



# BRIERLY RESERVE MASTER PLAN

## BACKGROUND REPORT - AUGUST 2012



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## 1. BACKGROUND REPORT

### 1.1 Introduction

The Brierly Recreation Reserve is part of an extensive and growing network of public open space within the City of Warrnambool. The 12 hectare parcel is bounded by Moore Street and Aberline Roads, and the park is surrounded by existing and growing new residential areas.

The reserve contains two ovals, passive parkland, a playground and a network of paths. Its uses are both local and district in nature and include informal recreation and organised sporting activities.

Current informal uses include walking, jogging, exercising, dog walking, active play on playground equipment and ball games. Organised sport is currently limited to a community grade cricket competition. A dog obedience club utilises the park for regular training sessions.

**Brierly Recreation Reserve has been identified as having the potential to meet the needs of the community through the provision of additional sporting, recreation and other community facilities. The development of a master plan for the site will explore the opportunities identified and create a clear vision for the future use and development of this important community asset.**

### 1.2 Background

The Brierly Hospital (a 31 hectare mental health facility owned by the State Government) was decommissioned in 1996. A community planning forum was hosted by Council in May 1996 to address a number of strategic planning and design issues for the redevelopment of the land and to consider the best use of the site to provide for a broad range of uses to meet recreational, housing and community needs for Warrnambool.

The planning forum, and subsequent redevelopment strategy led by Council's Economic Development Unit, identified a number of options for the use of the site, including residential development, community uses (including a potential primary school site) and recreational facilities.

In 1999 Council purchased 21.68 hectares of the Brierly site (including the recreation reserve/parkland) and the State Government retained 9.65 hectares. Council subsequently conducted an expression of interest process inviting submissions from "groups, companies, individuals and organisations" to further explore interest in the community use of the land in Council's ownership.

Various ideas were submitted including:

- Site for new primary school to serve the north eastern growth corridor
- Annex for horticultural studies for South West TAFE
- Place of worship/community buildings utilising one or more buildings on the site
- Mixed use/community facilities

Council formed a working group (2 Councillors/6 community reps/2 Council officers) to consider community submissions and give advice to council on the future use of the Brierly site. Following the appointment of the working group consultants were appointed to undertake a community consultation process to determine how the site could be best used and developed, and provide concept plans for the development.

Two development concepts were prepared and put to the community for comment. These were:

1. 111 residential lots, 12.4 hectares of recreation/public open space (based around the existing parkland & infrastructure in the southern portion of the site), a future school site, retirement living and community uses in the refurbished Lewana Clinic and Ward 7 buildings.
2. 139 residential lots, 12.4 hectares of recreation/public open space (per option 1), future school site, with no retention of existing hospital buildings.

After consideration of public submissions, option 1 was selected as the preferred scheme.



Following consultation with the Victorian Government Property Group and the Department of Education the future school site was removed from the development plan as it was considered (at that time) there was no demonstrated need for a primary school in this location.

After completion of this planning process, Council and the State Government resolved to sell all land in the holding, with the exception of the 12.44 hectares of existing reserve/public open space in the southern portion of the site. This land was to be retained as public open space and it was deemed to satisfy all contributions for public open space arising from the residential development of the balance of the land.

In August 2004 Prosperity Holdings Pty Ltd took possession of the development parcel and in 2006 council approved the Brierly Development Plan, including a landscape concept plan for the public open space. These plans are the endorsed development scheme for the site and under the planning scheme provisions all development must be in accordance with the approved plans.

***The outcome of this master planning process will update the landscape concept plan for the reserve, making provision for current and future community needs, and replace the existing landscape plan. The Master Plan will provide the direction and policy for the future use and development of the the Brierly Recreation Reserve.***

### 1.3 Definitions

#### **Master Plan:**

A Master Plan provides a visual plan that highlights priority actions, identified through a strategic analysis of the local community's needs and a consultation process.

Master Plans should be developed with a high level of co-operation with the existing and potential user groups which will strengthen the opportunities to implement the plan's recommendations.

#### **Brierly Recreation Reserve:**

Crown Allotment 2007, being 12.44 hectares of existing parkland and recreation facilities on the north side of Moore Street, Warrnambool.

### 1.4 Subject Site

#### **Brierly Recreation Reserve, Moore Street, Warrnambool**



## 1.5 Objectives

The objectives of this project are:

- To develop a Master Plan for the Brierly Reserve which meets the future recreation needs of the community in north east Warrnambool, while providing for, where appropriate, the development of community facilities;
- To direct future improvement, development and management of Brierly Recreation Reserve over the next 10 years;
- To develop draft principles/guidelines for developing non-open space dependent community facilities in open space reserves based on current best practice;
- To prepare a Master Plan that is realistic and achievable.

## 1.6 State Policy Context

The following policies and guidelines provide information and context for decisions when planning for the future use of the Brierly Recreation Reserve.

- ***The Good Play Space Guide*** (Department for Victorian Communities, 2007)
- ***Healthy by Design: A Planners Guide to Environments for Active Living*** (National Heart Foundation)
- ***Safer Design Guidelines for Victoria*** (Crime Prevention Victoria and Dept of Sustainability and Environment, 2005)
- ***Healthy Spaces and Places: National guide to designing places for healthy living***
- ***Supportive Environments for Physical Activity*** (National Heart Foundation)
- ***Precinct Structure Planning Guidelines 2009*** (Growth Areas Authority (Vic)
- ***Planning for Community Infrastructure in Growth Areas 2008*** - Cities of Wyndham, Casey, Hume, Melton and Whittlesea
- ***Skate Park Guide*** (Sport and Recreation Victoria)
- ***Urban Design Charter for Victoria*** (Department of Planning and Community Development 2009)
- ***The Bicycle Parking Handbook*** (Bicycle Victoria)

## 1.7 Local Policy Framework

The Master Plan will be developed in the context of a number of strategic plans and policies. In summary these are:

### 1. Warrnambool Council Plan 2009-2013

3.01 Develop and support sport and recreation activities to promote healthy lifestyles and community wellbeing.

3.01.03 Implement key priority improvements from year four as recommended in the Warrnambool Recreation Plan - 2007-2017.

### 2. Warrnambool Recreation Plan 2007-2017

Currently in year 4 of implementation the adopted Recreation Plan identifies Brierly Reserve as a high priority for improvement and recommends:

***“Develop Brierly Recreation Reserve so that it becomes a hub of recreational opportunities for the neighbourhood”***

**Recreation Plan Actions** (identified as a short term priority – years 3-6)

- **Develop Brierly Reserve with the following facilities:**
  - Community hub building
  - Community tennis courts
  - District playground
  - Potential skate park facility

- Improved sporting ovals
- Public toilets
- Community art
- Shelters and seating

### **3. Warrnambool Planning Scheme**

#### **a. State Planning Policy:**

State Planning Policy identifies clear objectives for open space planning and management. The following extracts are of particular relevance when planning for Brierly Recreation Reserve:

#### **11.03 Open space**

##### **11.03-1 Open space planning**

#### **Objective**

To assist creation of a diverse and integrated network of public open space commensurate with the needs of the community.

#### **Strategies**

- Plan for regional and local open space networks for both recreation and conservation of natural and cultural environments.
- Ensure that open space networks:
  - Are linked through the provision of walking and cycle trails and rights of way.
  - Are integrated with open space from abutting subdivisions.
  - Incorporate, where possible, links between major parks and activity areas, along waterways and natural drainage corridors, connecting places of natural and cultural interest, as well as maintaining public accessibility on public land immediately adjoining waterways and coasts.
- Improve the quality and distribution of open space and ensure long-term protection.
- Protect the overall network of open space by ensuring that where there is a change in land use or in the nature of occupation resulting in a reduction of open space, the overall network of open space is protected by the addition of replacement parkland of equal or greater size and quality.
- Ensure that urban open space provides for nature conservation, recreation and play, formal and informal sport, social interaction and peace and solitude.
- Community sports facilities should be accommodated in a way that is not detrimental to other park activities.
- Ensure open space is designed to accommodate people of all abilities, ages and cultures.
- Provide new parkland in growth areas and in areas that have an undersupply of parkland.

