilities	Primary Use	Location
Tasman Ex-Services Bowling Club – greens and club house	Tasman Ex-Services Bowls Club	Nubeena
Judd Park Skate Bowl	Public use	Nubeena
Judd Park Outdoor Gym	Public use	Nubeena
Nubeena Foreshore Club House (not owned or operated by Council)	Peninsula Aquatic Club	Nubeena
Tasman Golf Club (not owned or operated by Council)	Tasman Golf Club Public Use	Port Arthur
Tasman Swimming Pool	Public use/School	Nubeena
Taranna – tennis courts (part of Tasman Community Centre)	Public use	Taranna
Nubeena – tennis courts	Nubeena Tennis Club/Public use	Nubeena
Boat ramps/jetties - various	Public use	Eaglehawk Neck, Murdunna, Port Arthur, Nubeena, White Beach, Saltwater River, Taranna
Three Capes walk (under development)	Public Use	Commence at White Beach
Nubeena foreshore track (under development)	Public Use	Judd Park to Nubeena jetty

4.3 Sport and Recreation Clubs

The following table provide a current listing of sport and recreation clubs in the Tasman municipality.

Club	Facility used by club	Location
Tasman Basketball Club	Nubeena Civic Centre	Nubeena
Tasman Peninsula Football Club	Port Arthur Recreation Ground/Club Rooms	Port Arthur
Premaydena Cricket Club	Premaydena Cricket Ground/Club Rooms	Premaydena
Port Arthur Cricket Club	Port Arthur Recreation Ground/Club Rooms	Port Arthur
Nubeena Cricket Club	Nubeena Recreation Ground/Club Rooms	Nubeena
Peninsula Pirates Soccer Club	Nubeena Recreation	Nubeena

	Ground/Club Rooms	
Nubeena Tennis Club	Nubeena Tennis Club courts	Nubeena
Tasman Ex-Services Bowls Club	Tasman Ex-Services Bowls Club	Nubeena
Saltwater River Bowls Club	Saltwater River Hall	Saltwater River
Peninsula Aquatic Club	Nubeena Foreshore Club House	Nubeena
Taranna Boat Club	No facility	Taranna
Tasman Golf Club	Tasman Golf Club – own facility	Port Arthur
Tasman Badminton Association	Tasman Community Centre	Taranna
Tuna Club	Pirates Bay ramp	Pirates Bay
Murdunna Sailing Club	No facility	Murdunna
Tasman Darts Club	Nubeena Recreation Ground Club Rooms and/or Ex-Servicemans Club (Nubeena)	Nubeena

4.4 Sport and Recreation programs/non-club activities

There are a variety of programs and activities offered on the Tasman Peninsula which cater for both residents and visitors. Many of the facilities listed above offer both social and competitive programs and activities. Given the high influx of visitors to the region over the summer period, the region is well catered for non-structured informal activities which can be undertaken by locals and visitors without formal commitment. Council plays a key role in supporting these activities through the provision of information and promotion to the community and tourists (see Services section 4.5 below).

Some of the current programs and activities available in the municipality include: bushwalking, surfing, scuba diving, swimming, kayaking, mountain bike riding, fishing and sailing.

4.5 Sport and Recreation services

Sport and recreation support services such as information booklets, signage, community transport and development grants are critical to successful recreation provision and use. In a small and ageing community such as Tasman, which experiences a high influx of visitors over summer and patchy internet access, the provision of sport and recreation services is essential. While the community is relatively well catered for in terms of the provision of sport and recreation facilities, clubs and activities, there is significant potential to expand sport and recreation services in the community to maximise knowledge and usage of existing opportunities.

Currently the following sport and recreation services are provided by Council:

- Support to sport and recreation clubs and facilities through community grants, maintenance and upgrade of facilities
- Promotion and support of programs and activities
- Signage for sport and recreation facilities
- Provision of information on facilities, programs and services

Note: Buses are owned and used by the Tasman Health and Community Service for the aged and youth.

5. FACTORS INFLUENCING RECREATION INTERESTS AND TRENDS

5.1 Tasman Community Profile

The Tasman Municipality is located on Tasmania's picturesque southeast coast approximately 90 minutes from Hobart and covers approximately 659.3 square kilometres. It incorporates the Tasman and Forestier Peninsulas and includes about 240 kilometres of rugged coastline. Both peninsulas are hilly and surrounded by sheer cliffs on the eastern and southern sides, sheltered bays and sea caves.

Much of the region is in public ownership. Forestry Tasmania is a major landholder and the Tasman National Park has an area of 10,755 hectares with a further 94 hectares of State reserve. State reserves include Eaglehawk Neck Historic Site, Mount Arthur State Reserve, Palmers Lookout State Reserves, Pirates Bay State Reserve, Safety Cove State Reserve, Stewarts Bay State Reserves and Tessellated Pavement State Reserve. The Tasman National Park is one of Tasmania's favourite outdoor attractions and the region has many of the State's most spectacular coastal bushwalking trails.

The population is relatively stable at approximately 2,400, which swells to between 8,000 and 9,000 as a result of tourists and visitors during the summer months who come to enjoy favourable beaches, bush walking and fishing as well as many other tourist attractions. The peninsula is also characterised by a large number of shack owners, many of whom spend regular weekends and holidays in the area. As with many rural communities, Tasman's population is dispersed with the majority of people centred in and around the township of Nubeena and the localities of White Beach, Highcroft, Port Arthur, Premaydena, Saltwater River, Koonya, Taranna, Eaglehawk Neck and Murdunna. Nubeena is the largest town and while not geographically centrally located within the municipality, most of the services are situated there, including Council offices, the district school and local health services including an aged care facility.

The physical features of the region, including the coastal waters, are a draw card for informal activities and tourist/commercial recreation operations. Tasman has been said to have some of the world's best surf spots at Roaring Beach, Eaglehawk Neck and Shipsterns Bluff. Walking tracks and kayaks provide access to the area's most isolated areas. There are also many highly regarded rock climbing locations in the area such as Mount Brown, Cape Hauy, Cape Raoul and the Totem Pole. Tasman boasts a number of boating and sporting clubs with tourism services catering for all ages and interests. Tasman is also proving to be an attractive area for property developers, people seeking a 'sea change' and retirees looking for a quieter lifestyle.

The municipality is one of the smallest in the state and has a very small funding base with only 3,500 rateable properties with associated budget restrictions for infrastructure development and maintenance programs. These can be supplemented through volunteerism, fundraising or government grants for building maintenance and upgrading of facilities. As the small population is scattered across the two peninsulas, it has been an issue for Council as to where to site key facilities and services, with lack of public transport and low socio-economic status contributing to this issue.

The characteristics of the Tasman Peninsula provide an ideal environment for outdoor recreational and this is an area where Council could play a leading role in the development and promotion of these opportunities, in partnership with other stakeholders. Given the low ratepayer base and limited budget for infrastructure, there also needs to be a greater focus on supporting, maintaining, upgrading and promoting existing sport and recreation facilities and programs.

5.2 Tasman Demographic Profile

Demographic characteristics have a significant impact on the nature and scope of the recreation interests the community will have. It is therefore important that these characteristics are taken into consideration in developing options for recreation provision.