##### **11.03-2 Open space management**

#### **Objective**

To provide for the long term management of public open space.

#### **Strategies**

- Encourage management plans or explicit statements of management objectives for urban parks to be developed.
- Ensure exclusive occupation of parkland by community organisations is restricted to activities consistent with management objectives of the park to maximise broad community access to open space.
- Ensure the provision of buildings and infrastructure is consistent with the management objectives of the park.

**b. Municipal Strategic Statement:**

The following objectives and actions are identified and should be noted:

- Plan for a community-based focus at Brierly Reserve to meet current and future needs. The North East Corridor Outline Development Plan identifies the Brierly Reserve as a community node.
- Support opportunities for the provision of education and community facilities, rationalisation of existing facilities, or the utilisation of combined facilities.

**c. Local Planning Policy**

The following provisions are directly applicable to the Brierly Recreation Reserve and should be noted:

**56.03 LIVABLE AND SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES**

**56.03-1 Compact and walkable neighbourhoods objectives**

- To create compact neighbourhoods that are oriented around easy walking distances to activity centres, schools and community facilities, public open space and public transport.
- To allow easy movement through and between neighbourhoods for all people.

**56.03-3 Planning for community facilities objective**

- To provide appropriately located sites for community facilities including schools, libraries, preschools and childcare, health services, police and fire stations, recreation and sports facilities.

**56.05 URBAN LANDSCAPE**

**56.05-1 Integrated urban landscape objectives**

- To provide attractive and continuous landscaping in streets and public open spaces that contributes to the character and identity of new neighbourhoods and urban places or to existing or preferred neighbourhood character in existing urban areas.
- To incorporate natural and cultural features in the design of streets and public open space where appropriate.
- To protect and enhance native habitat and discourage the planting and spread of noxious weeds.
- To provide for integrated water management systems and contribute to drinking water conservation.

**56.05-2 Public open space provision objectives**

- To provide a network of quality, well-distributed, multi-functional and cost-effective public open space that includes local parks, active open space, linear parks and trails, and links to regional open space.
- To provide a network of public open space that caters for a broad range of users.
- To encourage healthy and active communities.
- To provide adequate unencumbered land for public open space and integrate any encumbered land with the open space network.
- To ensure land provided for public open space can be managed in an environmentally sustainable way and contributes to the development of sustainable neighbourhoods.

**Standard C13**

The provision of public open space should:

- Implement any relevant objective, policy, strategy or plan (including any growth area precinct structure plan) for open space set out in this scheme.
- Provide a network of well-distributed neighbourhood public open space that includes:
- Local parks within 400 metres safe walking distance of at least 95 percent of all dwellings. Where not designed to include active open space, local parks should be generally 1 hectare in area and suitably dimensioned and designed to provide for their intended use and to allow easy adaptation in response to changing community preferences.
- Additional small local parks or public squares in activity centres and higher density residential areas.
- Active open space of a least 8 hectares in area within 1 kilometre of 95 percent of all dwellings that is:
  - Suitably dimensioned and designed to provide for the intended use, buffer areas around sporting fields and passive open space
  - Sufficient to incorporate two football/cricket ovals
  - Appropriate for the intended use in terms of quality and orientation
  - Located on flat land (which can be cost effectively graded)
  - Located with access to, or making provision for, a recycled or sustainable water supply
  - Adjoin schools and other community facilities where practical
  - Designed to achieve sharing of space between sports.
- Linear parks and trails along waterways, vegetation corridors and road reserves within 1 kilometre of 95 percent of all dwellings.

**4. North Eastern Structure Plan:**

Whilst the Brierly Reserve is outside the North East Growth Area Structure Plan area, the development scheme for the north east will create considerable demand for open space and community facilities through a significant increase in the number of households.

Brierly Reserve is identified as being essential to meeting some of this demand. This increase in population is expected to result in existing community services in the area reaching capacity and creating demand for new facilities in this part of the City.

**5. Sustainable Transport Strategy: 2010-2020:**

Council's first Sustainable Transport Strategy identifies ways to develop a city which is less reliant on private motor vehicles and using more "active" transport modes more often.

Access to and within the Brierly Reserve should be planned to encourage and maximise active transport options.

**6. Active Ageing Plan: 2008-2013:**

This plan identifies opportunities for older residents to maximize their quality of life in Warrnambool.

With an ageing population and Brierly Reserve's close proximity to a sizeable, new retirement village in the north east of the City, the Brierly Master Plan should consider accessibility issues and the needs of older resident when planning for the needs of the community.



### **7. Municipal Early Years Plan: 2009-2013:**

The north and north east of the City is home to a significant proportion of Warrnambool's families with young children. In planning for the future use of the Brierly Reserve to meet community needs in relation open space and community facilities, the Master Plan will need to address the needs of young families in providing safe and accessible facilities which work towards achieving a "child friendly" city.

### **8. Accessible Playgrounds Policy - 2007:**

The Accessible Playgrounds Policy outlines the principles and standards for playground development to ensure that all playgrounds are challenging, safe and accessible for all. Whilst a recent playground installation has occurred at Brierly Recreation Reserve, any additional play facilities included in the master plan will need to be in accordance with this policy.

### **9. Open Space Strategy – under development:**

A new open space strategy is currently being prepared to identify current supply and future needs for open space in the city. A preliminary open space audit identifies Brierly Recreation Reserve as a regional park identified for sport at a municipal level. The size of the reserve (12 ha) also supports the regional status of the park which could meet the needs of a large catchment for a range of activities including formal sports, active play, walking, cycling, and relaxation/picnic activities.

### **10. Dog Control Policy**

Dogs must be kept under effective voice control and a lead carried and used when in the vicinity of another dog, children's playground, barbecue facility, organised sporting events, picnic areas or public meetings.

Under the current policy dogs may be exercised off a leash at Brierly Recreation Reserve (excluding sporting grounds/ovals).

## **1.8 Issues**

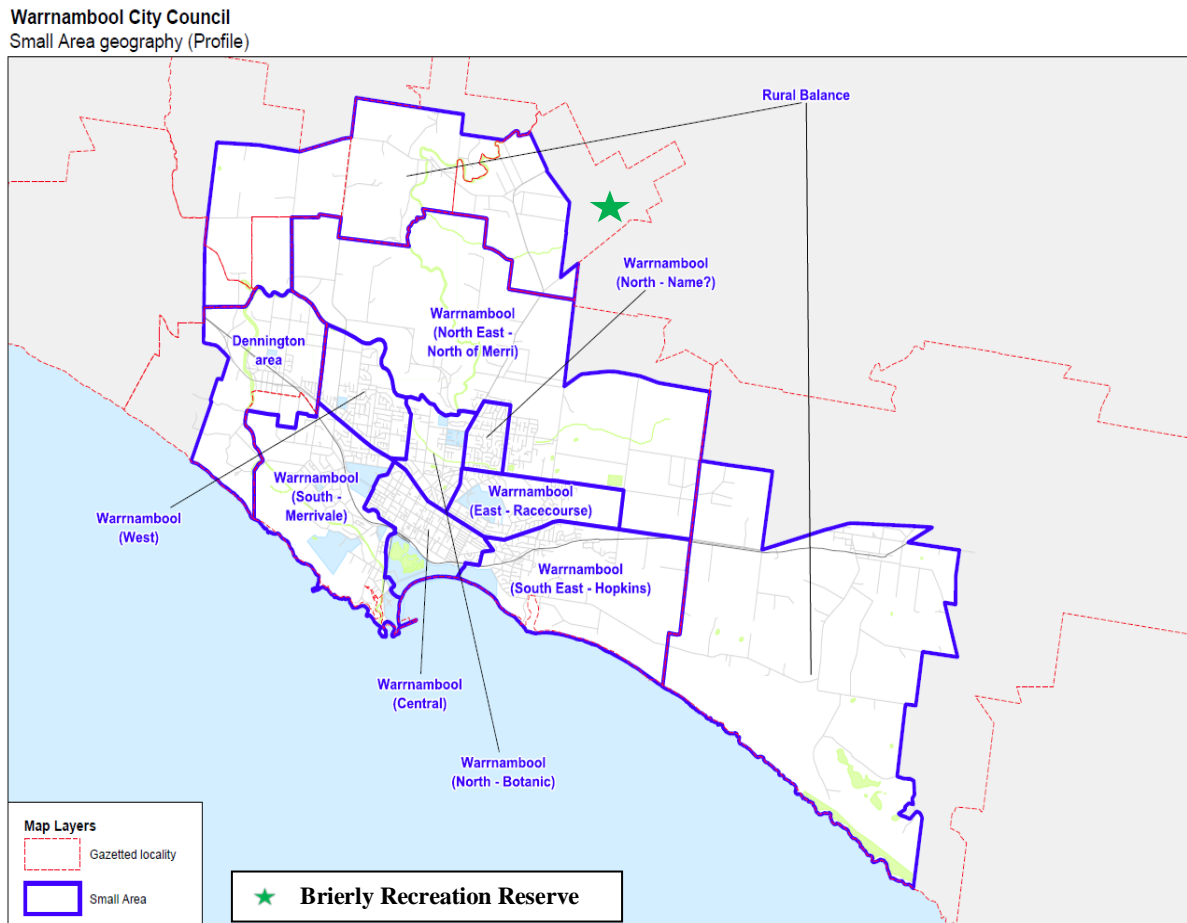
- Likely demand increase for recreation facilities in north east growth corridor
- Quality and usage of existing recreational facilities – 2 ovals, cricket club, tennis courts, playground, paths and passive areas
- Existing users & their future needs
  - Brierly Cricket Club, Dog Obedience Club, passive park users etc.
- Demand for additional community facilities in north east Warrnambool
- Provision of 'regional' scale recreation facilities in north east
  - role of Brierly now and in the future
- Prospective user's needs and their expectations e.g. sporting and community organisations

## 2. DEMOGRAPHIC PROFILE

The following demographic profile has been prepared by the Warrnambool City Council for the purpose of informing the Brierly Reserve Master Plan (Source: ABC Census 2006).

The data used for this analysis relates to the part of the City referred to as Warrnambool North East/ North of the Merri and Warrnambool East – Racecourse (see plan below) which are the main catchment areas for the district parkland known as Brierly Recreation Reserve.

This data can be found at [www.warrnambool.vic.gov.au/population\\_profiles&forecast](http://www.warrnambool.vic.gov.au/population_profiles&forecast)



Warrnambool North East/North of the Merri captures Warrnambool's burgeoning north and north eastern residential areas which until 2006 were largely green field areas at the edge of the city, apart from a few small pockets of existing residential neighbourhoods.

The Warrnambool East – Racecourse area, encompasses established residential areas south of Warrnambool's major reserve (Albert Park) and south of the Warrnambool Racecourse. The of this small area south and west of the racecourse and closest to Brierly Reserve is largely public housing and exhibits typical characteristics of disadvantage which are common to such areas.

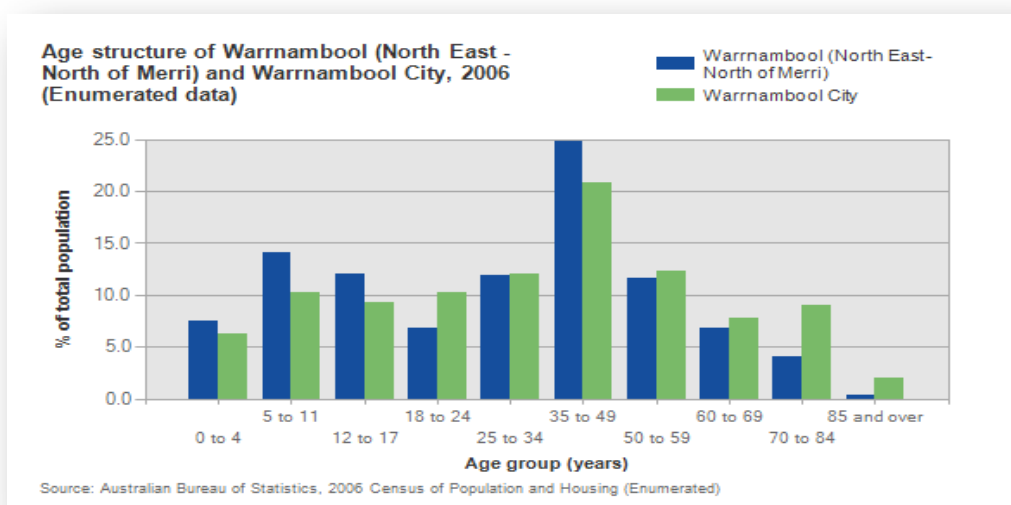
**Highlights of Demographic Profile: North East/North of Merri and East/Racecourse Areas**

- In 2006 the north of the Merri/North eastern part of the City (refer plan above) had a population of 1,922 residents and East/Racecourse had a population of 3527 residents.
- Both areas had a larger proportion of people in the younger age groups (0 to 17) with 30% and 33% of the population in these areas being children or young people under 18 years, compared to 25% for Warrnambool as a whole.
- Both areas had a smaller proportion of older people aged 60 years and over than the City as a whole, however East/Racecourse had a greater proportion of older residents (18%) than the newer areas in the north (11.3%) east.
- In the North East area there were a higher proportion of families and lower percentage of lone person households, while in East/Racecourse there was a prevalence of family households but much greater proportion of lone person households.
- Households in East/Racecourse were less affluent than Warrnambool as a whole, with a smaller proportion of houses in the highest income quartile, but a larger proportion in the lowest income quartile. This would relate directly to the relatively high proportion of residents in east who are renting housing from a government authority (16.3%).
- Households to the north east showed the inverse - there was larger proportion of households in the highest income quartile, but a smaller proportion in the lowest income quartile.
- The most significant change in household incomes in the North East between 2001 and 2006 was a growing number in the highest group quartile which showed an increase of 112 households. The most significant change in East - Racecourse was in the lowest group quartile which showed an increase of 47 households.
- Notable was the low rate of car ownership in East Racecourse with 11.5% of households having no car. In comparison, only 1.8% of households in the north east were without a vehicle. This clearly indicates the need for walkable community spaces and places in this part of the City.

## 2.1 Age

The age structure of Warrnambool (North East - North of Merri), shows that there was a larger proportion of people in the younger age groups (0 to 17) but a smaller proportion of people in the older age groups (60+) when compared to Warrnambool as a whole.