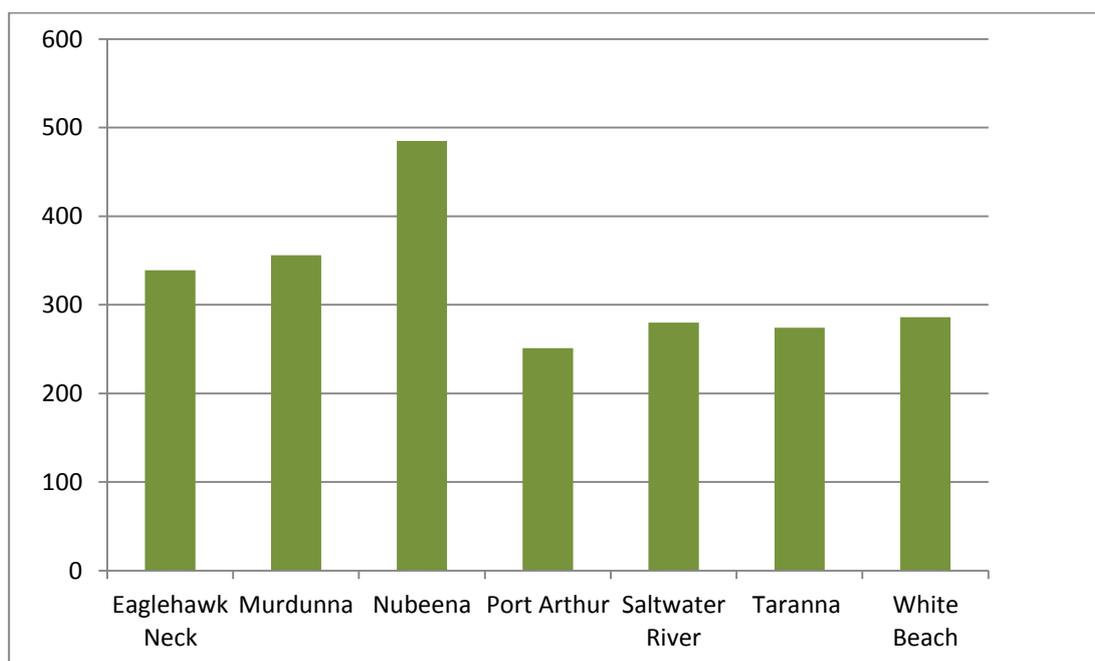
Tasman: Demographic snapshot

- In the 2011 Census, there were 2,355 residents in the municipality of Tasman. This represents an overall increase of 156 people (or 7.1%) since 2001.
- Between 2001 and 2011, the number of people aged under 45 years decreased by 211 people (or 19%) while the number of people aged 45 and over increased by 377 (36.4%)
- The Tasman region has a significant number of older residents, making it one of Tasmania's oldest local government areas. The median age of Tasman residents is 51 years, compared to a median age of 40 years for Tasmania.
- Only 21.9% of residents are under 25 years of age (compared to 31.6% for Tasmania) with the 15-24 years age group representing one of the smallest age groups in Tasman.
- Relative to the state as a whole, Tasman has a lower proportion of full-time employment and a higher proportion of unemployment.
- The median weekly personal income for people aged 15 years and over in Tasman was \$374, compared to \$499 for Tasmania. The median family income for Tasman was \$784, which was significantly below the level for Tasmania (\$1 203).
- In the Tasman region, 41.5% of private dwellings were occupied and 58.5% were unoccupied, which reflects the large number of shack owners who reside in the region over the summer period.
- In the Tasman municipality, 22.4% of people were attending an educational institution. Of these, 35.4% were in primary school, 15.2% in secondary school and 8.9% in a tertiary or technical institution
- Of the families in Tasman, over half (56.8%) were couple families without children. This is higher than the Tasmanian average of 42.1%

5.2.1 Population Distribution

The population of the Tasman Local Government Area (LGA) has increased steadily between 2001 and 2011, rising by 7.1%. The chart below shows the distribution of the population throughout the Tasman municipality in 2011.

Tasman Local Government Area: Number of usual residents, 2011



Source: ABS Census of Population and Housing, 2011

Tasman Local Government Area: Number of usual residents by township and age, 2011

AGE	Eaglehawk Neck	Murdunna	Nubeena	Port Arthur	Saltwater River	Taranna	White Beach
0-19	38	85	116	42	62	48	53
20-34	34	41	48	26	17	26	35
35-54	111	90	131	58	78	85	67
55 +	156	140	190	125	123	115	131
Total	339	356	485	251	280	274	286

Source: ABS Census of Population and Housing, 2011

- The population is spread across seven main townships. The main population centre of Nubeena has 485 residents, followed by Murdunna (356) and Eaglehawk Neck (339). The population is spread evenly across the other main townships.

- Murdunna and Nubeena have the highest proportion of residents in the 0-19 age group;

Population centres with the highest proportion of older residents (over 55 years) are Port Arthur (50%), Eaglehawk Neck (46%) and White Beach (46%)

5.2.2 Age Distribution

The Tasman municipality has a median age of 51 years (compared to a median age of 40 for Tasmania). Since 2001, the number of residents up to the age of 54 has been declining. The number of residents aged 55 and over has been increasing with the 55-64 age group representing the largest age-group in 2011 (20.3% of the total population).

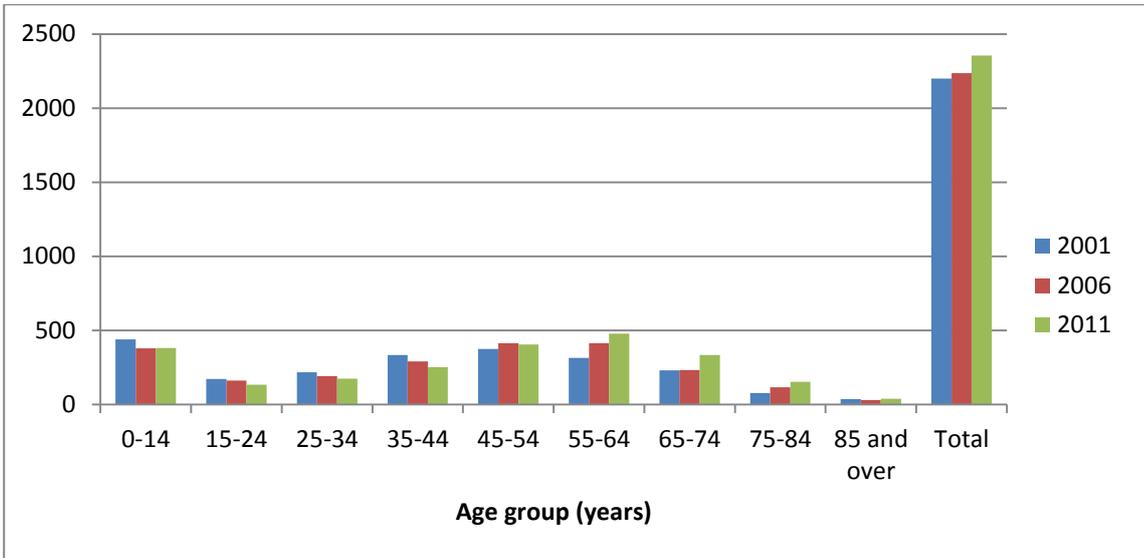
The following charts show the change in age distribution between 2001 and 2011.

Tasman Local Government Area: Number of usual residents by age, 2001, 2006, 2011

AGE	2001		2006		2011		Change 2001-2011
	Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	%
0-4	110	5.0	135	6.0	113	4.8	2.7
5-14	329	15.0	245	11.0	269	11.4	-18.2
15-19	91	4.1	90	4.0	77	3.3	-15.3
20-24	82	3.7	72	3.2	57	2.4	-30.5
25-34	218	9.9	193	8.6	174	7.4	-20.2
35-44	334	15.2	291	13.0	253	10.7	-24.3
45-54	375	17.1	415	18.6	405	17.2	8.0
55-64	316	14.4	415	18.6	479	20.3	51.6
65-74	230	10.5	233	10.4	335	14.2	45.7
75-84	77	3.5	117	5.2	154	6.5	100
85 years +	37	1.7	31	1.4	39	1.7	5.4
TOTAL	2199	100	2237	100	2355	100	7.1

Source: ABS, Census of Population and Housing

Tasman Local Government Area: Number of usual residents by age, 2001, 2006, 2011

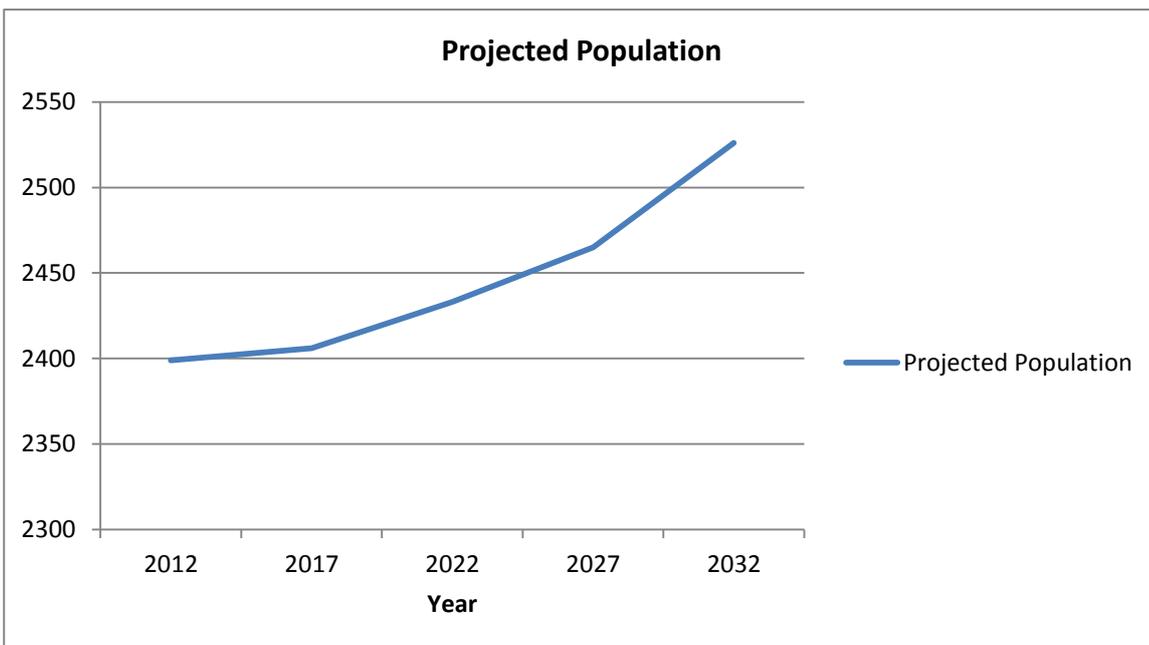


Source: ABS, Census of Population and Housing

5.2.3 Population Projections

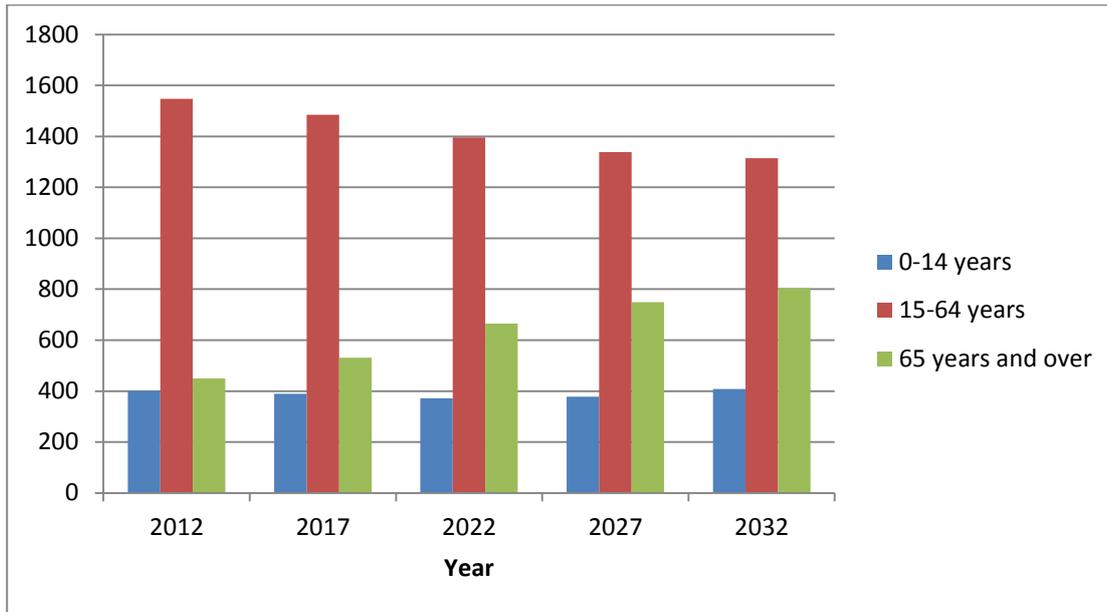
The population of the Tasman municipality is expected to rise by around 5% to 2,536 by the year 2032. The number of residents aged 0-14 is expected to remain relatively stable over that time while a gradual decline in the 15-64 age group will be offset by a steady increase in residents aged 65 years and over. Although the population increase over this time is not significant, the population aged 65 years and over is expected to increase by 79% between 2012 and 2032.

Tasman Local Government Area: Population projections, Series B, (no.) 2012 to 2032



Source: Demographic Change Advisory Council, Population Projections 2008

Tasman Local Government Area: Population projections by age, Series B, (no.) 2012 to 2032



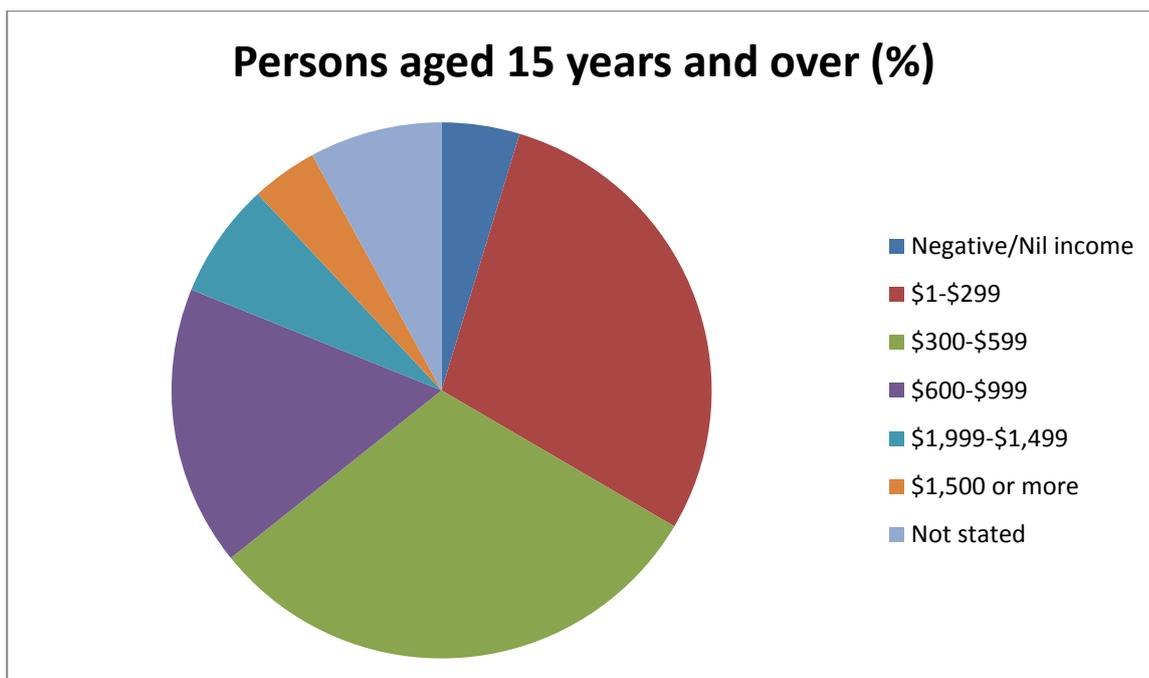
Source: Demographic Change Advisory Council, Population Projections 2008

5.2.4 Income

The socio-economic status of the Tasman municipality is relatively low with a high proportion of the population over the age of 15 years earning \$1-\$299 per week (29%) or \$300-\$599 per week (31%). The average weekly individual and family income for Tasman falls significantly below the average income for Tasmania.

Household income levels remain reasonably consistent across the seven main townships.

Tasman Local Government Area: Proportion of persons aged 15 years and over by total personal weekly income, 2011



Source: ABS, Census of Population and Housing, 2011

Tasman Local Government Area: Income distribution by township, 2011

Area	Median individual income (\$ per week)	Median family income (\$ per week)
Eaglehawk Neck	442	774
Murdunna	373	853
Nubeena	348	756
Port Arthur	397	733
Saltwater River	409	746
Taranna	368	753
White Beach	348	764
TASMAN LGA	374	784
TASMANIA	499	1,203

Source: ABS, Census of Population and Housing, 2011

5.2.5 Labour Force Status

There are 934 Tasman residents who reported being in the labour force in the week before Census night. Of these, 45.5% are employed full-time, 38.7% are employed part-time and 7.5% are unemployed.

Almost half the Tasman population aged 15 years and over (46.9%) are not in the labour force, which is to be expected of an area with an ageing population and a large number of retirees

Tasman Local Government Area: Labour Force Status, 2011

Persons aged 15 years and over

Labour Force Status	Number	Proportion of the labour force (%)
Employed full-time	425	45.5
Employed part-time	361	38.7
Away from work	78	8.4
Unemployed	70	7.5
TOTAL – Labour Force	934	
		Proportion of the population aged 15 years and over (%)
In the Labour Force	934	47.4
Not in the Labour Force	925	46.9
Labour Force not stated	112	5.7
Total person aged 15 years and over	1,972	

Source: ABS, Census of Population and Housing 2011

5.2.6 Implications for sport and recreation provision

- A relatively even spread of residents across the major towns highlight the need for accessibility to sport and recreation opportunities for these residents. As many of the facilities and opportunities are located in the main township of Nubeena, accessibility for residents in other main townships should be considered in future provision, e.g. through transport options.
- Although the Tasman municipality is an ageing one with a significant proportion of residents in the 45-64 age group, there are also 16.2% in the 0-14 age group and as such, a need to cater for this age group with regard to the provision of sport and recreation opportunities.
- Only 5.7% of residents are in the 15-24 age group, which is typically a key age group during which people commit to involvement in sporting pursuits.
- As at the 2011 Census, less than half the number of private dwellings were occupied due to the large number of shack owners who reside over weekends and holiday periods. In the summer months, the population is also increased considerably by holidaymakers and day trippers. Consequently, the availability of non-structured, informal sport and recreation opportunities should be considered to cater for these transient groups.
- The relatively low socio-economic status of the area further highlights the need for low-cost and accessible opportunities for sport and recreation participation.
- Less than half the population aged 15 or over are in the labour force. Of those who are in the labour force, just under half are employed full-time while the remainder are working part-time (38.7%), away from work (8.4%) or unemployed (7.5%). Taking into account that nearly half the population are not in the labour force, there are implications for the provision of sport and recreation opportunities with many residents not constrained by full-time working hours.

5.3 Participation trends

Significant changes in the broad social and economic trends in society have occurred over the last 50 years. Demographic changes, increased use of technology, a move away from organised, structured sports and the growth in eco-tourism have all had a significant impact on sport and recreation. Understanding these changing social trends and the impact on sport and recreation participation are important considerations in determining future needs and provision of sport and recreation opportunities.