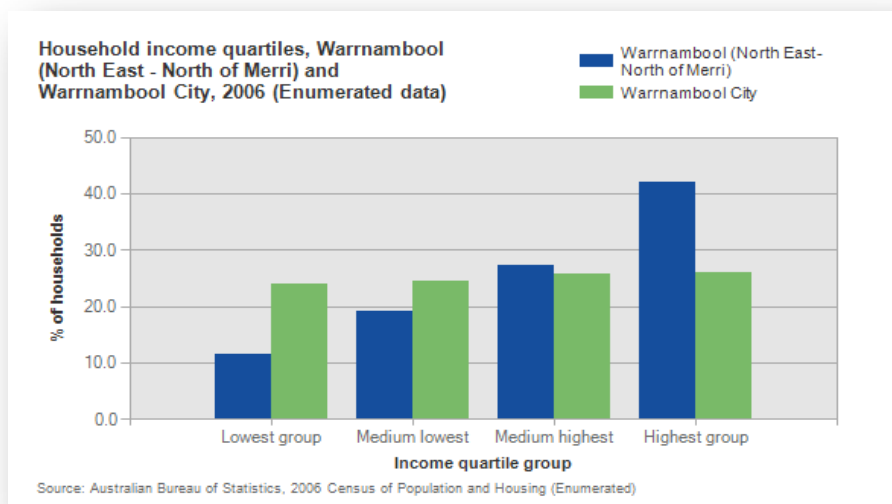
Overall, 33.7% of the population was aged between 0 and 17, and 11.3% were aged 60 years and over, compared with 25.7% and 18.7% respectively for Warrnambool City.



## 2.2 Household Incomes:

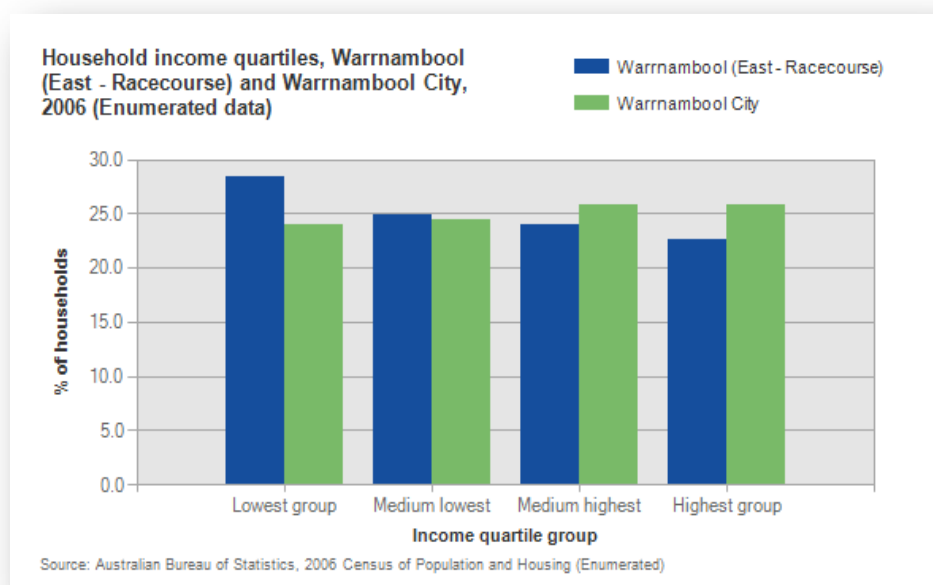
Analysis of the distribution of households by income quartile in North East - North of Merri compared to Warrnambool shows that there was larger proportion of households in the highest income quartile, but a smaller proportion in the lowest income quartile.

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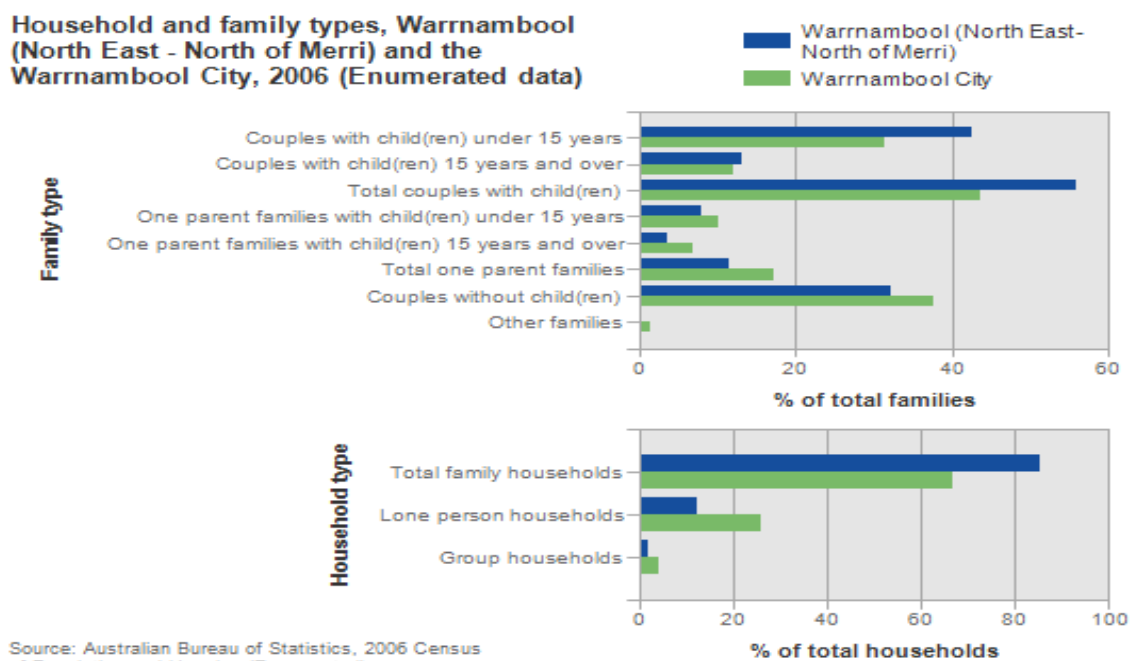
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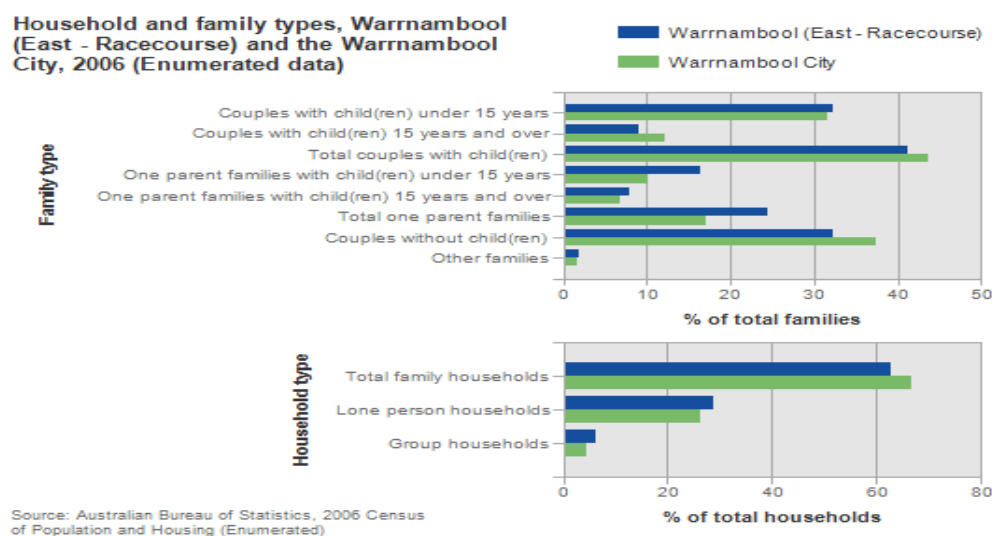
## 2.3 Household Types:

Comparing household types between Warrnambool (North East - North of Merri) and Warrnambool as a whole in 2006 reveals a larger proportion of family households, but a smaller proportion of lone person households. Family households accounted for 85.4% of total households in Warrnambool (North East - North of Merri) while lone person households comprised 12.5%, (66.8% and 26.1% respectively for Warrnambool City).