5.3.1 Broad social and economic trends

Some of the key changes which have impacted on recreation opportunities and participation are:

- An ageing population with older Tasmanians now representing the fastest growing sport and recreation market.
- Changing work, social and family structures including longer work hours, extensive shift working, the breakdown of the weekday/weekend dichotomy, extended trading hours, an increase in part-time jobs and more diverse family structures.
- Advancement in technology and the creation of new, different, more accessible and more affordable leisure opportunities including non-physical activities such as computer games and the internet.
- Exposure to other cultures which has seen new activities introduced to Tasmania along with a greater need to cater for a diverse and multi-cultural society.
- Increased understanding in the community that there are strong links between physical activity and improved level of health and wellbeing. This has also resulted in an increase in more personalised leisure venues and services, personal trainers, fitness videos/books/programs and home gyms.
- Significant growth in the use of natural and wilderness areas for a wide diversity of sport and recreation uses.

5.3.2 Sport and recreation trends

A range of social and economic trends have led to changes in community leisure behaviour and have implications for recreation planning.

5.3.2.1 Unstructured, non-competitive recreation activities

There is a growing trend toward participation in non-competitive and passive activities rather than formal sports. Many within the community do not have as much time to commit to organised group activities due to family and work commitments, resulting in a search for more flexibility and diversity in leisure pursuits. As a consequence, there have been significant falls in the number of traditional team and small group sports and a growth in other physical activities such as walking and cycling, indoor climbing as well as non-physical activities such as computer games and the internet.

Recent ABS data confirms the increase in popularity of non-competitive but active pursuits such as cycling, walking, travel and swimming across all age groups. Data from the 2011-12 Participation in Sport and Physical Recreation Survey reveals that **walking for exercise** was the most popular physical recreation activity in Tasmania, with 28.5 per cent of the population walking for exercise at least once in the twelve months prior to interview. The next most popular activity group was **fitness/gym activity** (15.3 per cent). This was followed by **jogging/running** (6.2 per cent), **swimming/diving** (6.0 per cent), **cycling/BMXing** (5.8 per cent) and **bushwalking** (5.3 per cent). Participation rates for walking for exercise were highest for persons ages 55-64 years (40.8 per cent) while fitness or gym activities were most popular for those aged 18-24 years (40 per cent). Those who participated in walking for exercise or fitness/gym activities in the last twelve months were also more likely to participate 105 times or more per year (i.e. at least two times each week).

5.3.2.2 Traditional sport

Changing work and family structures have also led to participation in recreation activities across a wider period of the day and week. With less people available to participate in after-school and weekend activities, organisations will have to be innovative to maximise participation. The emergence of 'pay and play' sporting competitions have increased in popularity as they are easily accessible without requiring long term commitments.

5.3.2.3 The recreation needs of an ageing community

Given the ageing demographic profile within Tasmania, and the Tasman, it will be important to address the needs of an ageing community. As such, strategies to increase participation should not be solely focussed on sport. Providing a diversity of experiences will still allow for participation in traditional sports but also meet the wider needs of the community, particularly youth and the older population.

5.3.2.4 Volunteers

Consumers now have expectations for higher quality services, which in turn has increased the burden on volunteers who deliver these sport and recreation services to the community. As such, volunteer roles have become more complex, requiring greater expertise and training. Further compounding this challenge is that this increased responsibility is often being spread over a smaller pool of volunteers as it is increasingly difficult to attract volunteers due to competing demands with work and family commitments.

5.3.2.5 Use of natural areas

Natural and wilderness areas have become increasingly popular for a diversity of activities including mountain bike riding, bushwalking, rock climbing, canoeing and educational activities. Whilst this may create some challenges for recreation providers (e.g. environmental protection requirements), it can also provide outstanding recreation opportunities, particularly in an area like the Tasman that has many remarkable natural areas. This provides a number of challenges and opportunities for recreation providers.

5.3.2.6 Environment and sustainability

Facility providers are increasingly aware of the need to provide sport and recreation facilities which will be high quality and (financially and environmentally) sustainable over the longer term, allowing them to meet the needs and demands of communities in the future. Applying environmental sustainability development

principles to public infrastructure not only leads to a higher quality user experience but also cost savings for councils and other providers. Other issues that need to be considered in facility planning are the future cost of irrigation water on natural turf grounds, risk management issues regarding the quality of sports grounds and alignment with current building, safety and accessibility standards when upgrading facilities.

There has also been a significant growth in the concept of multi-use facilities as a means of ensuring sustainability over the longer term. This allows sporting clubs to operate more efficiently by sharing facilities and associated costs with other clubs and provide a stronger funding base for maintaining and upgrading the facility. Under-utilised facilities struggle to operate efficiently and maintain usage in the longer term.

5.3.2.7 Multi-cultural awareness

Although Tasmania has a high proportion of residents with an Australian/English ethnicity, exposure to other cultures is becoming more apparent through increased immigration and international media coverage. Sport and recreation planners need to be aware of the need to cater for a more diverse, multi-cultural society in the future.

5.3.3 Implications for sport and recreation planning in Tasman

With an increasing shift towards participation in unstructured, informal sport and recreation activities, Tasman is faced with the challenge of catering to these needs at the same time as retaining the traditional sporting club focus within the area. The municipality has a number of different sporting clubs and being a smaller, isolated community, these clubs are integral to fostering community cohesion and social inclusion. Some specific implications of changing sport and recreation trends for the Tasman Council include:

- Continue to support traditional team sports in the municipality as these play a vital role in fostering community cohesion and social inclusion.
- Ensure sport and recreation facilities reflect the high standard expected by the community. Maintenance and upgrades must adhere to requirements for accessibility, safety, environmental and building standards.
- With the growth in popularity of unstructured activities, sport and recreation planning needs to allow for diversity between structured and non-structured opportunities. Facilities and activities which provide for informal, low cost participation such as cycling, walking, exercise/gym classes and mountain bike riding will be particularly important to consider in future planning.
- Recreation planning in Tasman should accommodate the general community but also the needs of specific target groups such as youth (0-14 years) and the elderly.
- Support for volunteers is becoming increasingly important. The difficulty in attracting and retaining volunteers is a key issue in Tasman where there is a significant reliance on volunteers to manage a number of sporting clubs in the area.
- Multi-use of facilities should be supported and promoted to ensure sustainability of sport and recreation facilities within the municipality. The management of facilities and design of new facilities will need to be flexible to allow for multi-use and sharing between clubs.
- The natural environment is becoming increasingly popular for sport and recreational activities such as bushwalking, mountain bike riding and other pursuits. This presents a number of opportunities for Tasman as a significant proportion of the region is natural areas, such as the Tasman National Park – one of Tasmania's favourite outdoor attractions.

6. CONSULTATION

6.1 Overview of the consultation process

The community were invited to provide input into the recreation planning project through a number of avenues:

1. Community Survey (online, via the Council website);
2. Clubs Survey – delivered to 12 sport and recreation clubs in the municipality;
3. Halls and Grounds Survey – delivered to 5 halls and 3 grounds committees in the municipality;
4. Informal face-to-face consultation with residents and committees.

Sixty-two people responded to the Community Survey, and of these:

- 17 were male and 39 were female;
- 63% (or 39 respondents) were aged between 35 and 94;
- 16% of respondents were aged 65 and over;
- no respondents under 20 years of age; and
- the highest number of respondents were from White Beach (19%) and Nubeena (18%), followed by Port Arthur (13%), Eaglehawk Neck (11%) and Saltwater River (10%). There were no respondents from Murdunna.

Nine Club Surveys were received from sport and recreation clubs in the Tasman municipality and three Halls and Grounds Surveys were received.

Informal consultations also took place with residents/community groups and these assisted in filling the information gaps from the surveys. In particular, informal consultation occurred with:

- participants at the Nubeena Youth and Community Expo, discussions with the Youth Development Officer and local Youth Groups; and
- Murdunna area residents. As there were no responses from Murdunna residents in the Community Survey, this informal consultation resulted in some valuable information regarding the recreational needs of the Murdunna community.

The following analysis is based on results from the Community Survey, however relevant information relating to facilities, halls and grounds have been incorporated from the Club Surveys and Halls and Grounds Surveys. It should be noted that the findings are from a reasonably small survey (62 respondents) so the results should not be seen as representative of the whole Tasman community, but rather a snapshot of some community views.

6.2 Sport and recreation activities undertaken in the last 3 years in Tasman

6.2.1 Sport and recreation activities undertaken

As expected of a coastal community, nature and water based activities rated highly. The most popular activities undertaken were:

- Bush walking (63%)
- Swimming – beach (55%)
- Walking (55%)
- Fishing (40%)

- Swimming – pool (34%)
- Fitness/aerobics/gym (32%)

Sport and recreation activities taken in the last 3 years

Activity	Number	Per cent (%)
Walking - bush	39	63
Swimming - beach	34	55
Walking	34	55
Fishing	25	40
Swimming - pool	21	34
Fitness/aerobics/gym	20	32
Jogging	11	18
Sailing	11	18
Golf	11	18
Other*	10	16
Surfing/body board	9	15
Canoeing/kayaking	9	15

Activity	Number	Per cent (%)
Cycling	9	15
Darts	7	11
Soccer	7	11
Badminton	6	10
Aust Rules	4	6
Cricket	4	6
Cycling – MTB	4	6
8 Ball/Billiards	4	6
Tennis	4	6
Off road motorised	4	6
Netball	4	6

*Note: Of the 'other' response, 4 people (or 6%) reported lawn bowls as an activity participated in.