In Warrnambool (East - Racecourse) there were a smaller proportion of family households than in Warrnambool as a whole, but a larger proportion of lone person households. Family households accounted for 62.7% of total households in Warrnambool (East - Racecourse) while lone person households comprised 28.9%, (66.8% and 26.1% respectively for Warrnambool City).

Between 2001 and 2006 in Warrnambool (East - Racecourse), there was an increase in the number of family households (12), an increase in lone person households (55) and an increase in group households (26).



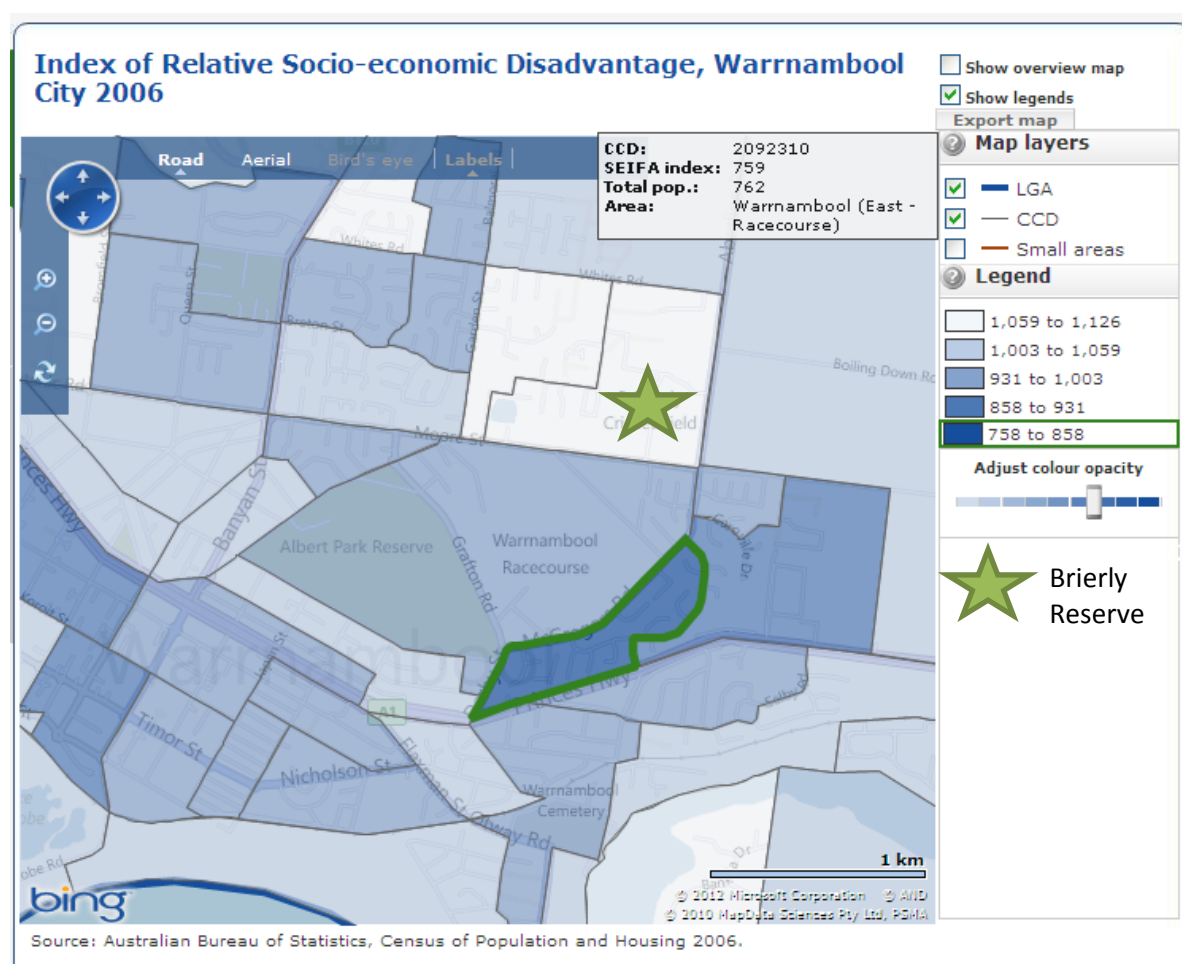
## 2.4 Level of Disadvantage

The Index of Relative Socio-Economic Disadvantage has "been constructed so that relatively disadvantaged areas (e.g. areas with many low income earners) have low index values".

The Index of Relative Socio-Economic Disadvantage is created using data such as low income, low educational attainment, high unemployment, jobs in relatively unskilled occupations and variables that reflect disadvantage rather than measure specific aspects of disadvantage (e.g., Indigenous and Separated/Divorced).

High scores on the Index of Relative Socio-Economic Disadvantage occur when the area has few families of low income and few people with little training and in unskilled occupations. Low scores on the index occur when the area has many low income families and people with little training and in unskilled occupations.

A census collection district in close proximity to the south of the Brierly Recreation Reserve (which is within the East/Racecourse analysis area) has the lowest SEIFA score in the city and therefore is considered to be the most disadvantaged neighbourhood in Warrnambool. The location of this neighbourhood and its proximity to Brierly Recreation Reserve are illustrated below.

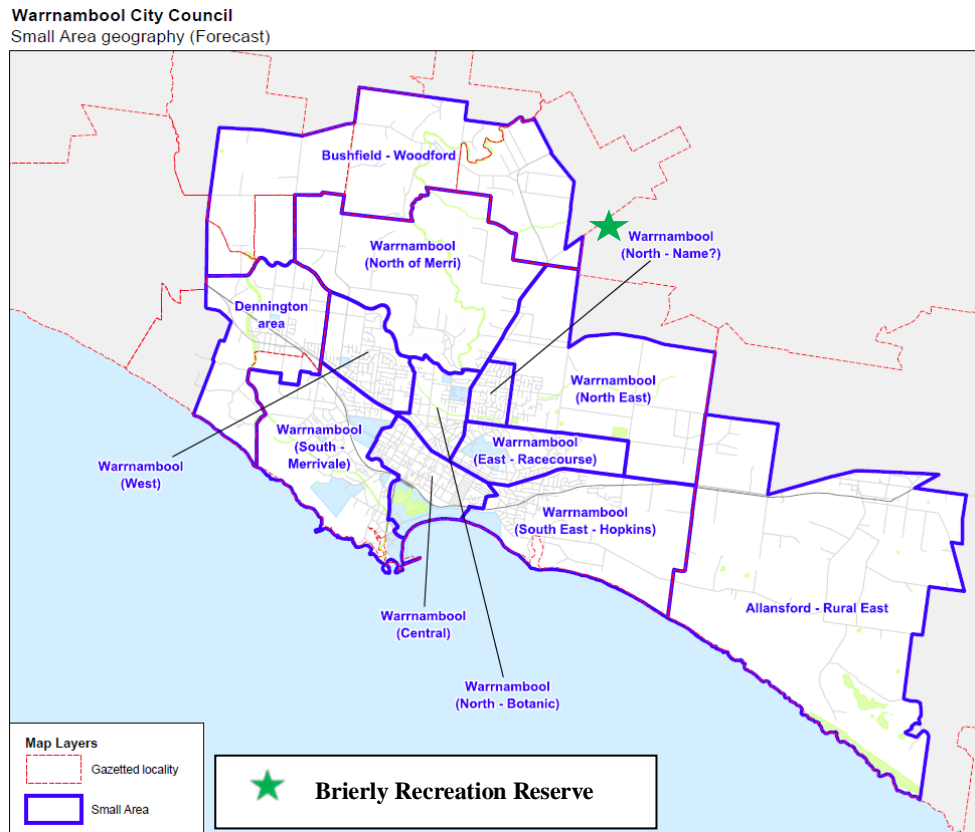


## 2.5 Population Projections

For forecast purposes, Warrnambool's North Eastern area is bounded by the locality of Woodford, Wangoom Road and Dixons Lane in the north, Stafford's Road in the east, the Princes Highway, Horne Road, Dales Road and Moore Street in the south, and Mortlake Road and the Hopkins Highway in the west.