Informal consultation undertaken at the Nubeena Youth and Community Expo and with local Youth Group members revealed activities such as mountain biking, climbing, camping, bushwalking, boat building, sailing and kayaking were popular with youth in the area (not picked up in the survey).

6.2.2 Frequency of participation in sport and recreation

- The majority of respondents (31%) reported participating in sport and recreation 2-3 times a week and 21% participate on a daily basis.
- 18% of respondents participate once a week.

Frequency of participation	Number	Per cent (%)
Daily	13	21
2-3 times a week	19	31
Once a week	11	18
2-3 times a month	4	6
Once a month	3	5
Fewer than once a month	2	3
Other/not reported	10	16

6.2.3 Participation through club or organisation

Respondents reported participation through the following clubs or organisations:

Club/organisation	Club/organisation	Club/organisation
Taranna Boat Club	Circuit Training	Nubeena Tennis Club
Tasman Golf Club	Saltwater River Bowls Club	Nubeena Cricket Club
Tasman Basketball Club	Peninsula Aquatic club	Nubeena Soccer Club
Tasman Ex-Services Bowls Club	Tasman Swimming Pool	Tasman Darts Club
Tasman Health & Community Service	Taranna Basketball	Tasman Peninsula Crows Football Club
Premaydena Cricket Club	Dunalley-Tasman Neighbourhood House	Peninsula Pirates Soccer Club

6.2.4 Reason for not participating in sport and recreation activities in the last three years

- Overall, only 12 people responded to this question
- The main reasons for not participating in the last three years included work commitments, lack of time, poor health, parenting commitments and not interested.

6.2.5 Volunteers

- 24 respondents (39%) reported they are a volunteer that assists a Tasman sport and recreation club.
- 33 respondents (53%) reported they are not a volunteer that assists a Tasman sport and recreation club. Of these, 10 respondents (16%) reported that it is likely they will become a volunteer in the next three years.

6.3 Information on sport and recreation activities

6.3.1 Obtaining information on sport and recreation activities

- 60% of all respondents reported that they obtain information about sport and recreation activities through word of mouth and 58% obtain information from community noticeboards.
- Only 18% access sport and recreation information through the internet.
- Sport and recreation clubs were also asked where people obtain information about sport and recreation activities. Club responses aligned with the following table.

Source of information about sport and recreation activities	Number	Per cent (%)
Word of mouth	37	60
Community noticeboards	36	58
Show windows	31	50
Newspapers	28	45
School newsletters	23	37
Radio	12	19
Signage	12	19
Internet	11	18
Council	7	11
Mail outs	6	10
Other	6	10

6.3.2 How can the provision of sport and recreation information be improved?

Generally, respondents had a preference for a dedicated calendar for events and sport and recreation information/activities – available both as hardcopy and electronically on the Tasman Council website. Noticeboards were also a common suggestion and could be located in populated areas on the Peninsula.

More specific comments included:

- **Tasman Council website:** information about facilities, clubs, general information about where to find rosters etc., calendar of sport and recreation activities/events, electronic noticeboard
- **Community noticeboards:** designated noticeboard for sport and recreation activities at shops, Council, halls and/or grounds. Include rosters and contact information.
- **Tasman Gazette/monthly Council newsletter** – dedicated sport and recreation section
- **Booklet** available hardcopy and online with contacts and club information, meeting times, venues; Information brochure.
- **Calendar** of regular sporting events and contact details
- New residents – **welcome pack** with sport and recreation information
- Better **signage** outside clubs and facilities.

6.4 Sport and recreation facilities, venues or locations

6.4.1 Priority for maintaining, upgrading or developing Council facilities

If Council is to maintain, upgrade or develop Council facilities, venues or locations, 39% of respondents recommend Council focusses on the Nubeena Civic Centre; 32% recommend Council focusses on the Tasman Community Centre (Taranna) and 32% recommend Council focusses on the Nubeena Recreation Ground Club Rooms.

Priority for maintaining, upgrading or developing Council facilities

Facility, venue, location	Number	Per cent (%)
Nubeena Civic Centre	24	39
Tasman Community Centre (Taranna)	20	32
Nubeena Recreation Ground Club Rooms	20	32
Nubeena Recreation Ground	19	31
Judd Park – Skate Bowl	18	29
Port Arthur Recreation Ground	18	29
Other*	13	21
Port Arthur Recreation Ground Club Rooms	11	18
Koonya Hall	11	18
Premaydena Recreation Ground Club Rooms	7	11
Premaydena Recreation Ground	6	10
Saltwater River Hall	3	5

*‘Other’ facilities mentioned included walking tracks, Nubeena tennis courts, recreational boating facilities, Eaglehawk Neck Hall and grounds and the community swimming pool.

6.4.2 What maintenance, upgrading or developments should occur at these facilities

Of the facilities mentioned above, there were several common themes which emerged as higher priorities for maintenance, upgrade or development. These comments were sourced from the Community Surveys, Club Surveys and Halls and Grounds surveys:

- Nubeena Civic Centre – completion of centre; addition of gym and general maintenance
- Tasman Community Centre – general upgrade and maintenance
- Nubeena Recreation Ground Club Rooms – high priority for overall makeover including upgrade of toilets, showers and change rooms
- Premaydena Recreation Ground – ground maintenance and drainage
- Port Arthur Recreation Ground – drainage, regular maintenance
- Port Arthur Recreation Ground Club Rooms – upgrade and improve facilities for players and spectators

More specific comments included:

Facility, venue, location	Maintenance, upgrading or development required
Nubeena Civic Centre	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Completion of civic centre including gym and squash courts. Stage needs to be more accessible and user friendly • A gym with equipment • Outdoor furniture • Simplified access/alarm setting/key process • More showers • Completion of civic centre • Maintenance of building and grounds • Regular maintenance

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A gym • Weights room • Gym • Offer additional usage options • Floor and ring upgrades for basketball
Tasman Community Centre (Taranna)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Should be appropriately maintained • Upgrade furniture and floor coverings • Improve heating • Cleaning, painting, weed control • Should become primary sports centre due to central location
Nubeena Recreation Ground Club Rooms	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Upgrade change rooms and toilets • Old and run down • In need of upgrade • Recreation ground requires drainage • Should be appropriately maintained • Modernisation • Tidy up • Face lift • Toilets and storage facility upgrade • New amenities block and clubrooms • Make over • More and better toilets • General upgrade including toilets and showers • Upgrade • Needs locks on toilet doors, new blinds, outdoor maintenance
Nubeena Recreation Ground	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Include a croquet area • Seating for supporters • Lighting, seating, improved spectator access, landscaping, seal carpark • Ongoing regular maintenance • Impossible ground conditions in winter cause rescheduling of home grounds at great expense to club • Drainage required
Judd Park – Skate Bowl	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regular weed management (could ask for local volunteers) • Maintain regularly for safety and ongoing use • Extra space/expansion/additional skate bowl • More BBQ facilities • Better fencing
Port Arthur Recreation Ground	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Better club rooms • Improved facilities • Separate club rooms and entertainment area – will enable

	<p>greater interaction for players and spectators and enable older spectators to get out of the cold but still view the game; greater privacy for player functions after the game.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Good sports ground that can withstand use over winter and be in good condition for summer sport • Drainage • Regular maintenance • Upkeep of grounds and surrounding area for match days • Upgrade drainage • Better lighting and parking • Greater level of ground maintenance • Separate area for storage and separate change room/function room • Drainage around outside of playing surface fence • Great support from Council with projects at the ground and need to continue this to further build club facilities • Mowing of ground regularly in early spring • Drainage around outer perimeter of oval to remove water from spectator areas prior to the football season
Other	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Close off vehicular access to White Beach to improve safety • More activities for younger people • Path for walking/riding from White Beach to Nubeena around Judd Park • Upgrade garden park boatramp and jetty • Horse riding and bike trails at Taranna • Council should maintain all facilities and have its own public liability and participation insurance to enable more sport to be played • Keep all buildings safe and maintained. All grounds mown and tidy • Resurface tennis courts • All facilities maintained to minimum standard • Tiered seating, change rooms and toilet facilities at sports grounds • Improve facilities for spectators as well as players • Safe walking path along foreshore between White Beach and Nubeena • Pool – higher health policies; stringent testing of pool for year round usage • Support for Aquatic Club to increase usage for visitors and tourists
Port Arthur Recreation Ground Club Rooms	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Better club rooms • Improved facilities • Separate club rooms and entertainment area – will enable greater interaction for players and spectators and enable older spectators to get out of the cold but still view the