Please note: North of the Merri/North East is split into 2 areas for the purpose of forecasts and therefore the profile area is not directly relatable to the forecast area Warrnambool North East.

Warrnambool East/Racecourse is an established residential area south of Albert Park (Warrnambool's major reserve) and the Warrnambool Racecourse.



Warrnambool's north east is currently the fastest growing area of the City, and this trend will continue until the end of this decade when North of the Merri is expected to take over this role as the key growth corridor.

The East/Racecourse area is an established urban area where little growth is forecast and age and household structure are expected to stay constant over the forecast period. For this reason this forecast will focus only on the fast growing and rapidly changing north east of the City.

**Forecast Highlights for North East Warrnambool:**

- The population of north eastern Warrnambool will grow from 1922 residents to 4942 residents by 2021 – a substantial increase of 157%. This represents 40% of the city's total growth up to the end of this decade.
- Growth in the north east will be across all age cohorts in the population. However, in 2006 the largest age group in the north east was 5-9 year olds (n=186). With rapid construction of new housing estates, and influx of young families to the area, by 2021 the largest age group will be 0-4 year olds (n=459).
- By 2021, the total number of people under 15 years living in the area will increase by 784 – an increase of 150% on the 2006 population.
- By 2021, the number of people aged over 65 is expected to increase by 306 (217%), and represent 9.0% of the population.
- Whilst the number of households in the north east will increase substantially, the mix of household type is not expected to change significantly over the forecast period. In 2006 the prevalent household type in the area was couple families with dependents, which accounted for 45.0% of all households, and this household structure will continue to dominate.
- Most growth in this part of the city will occur between 2012 and 2021, after which other growth corridors in the City (i.e. north of the Merri) are likely to dominate the new housing market and experience higher growth.

**2.5.1 Forecast Population**

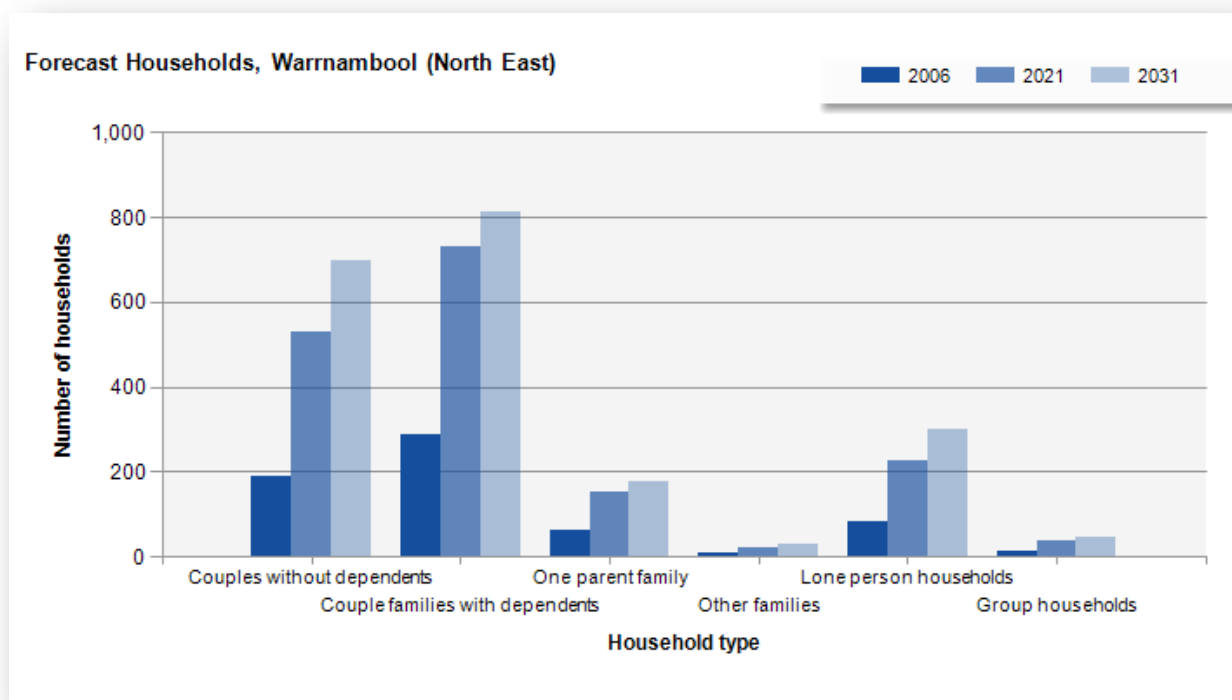
In 2006, the total population of Warrnambool (North East) was 1,922 people. It is expected to experience an increase of over 3,000 people to 4,942 by 2021, at an average annual growth rate of 6.50% per annum over 15 years. This is based on an increase of over 1,000 households during the period, with the average number of persons per household falling from 2.99 to 2.92 by 2021.

Warrnambool (North East)				
	2006	2011	2016	2021
Population	1,922	2,766	3,854	4,942
Change in Population (5yrs)		844	1,088	1,088
Average Annual Change (%)		7.55	6.86	5.1
Households	639	923	1,305	1,692
Dwellings	658	952	1,346	1,746

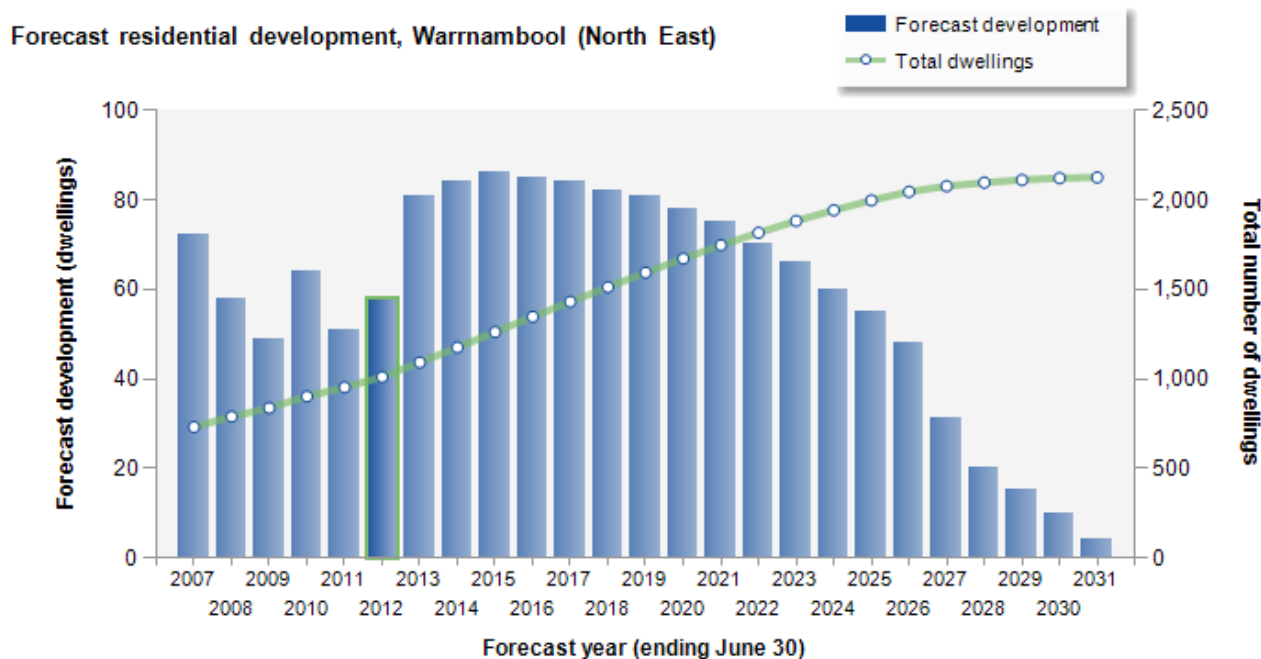
Whilst the number of households in the north east will increase substantially, the mix of household type is not expected to change significantly over the forecast period. Overall household sizes will decrease from 3.07 per household (2006) to 2.82 people.



In 2006 the dominant household type in the area was couple families with dependents, which accounted for 45.0% of all households. Whilst this household type will continue to grow strongly, as children age and leave the family home, the number of households comprising couples without dependents will increase slightly by 2021 to comprise 31.2% of all households.



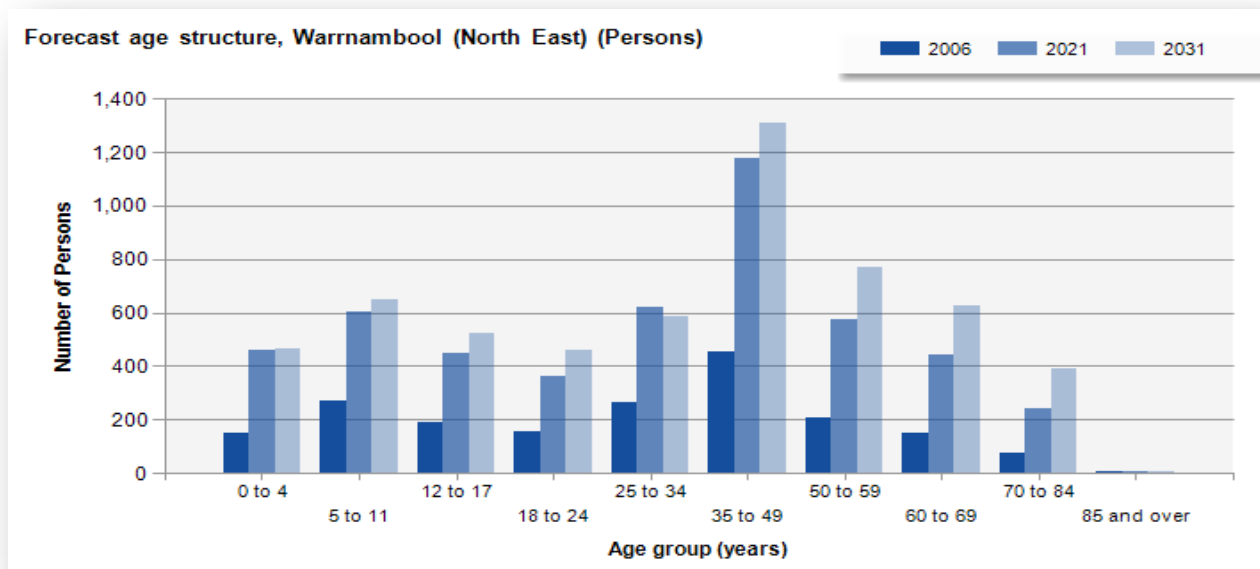
As the graph below indicates, the most rapid growth will occur in the next 5-10 years with new housing development then tapering off post 2021 when other growth areas in the City come on line.



## 2.6 How Old Will We Be?

In 2006, the most populous age group in Warrnambool's North East was 5-9 year olds, with 186 persons. In 2021 the most populous forecast age group will be 0-4 year olds, with 459 persons.

The number of people aged under 15 is forecast to increase by 784 (150%), representing a rise in the proportion of the population to 26.4%. The number of people aged over 65 is expected to increase by 306 (217%), and represent 9.0% of the population by 2021.

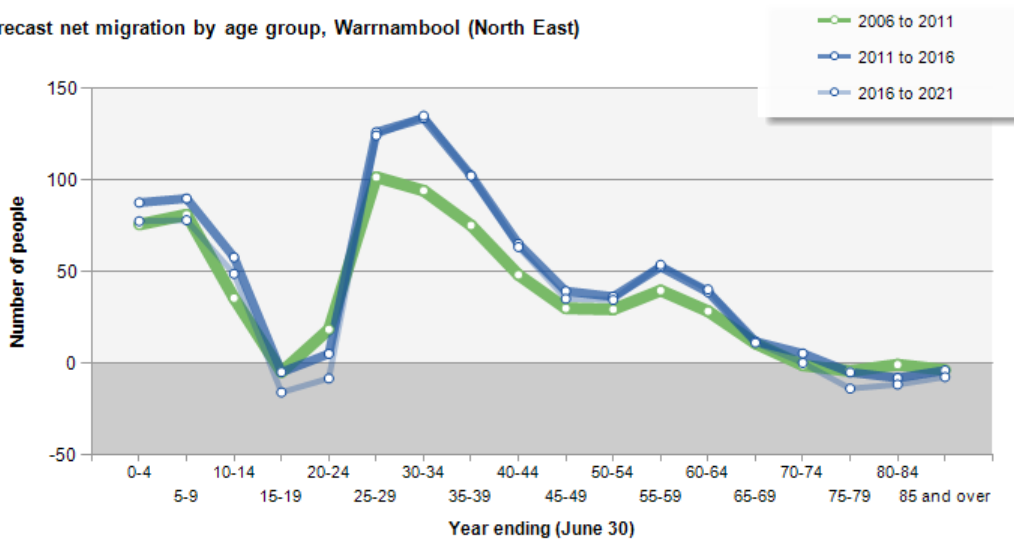


## 2.7 Migration - Warrnambool (North East)

Major migration assumptions for the forecast:

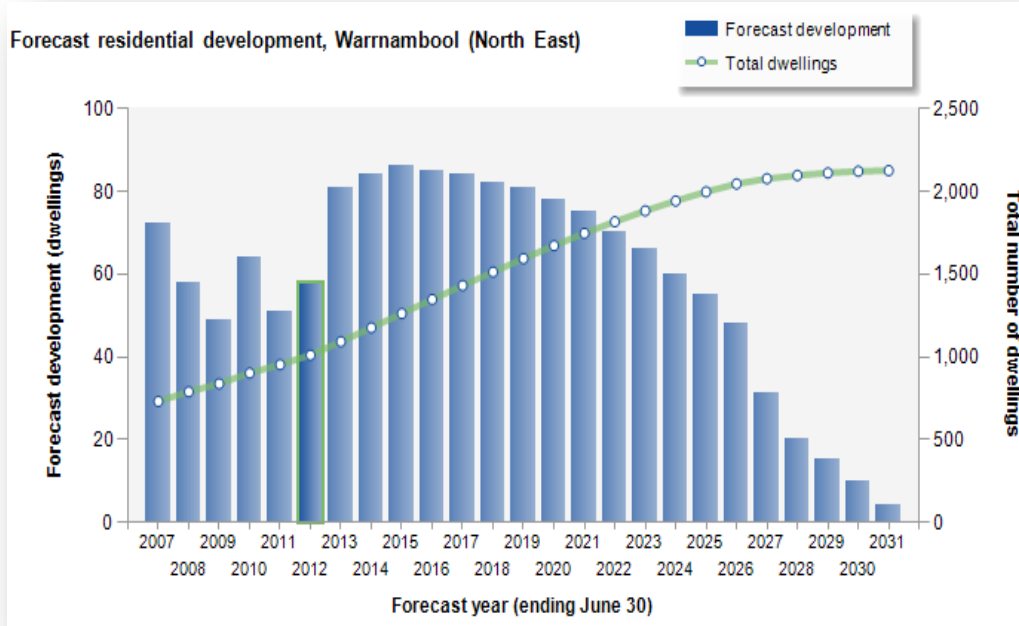
- Generally consistent migration profile across the 2006-2021 period, with higher rates of growth post 2011
- Gain in most age groups
- Strong attraction of young and mature families (0-14 and 25-49 years)
- Gain in empty nesters and early retirees (55-69 years)
- Little change through migration in ages 70+