	<p>game; greater privacy for player functions after the game.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tidy up and makeover • Develop into change rooms and clubrooms suitable for viewing football/cricket and double as a function centre • Better club room facilities for players and spectators • Change room facility
Koonya Hall	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New floor in kitchen • Insulation inside to lower noise level and make it more suitable for performance • Maintenance of building and grounds • Regular maintenance • Offer additional usage options
Premaydena Recreation Ground Club Rooms (not owned by Council)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Modernisation • Renovation • Upgrade
Premaydena Recreation Ground	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Require a ground which can withstand use over winter and be in good condition for summer sport • Safety fence around ground (as snakes have been sighted) • Outdoor seating • Keep animals and people off ground • Turf and drainage upgrades • Maintain ground to a good standard. • Shower facilities • Drainage • Greater level of ground maintenance from Council • Drainage required as club is unable to use ground for whole season and has to use other grounds • Exposed drains need to be covered in as they are a hazard • Long grass needs to be cut back as they are a hazard when looking for lost balls (snakes) • More drainage at rear of club rooms as it floods • Poor quality facility – requires drainage to the ground and the area at the rear of the building • Boom gate to protect against vandalism • Large amount of maintenance required
Saltwater River Hall	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maintenance of building and grounds • General hall maintenance and regularly mowing of hall grounds • Windows need replacing
Tasman Ex-Services Bowls facility (not owned by Council)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maintenance of greens is an issue – no professional greenkeeper and limited funds available • Financial, professional or ongoing advice on maintenance of green is required

Nubeena Foreshore Club house (not owned by Council)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bigger space required to store equipment • Poor site for sailing club due to low tides and wide mud-flats • Change rooms and toilets
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6.4.3 New sport and recreation facilities you would like to see developed in the Tasman municipality

The most popular sport and recreation facilities respondents would like to see developed in the Tasman municipality were:

- Gym - 10 responses
- Walking/cycling tracks (including Nubeena to White Beach) – 8 responses
- Better infrastructure at surfing beaches (toilets etc.) – 4 responses

In addition, other community consultation revealed a strong interest in:

- Climbing wall at the Nubeena Civic Centre
- Foreshore walkway from Murdunna jetty to Murdunna shop
- Cycling and mountain bike tracks

A summary of all new facilities proposed by respondents is below:

Walking/cycling tracks

- Nubeena to White Beach
- Nubeena Foreshore walkway – walking track from jetty to main township
- Tasman Foreshore walkway
- Walking tracks around foreshore in Murdunna and Taranna
- Better footpaths for safer walking
- Bike tracks or cycle lanes
- Mountain Bike tracks

New Facilities

- Community Gym/weights room
- Surfing infrastructure – Roaring Beach and Eaglehawk Neck (including public toilets, change rooms, seating)
- Croquet facility
- Squash courts
- More facilities for kayaking and sailing
- Ramps/concrete surrounding the foreshore boat shed
- Indoor heated pool

Activities

- Netball
- More activities for teenage girls
- Organised activities for mothers during school hours
- Planned activities at Judd Park

6.5 Sport and recreation programs and/or services

6.5.1 Improvements to existing sport and recreation programs and/or services you would like to see in the Tasman municipality

Suggested improvements to existing recreation programs and/or services in Tasman were varied and included surfing infrastructure and transport/access improvements.

Suggested improvements to existing sport and recreation programs and/or services	
Funding and maintenance assistance to Tasman Swimming Pool Association	More fitness classes
Assistance to locate volunteers for scouts	Committee to manage insurance and increase chances of grant funding
Council to cover insurance for sporting grounds	Better transport options for clubs
Better advertising of surfing program over summer	Ongoing support for classes such as yoga, pilates, Feldenkrais
Increased kayaking and sailing options/programs	Encouragement/incentives for more people to participate – e.g. reduce costs to play basketball

6.5.2 New sport and recreation programs and/or services you would like to see in the Tasman municipality

Some similar themes emerged as those highlighted in the previous section on new sport and recreation facilities. In particular:

- Gym/weight classes
- Additional activities – croquet, pilates, dance, martial arts, surfing, guided walks, fun runs etc.

New sport and recreation program/service respondents would like to see developed	
Surf life saving	Women's basketball
Gym/weight training	Croquet
Dance for children	Pilates
Martial arts	Programs for young teenage girls
Walking groups in each location on Peninsula	Line dancing
Dietary advice for healthy living	Creative arts and games
Netball	Additional sporting activities for schools – bowls, sailing, golf
Adult basketball	Sport and Recreation officer at Council to help out clubs and school teams/volunteers
Running group/fun runs such as Peninsula Point to Pinnacle	Weight classes for women
Surfing, bushwalking, climbing programs	Art trail festival
Guided walks with a professional	Local fun run
Aqua aerobics	Zumba
Activities/sports for youth	Activities/sport for parents during school hours
Surfing program for adults	Historic and heritage events

6.6 Other comments regarding sport and recreation in the Tasman municipality

The following comments were recorded:

- Younger people to make themselves available to join some of the committees
- Development of a sport and recreation association for the whole region – overarching body to Support and oversee
- Support from Council and PWS for more public toilet facilities
- Should not have vehicular access on White Beach as it is unsafe
- More activities for young girls
- Maintain and develop support for football and cricket competitions to keep these going
- Encourage juniors to participate
- Keep Halls run under separate committees rather than combine
- Nubeena foreshore walking track should be completed as soon as possible
- Encourage more people to participate
- More activities and promote these
- Keep supporting clubs, organisations and classes, especially at Neighbourhood House
- Neighbourhood house provides good spectrum of sport and recreation activities
- Safe and dedicated walking access between White Beach and Nubeena
- Ongoing maintenance at Port Arthur Ground.
- Tasman Community centre (Taranna) in need of funding and should be supported by Council
- Council may be able to assist with increasing participation and membership of clubs. For example by including an information brochure of all clubs and contacts with rates notice
- Local radio interviews/gazette articles which include kids who feature in sporting activities would encourage others (youth) to participate
- Safer walking paths for people to utilise from Nubeena to White Beach.

6.7 Sport and recreation clubs in Tasman municipality

6.7.1 Membership and participation trends

- Total membership numbers in each club varies between 16 and 72 and are largely male dominated, except for basketball, tennis and aquatics which have an even spread.
- Membership numbers for juniors are low in the majority of clubs. The exception is basketball (39 juniors), soccer (25 juniors) and aquatics (10 juniors).
- Five out of the nine responding clubs reported increasing membership, with one club remaining steady and three clubs experiencing a declining membership. Overall participation numbers follow a similar pattern.
- The number of people actively participating at the clubs is over 300 for football and bowls. Around 50 people actively participate through basketball and soccer and around 20 participate through the cricket, tennis and aquatic clubs.

- In addition to the Tasman sporting clubs, there are also a number of informal recreation groups in the municipality which offer programs and classes. These were not captured in the Club Surveys and include groups such as Dungeon & Dragons, darts and book clubs.

6.7.2 Volunteers

The number of volunteers varies between 8 and 18 with five clubs reporting an increase in volunteer numbers, two clubs experiencing a decrease and two clubs remaining steady.

6.7.3 Challenges faced by the club in providing sport and recreation opportunities

Clubs were asked to select up to 4 challenges faced in providing sport and recreation opportunities. The majority of clubs reported ground/facility condition as one of the major challenges. Other common challenges faced were cost (5 clubs), lack of transport (4 clubs) and lack of club funds (4 clubs).

Challenge faced	Number of clubs
Ground/facility condition	6
Cost	5
Lack of club funds	4
Lack of transport	4
Lack of volunteers	3
Ageing community	3
Lack of promotion	2
Substandard facilities or settings	2
Safety concerns	1

6.7.4 Sport and recreation facilities used by clubs – does facility meet needs of club

- Only three clubs reported that the facility most used by the club meets its needs. Six clubs reported that the facility used by the club does not meet its needs.
- Of those facilities which do not meet the club's needs, the main issues are drainage, general maintenance and inadequate space for storage. Specific issues reported by clubs have been included in the 'Sport and recreation facilities, venues and locations' section in conjunction with the results from the Community Survey.
- All clubs reported a number of maintenance, upgrade or developments which it would like to see at Council facilities used by the club. These have been included in the 'Sport and recreation facilities, venues and locations' Section 6.4 in conjunction with the results from the Community Survey.

6.8 Halls and grounds in Tasman municipality

Responses to the Halls and Grounds Committees survey were received from two Recreation Grounds and one Hall. Comments and issues relating to specific sport and recreation facilities have been included in other relevant sections of this report in conjunction with the Community Survey and Club Survey results.

6.8.1 Challenges faced by the committee in increasing usage of the facility

Halls and Grounds committees reported a number of challenges in increasing usage of facilities. These include:

- Poor quality facility
- Lack of committee funds

- Need a clear understanding from Council as to its responsibilities regarding maintenance, eg. covering and uncovering of cricket pitch and cleaning up of fill which is dumped by Council employees and contractors
- Lack of community interest
- Ageing population.

6.8.2 Is revenue enough to cover routine maintenance?

All three respondents reported that revenue does not cover routine maintenance. The reasons were:

- Money raised by the club goes back into improvements but we are relying on donations, sponsorship and grants to keep the facility going. Facility is in need of a large amount of maintenance. A boom gate would be good to stop unauthorised access and protect against vandalism
- The revenue covers power bills and minor maintenance e.g. painting and replacement of kiosk equipment
- Regular rent is not enough to cover power bill

6.8.3 Is revenue enough to cover required upgrades/developments

All three respondents reported that revenue does not cover upgrades or developments. The reasons were:

- Subscriptions are high yet they still don't cover the running costs of balls and insurance
- The revenue covers only power bills and minor maintenance
- Regular rent is not enough to cover power bill.

6.9 Informal consultation in Tasman municipality

6.9.1 Murdunna, Sommers Bay, Chronicle Point

As the views of Murdunna residents were not captured through the Community Survey (no responses from that area), feedback was sought from representatives of the Murdunna, Chronicle Point and Sommers Bay Communities via a local residents committee meeting and individual consultation. Key comments include:

- There are no formal sport and recreational clubs in these communities.
- The primary recreational activity is **fishing** and the Sommers Bay Jetty Association provides a dedicated fishing facility.
- Murdunna boat ramp is an excellent facility but has limited parking space resulting in congestion on Sommers Bay Road. There is an opportunity for planned and landscaped extension of this parking space.
- Provision of a basic boat ramp in Sommers Bay (with parking space) would relieve pressure on Murdunna boat ramp. Consider declaring Norfolk Bay a 'recreational only' fishing zone (no netting) and reduce catch limit for sand flathead.
- **Sailing** is another important recreational activity in the community. The Murdunna Sailing Club (informal club) organises occasional cruising events and stages a sailing regatta to encourage sailing in and around King George Sound and Norfolk Bay. Sommers Bay offers an excellent overnight anchorage for visiting cruising vessels. MAST has committed to putting a mooring off Taranna Jetty.
- Provision of a **foreshore walkway** from the Murdunna boat ramp through to the Murdunna Shop would provide improved safety for pedestrians/cyclists, better options for walking and improved access to the only shop in the area
- A safe dedicated foreshore walkway through to Sommers Bay would greatly improve pedestrian safety and provide additional recreational options for residents. First priority would be the jetty.

7. RECOMMENDATIONS

The Tasman Council has a relatively low ratepayer based and a limited budget for infrastructure. As such, the recommendations largely focus on supporting, maintaining, upgrading and promoting existing sport and recreation facilities and programs. In addition, the characteristics of the Tasman Peninsula provide an ideal environment for outdoor recreational activities and this is an area where Council can play a leading role in the development and promotion of these opportunities, in partnership with other stakeholders.

The following recommendations are intended to inform and guide decision making regarding sport and recreation provision on the Tasman Peninsula.

No.	Recommended Strategies	Rationale
1	SPORT AND RECREATION FACILITIES - EXISTING	
1.1	<p>Continue to maintain, improve and support the network of community halls and support for hall committees. In particular:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tasman Community Centre (Taranna) – general maintenance and investigate options for increasing usage • Nubeena Civic Centre – general maintenance and investigate options for increasing usage • Support Hall Committees with administrative tasks and promote consistent processes (see Recommendations 7 below). 	<p>Community halls are key recreational facilities in the municipality which are used for a variety of activities. Council working in partnership with, and supporting hall committees will ensure maintenance requirements are prioritised and administrative functions are consistent (see Recommendations 7 below).</p> <p>Tasman Community Centre is used for a number of sporting activities such as badminton and basketball, as well as U3A meetings and Youth Group. It is centrally located, on approximately 50-acres of land, and is one of the key sport and recreation facilities in Tasman.</p> <p>Consideration should be given to providing for broader sport and recreation opportunities at the site given its size and central location.</p> <p>Nubeena Civic Centre is also well situated to accommodate additional activities due to its size, location and current under-utilisation (e.g. gym and climbing wall – see Recommendations 2.2 and 2.3 below).</p> <p>Any significant development or expansion of these sites should be consistent with a viable business plan (see Recommendation 2.1 below), and should seek to complement the other halls rather than compete.</p>

No.	Recommended Strategies	Rationale
1.2	<p>Continue to maintain sporting grounds and improve drainage as required. The three main recreation grounds are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Premaydena Recreation Ground • Nubeena Recreation Ground • Port Arthur Recreation Ground 	<p>The three recreation grounds are well-utilised and require ongoing maintenance. Inadequate drainage was previously reported at all of the recreation grounds, which created problems for usage over winter and challenges for recovery to ensure the grounds are in good condition in time for the start of the cricket season.</p> <p>Significant drainage works were undertaken at the Port Arthur and Nubeena Recreation grounds in 2012 which significantly improved the condition of these grounds. The main requirement now is for drainage around the boundary of the Port Arthur ground to remove water from spectator areas. Boundary fencing is also required at the Nubeena ground.</p> <p>Some drainage issues remain on the Premaydena ground, however it is only used in summer (for cricket) so is less of a problem/priority. Some minor maintenance works to improve drainage at the Premaydena ground is planned in the near future.</p>
1.3	<p>Continue to maintain and upgrade Council owned recreation ground club rooms as required. In particular:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nubeena Recreation Ground club rooms – upgrade of showers, toilets and change rooms. • Port Arthur Recreation Ground club rooms – upgrade player and spectator facilities. 	<p>The club rooms at both recreation grounds are aged and in poor condition. Given the limited resources available to undertake the redevelopment works, some priority upgrades have been identified at each site.</p> <p>The condition of the club rooms at the Nubeena ground are very poor and in need of upgrading.</p> <p>The club rooms at the Port Arthur ground operate acceptably as change rooms, however they are very basic and limit future use (e.g. functions).</p>
1.4	<p>Support Grounds committees and promote consistent processes (see Recommendations 7 below).</p>	<p>See Recommendations 7 below.</p>
2 SPORT AND RECREATION FACILITIES - NEW		
2.1	<p>Ensure any new facility (or significant upgrade) proposal is supported by a business plan that demonstrates the project is feasible, viable and sustainable before committing to the project. Refer to Business Planning Guidelines (Appendix 1).</p>	<p>Business planning is crucial to assess the viability of projects.</p>
2.2	<p>Investigate opportunities to incorporate gym equipment within existing facility, e.g. Nubeena Civic Centre.</p>	<p>The results of the Community Survey (and broader consultation) indicate that the provision of a gym/weights room facility was the most popular sport and recreation facility respondents would like to see developed in the Tasman municipality.</p>

No.	Recommended Strategies	Rationale
2.3	Investigate opportunities to provide low cost sport and recreation opportunities for youth (for example indoor climbing wall at the civic centre has been suggested). Also investigate options for outdoor activities such as mountain bike riding, bushwalking and kayaking.	There are few opportunities for youth in the area and the demographic information supports the need to target this age group, particularly those under 15. Increasing the retention of young people in the municipality through the provision of meaningful, interesting and worthwhile employment and activities is a key strategy within the Tasman Council Strategic Plan.
2.4	Consider options for walking/cycling tracks to link communities, e.g. Nubeena Foreshore track and foreshore walkway from Murdunna jetty to Murdunna shop.	See Tracks & Trails (Recommendations 3) below.
2.5	Ensure future facility planning takes into account the ageing demographic of the community including accessibility options and facilities which cater for non-sporting activities.	The number of residents over the age of 55 has been increasing with the 55-64 age group representing the largest age-group in 2011.
2.6	Improve and develop infrastructure at popular surfing beaches (Eaglehawk Neck and Roaring Beach) including toilets, change rooms and seating.	There are many popular swimming and surfing spots on the peninsula, regularly used by locals and visitors. The lack of infrastructure at surfing beaches was identified in the community surveys.
3 TRACKS AND TRAILS		
3.1	Investigate opportunities for walking and cycling infrastructure around key population centres, including Nubeena to White Beach and Murdunna jetty to Murdunna Shop.	The characteristics of the Tasman Peninsula provide an ideal environment for outdoor recreation including walking, cycling and mountain biking activities. The Tasman Council Strategic Plan highlights the maintenance, improvement and extension of cycleways as one of its key strategies. There are opportunities to support, promote and develop facilities which provide these outdoor recreational activities. The need for maximising these opportunities is further supported by a general trend towards unstructured activities, the ageing demographic and highly transient population with the population increasing to over 8000 in the summer months. Development of foreshore tracks at Nubeena and Murdunna were identified as a priority in the Community Survey, however other worthy trail projects are also likely to emerge and can be assessed against the “ <i>Assessment criteria for trail developments</i> ” in the Trails Tasmania Strategy.
3.2	Maximise opportunities to provide options for bushwalking and mountain bike riding in collaboration with Parks and Wildlife Service and Forestry Tasmania.	
3.3	Ensure tracks and trails planning is in accordance with the Trails Tasmania Strategy.	

No.	Recommended Strategies	Rationale
4	SPORT AND RECREATION SERVICES	
4.1	<p>Continue to provide sport and recreation information through informal networks such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use of community noticeboards for designated sport and recreation activities and programs. Placed at shops, Council, halls/grounds. Include rosters and contact information • Use of Tasman Gazette and monthly Council newsletter for dedicated sport and recreation information • Information brochures or booklet with relevant sport and recreation information • Calendar of regular sporting events and contact details • New residents welcome pack with sport and recreation information. 	<p>The results of the Community and Club Surveys indicate that the majority of people access sport and recreation information through word of mouth and community noticeboards, however many would like to access information on the internet.</p> <p>Given the ageing population and the isolation of the Tasman community, it is important that informal information networks are maintained and improved.</p>
4.2	<p>Increase the provision of internet based information on sport and recreation facilities, programs and services, specifically through the Tasman Council website. The Council website would provide a central point for sport and recreation information for residents and visitors such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • General information about facilities, clubs, programs and activities • Information about where to access club rosters etc. • Up to date contact details and information on where to access rosters • Booking details and/or centralised booking system for halls and grounds (see Recommendation 7.3 below) • Calendar/noticeboard of sport and recreation activities and events. 	<p>The Community Survey supports the increased need for access to internet based information. The Tasman Council website is ideal for providing a central repository for sport and recreation information for the community and visitors to Tasman.</p>

No.	Recommended Strategies	Rationale
5	SPORT AND RECREATION PROGRAMS AND ACTIVITIES	
5.1	Encourage flexible programming to cater for those constrained by full-time working hours and those who are retired or working part-time.	<p>Results of the Community Survey indicate that some of the reasons people don't participate in sport and recreation activities include work commitments, lack of time and parenting commitments, which is consistent with broader trends in Australia. While Council is not responsible for delivering programs, it has a role in supporting and promoting program delivery within the municipality.</p> <p>It is noted that the Dunalley Neighbourhood house offer childcare with some of their physical activity options which is well received.</p> <p>The demographic profile indicates the need to provide a range of sport and recreation options to suit all age groups, particularly youth and those over 45 years of age. The ageing and relatively transient population supports the need for unstructured programs and activities. Many trail, water and nature based activities can meet this need and make good use of the area's natural advantages. This was further supported in the results of the community survey.</p>
5.2	Promote opportunities to participate in brief/short activities.	
5.3	Support programs and activities which attract and accommodate a range of activities including sporting and non-sporting activities across all age-groups in the community. This is particularly relevant for youth (0-14 age group) and older residents aged 45-64 of which there are high numbers in the Tasman area.	
5.4	Encourage and support activities which provide for informal, low cost participation such as cycling, walking, exercise/gym classes and mountain bike riding.	
5.5	Encourage and support opportunities for childcare arrangements to be included/considered with some activities.	
5.6	Continue to support and promote nature and water based activities such as bushwalking, swimming, walking and fishing. These activities were the most popular activities undertaken, based on the results of the Community Survey. They are also ideal to meet the needs of the ageing demographic and the transient population.	
5.7	Support clubs and community groups in providing other sport and recreation activities within the region (e.g. netball, basketball, walking groups and fun runs were all suggested within the community surveys).	

No.	Recommended Strategies	Rationale
6	SPORT AND RECREATION CLUBS	
6.1	<p>Support sport and recreation clubs with their administration and governance and encourage club planning including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Club strategic planning (refer toolkit at: www.sportandrecreation.tas.gov.au/sportrectas/publications/strategic_and_operational_planning) • Risk management (refer toolkit at: www.sportandrecreation.tas.gov.au/sportrectas/publications/risk_management_toolkit) • Facility development planning (see Appendix 1) 	<p>Tasman has a number different sporting clubs and being a smaller, isolated community, these clubs are integral to fostering community cohesion and social inclusion.</p> <p>Well-administered and well-governed clubs will be more sustainable, more likely to meet community needs, and reduce pressure on volunteers.</p> <p>Results of the Clubs Survey indicate that the main challenges faced by clubs are the ground/facility condition, cost, lack of transport and lack of club funds.</p>
6.2	<p>Ensure sporting facilities reflect the high standard expected by the community by ensuring that maintenance and upgrades adhere to requirements for accessibility, safety, environmental and building standards (see Recommendations 7 below).</p>	
7	COUNCIL ADMINISTRATION	
7.1	<p>Clearly establish roles and responsibilities between Council and Halls/Grounds committees with regards to facility maintenance.</p>	<p>Within Tasman, there are a number of special committees which have been set up to manage the five community halls and three recreation grounds. These committees operate relatively independently and are responsible for booking arrangements, fee collection, general maintenance and day to day operations. There is also a small Council budget available for facility maintenance and upgrades.</p>
7.2	<p>Develop a facility management plan for all the main recreation grounds and halls, in collaboration with committees, to maximise the effectiveness and efficiency of the facilities (see: www.dsr.wa.gov.au/managementplanguide)</p>	<p>While the special committees are clearly integral to the successful operation and management of the halls and grounds, there are opportunities to work more in partnership with Council in relation to promoting facilities to increase usage, sharing the administration responsibilities, promoting consistency in operations across these facilities and prioritising maintenance and upgrade requirements.</p>
7.3	<p>Investigate opportunities for a centralised booking system for halls and grounds through the Council website with Council to administer the booking process.</p>	<p>As the halls and grounds currently operate independently with separate committees, there is scope to promote consistency between the way these facilities are managed. Council taking on a greater administrative role (through centralised bookings) would ease the burden on committees and provide a central point for users and promote consistent processes.</p>

No.	Recommended Strategies	Rationale
7.4	<p>Support and promote multi-use of facilities to ensure sustainability of sport and recreation facilities in the municipality (refer “Sharing sport and recreation facilities” information sheet - www.sportandrecreation.tas.gov.au/sportrectas/publications/information_sheets)</p>	<p>There are a number of sport and recreation facilities in Tasman which have limited use or are only used for a single purpose. Facility sharing helps to maximise usage and reduce the burden/costs associated with facility maintenance and upgrades. It also enables greater sustainability of the programs offered at the facility.</p>
7.5	<p>Assist clubs by providing information on funding opportunities and work with clubs to plan projects in accordance with Business Planning Guidelines (See Appendix 1).</p> <p>Also assist with Club Strategic Planning and Risk Management (see Recommendation 6.1 above)</p>	<p>There are a number of funding options to consider for facility projects including tracks and trails. These projects might include facility upgrades or the development of a new facility. There are a number of external funding options available including grants (local, state, federal), donations, loans and sponsorship. Well planned projects, with a supporting business plan, have a greater chance of attracting funding opportunities.</p> <p>Grant information is available from various sources including but not limited to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • www.sportandrecreation.tas.gov.au/sportrectas/funding_opportunities • www.tascomfund.org/ • www.business.gov.au/grantfinder/grantfinder.aspx

APPENDIX 1 – BUSINESS PLANNING GUIDELINES FOR DEVELOPING SPORT AND RECREATION FACILITIES

Preparing a business plan is an important step for any organisation that is considering developing a sport and recreation facility. A business plan will help your organisation to better understand the opportunities and challenges involved in a facility development.

A business plan is a good way to communicate your organisation's proposal and can increase its credibility by demonstrating the viability and sustainability of the proposed development.

These guidelines¹ will assist organisations develop a business plan for sport and recreation facility developments. The level of detail and information required will depend on the nature and scale of the proposed development and not all points will be relevant to all projects.

Proposed Development Outline

- Provide a project title.
- Outline the concept for the proposed development.
- Provide the objectives/outcomes planned from the project (specific and measurable).

Strategic Fit

- Explain how the project fits with the organisation's future plans (for example, the link to the club's strategic plan, if there is one).
- Explain how the project aligns with other relevant strategies and plans (for example, Council sport and recreation plan; state or national sport plan).

Market Analysis

- Provide the key user groups and forecast the number of users (explain how this has been calculated and on what basis).
- Provide information on any community consultation undertaken that identifies support, demand, usage and future potential.
- Provide information on links to current and projected trends.
- Provide an assessment of socio-demographic characteristics of the community/catchment.
- Provide information on other (competing/complementary) facilities that exist in the catchment and how this facility complements them.
- Provide an assessment of similar facilities in other comparable communities/locations.

Rationale

- Outline the demonstrated need for the facility (what is the current, and projected, situation that has created a need for the project).
- Provide an assessment of alternative options that have been considered (for example, use and/or modify an existing facility).
- Outline why this location is deemed the most appropriate (what others have been considered).
- Outline the participation opportunities and sport development opportunities that the facility will provide.
- Demonstrate how the facility will increase participation numbers and opportunities.

¹ These guidelines are available at: www.sportandrecreation.tas.gov.au/sportrectas/publications/information_sheets

- Demonstrate how the facility will improve the quality and safety of participation.
- Detail any partnership opportunities that will benefit other groups or the broader community.

Capacity to Fund Development

- Outline the anticipated costs involved in developing the facility.
- Provide a breakup of the proposed funding sources (noting whether the funds are secured or unsecured).
- Detail your alternative options for securing sufficient funds to develop the facility.

Capacity to Operate

- Detail the organisations ability/capacity to operate and fund the ongoing operation and maintenance of the facility.
- Outline what parties will be involved in the operation and what their roles and responsibilities will be.
- Outline the basis of fees to be set.
- Outline the financial operating projections over the next five years (projected operating income and expenditure).
- Provide details of an operational plan, if developed, including an indicative usage schedule.

Asset Management and Replacement

- Detail the proposed maintenance schedule over five years (including costs).
- Provide an asset replacement plan – including timing and costs.

Analysis of Key Risks

Provide a risk assessment of the financial, legal and operational risks associated with the development and operation of the facility and what mitigation measures are proposed.