Forecast net migration by age group, Warrnambool (North East)



## 2.8 Key Growth Neighbourhoods in the North Eastern Corridor:

Forecast residential development, Warrnambool (North East)



- Murdoch Avenue - 23 dwellings (2007-2015)
- Mitchell Street - 87 dwellings (2007-2015)
- Toal, Booval & Lockett Drives – 96 dwellings (2007-2016)
- Racecourse Views - 33 dwellings (2007-2016)
- Cherlin Drive - 86 dwellings (2007-2018)
- Marrakai Estate - 112 dwellings (2011-2016)
- Martin Place - 100 dwellings (2012-2019)
- Toohey Estate - 130 dwellings (2013-2020)
- Anchor Point - 213 dwellings (2013-2027)
- Russell's Creek Estate - 150 dwellings (2014-2023)
- North East Growth Area - 407 dwellings (2017-2031)
- Low Infill development (0-1 dwellings per annum)

The source of all data used in this demographic profile and forecast is id.com.au. Warrnambool's data can be found on council's website at [www.warrnambool.vic.gov.au/population\\_profiles&forecast](http://www.warrnambool.vic.gov.au/population_profiles&forecast)

### 3. BRIERLY RESERVE – COMMUNITY FACILITIES PRINCIPLES (prepared by Urbis)

Brierly Reserve, at the corner of Moore Street and Aberline Road, is located near Warrnambool's north-east growth area. The growth area is expected to be home to around 1000 new residents in the next 10 years.

Adjoining the site predominantly residential uses, including an aged care facility (Anchor Point Retirement Village) and medium and low density housing.

#### 3.1 Benefits of Community Facilities in Open Space Reserves

Community facilities in open space reserves can provide positive outcomes for the open space. Such outcomes include:

- a. The creation of a vibrant focal point for community life where people are engaged during the day, evenings and weekends; not just during peak times.
- b. Active places such as the community facility, enables passive surveillance
- c. Community facilities support an increased connection with, an appreciation of, nature through social gatherings, programs or community events (Parks Victoria, 2011).
- d. Community facilities providing services and activities for older adults may facilitate active ageing through use of adjoining open space.
- e. Locating community facilities within open space maximises community awareness, use and benefits of the open space provided within the park
- f. Co-location of open space and community facilities enables dual use of the space and multi-use destinations

#### 3.2 Considerations

Successful community facilities in open space reserves generally observe the following considerations.

##### **Amenity**

The services and facilities provided should not adversely affect the amenity of the area and indeed, the amenity should improve following the development of the community facility.

- a. Uses compatible with active and passive uses of open space should only be considered. For example, uses emitting pollutants, smoke or excessive noise are not compatible with use of open space
- b. The required hours of operation of the community facility should be compatible with the surrounding land uses
- c. Passive community surveillance of the community facility should be encouraged. The facilities should be visible and not hidden behind dense vegetation.
- d. Lighting within and outside the community facility should be suited to the use of the site and for access by those not travelling by motor vehicle
- e. The community facility should encourage active living by residents of all ages
- f. The community facility should have adequate car and bicycle parking to alleviate unnecessary congestion
- g. Users of the community facility should be encouraged to travel to the destination (park and community facility) by active means

##### **Accessibility**

The services and facilities provided should be accessible to all. People will only use something if: they know it exists, can get to it, can afford it, it fulfils a need and it feels comfortable and safe. Accessibility affects the extent to which people are able to participate in an activity or make use of a service.



Exposure increases people's awareness of services and facilities, and can be maximised if the services and facilities are located in close proximity to public transport.

Consideration should be given to the following:

- a. The community facility should be located in close proximity to feeder roads such as Aberline Road to facilitate ease of access and avoid traffic congestion
- b. The community facility should be located close to current or future bus stops (community or public buses)
- c. The community facility should be located in close proximity to car parking facilities.
- d. The community facility should have a central location where amenities can be utilised by those using the open space
- e. The community facility should be located where it is easy to access by non- car based travel and with on-road surveillance. Adequate lighting should be provided at night time to ensure adequate visibility for non-car travellers

### Shared use

Shared community facilities are defined as physical assets that are:

- a. Owned, funded or leased by government or the community
- b. Used by more than one group
- c. Used for a range of activities that share buildings, rooms or open spaces at the same time (concurrently) or at different times (sequentially).

(Source: VCEC, 2009)

The benefits of shared use of space through the provision of multi-purpose spaces include the:

- a. Opportunity to share infrastructure such as meeting spaces, and car parking
- b. Cross promotion of services
- c. Economies of scale, reduced cost of service provision and access to services
- d. Provision of a greater number of services on a single site

Consideration should be given to ensuring the uses of the space are compatible and may include:

- a. Childcare facility utilising indoor and outdoor space which may also include the provision of meeting spaces for parents and community programs
- b. Family support services
- c. Provision of community space
- d. HACC and Senior Citizen services and activities
- e. Community development activities
- f. A community operated kiosk or café would be a compatible use and help ensure the space is active during daylight hours

The above uses of the community space are compatible with active and passive use of open space surrounding the site.

### 3.3 References

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## 4. COMMUNITY CONSULTATION REPORT

Community consultation was undertaken to assist in the identification of key issues and opportunities and to understand community expectations regarding the future use of the Brierly Recreation Reserve. A series of consultation methods were used to gather information from key stakeholders and local residents. These included:

Project Working Group Meetings	A series of meetings were held with the Project Working Group throughout the project involving the Manager, City Planning and Strategy, Manager Recreation & Culture, Manager Community Planning and Policy, Co-ordinator, Recreation and Youth Services, Open Space Planner and City Infrastructure Works Engineer,
Stakeholder Meetings	Face-to-face meetings were held with representatives from Warrnambool City Council including Councillors, Brierly Christ Church Cricket Club, Modern Dog Training Inc., Triton Woodworkers and MPower
Submissions	Six written submissions were received for consideration as part of the master planning project.
Community Forum	A community forum was held on Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup> November which involved 36 attendees.
Promotional Material	A promotional flyer and media release were prepared for distribution and publication, which aimed to inform the community about the project and invite participation.

### 4.1 Consultation Summary

A broad range of issues and opportunities were identified as part of this consultation process. These issues are summarised under the following seven key themes.

Theme	Issues
Sporting Infrastructure	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>There is no supportive infrastructure on the Western Ground, other than the machinery shed, which reportedly is insufficient for cricket players and spectators. The cricket club would like shade / shelter for spectators, a change / bag area, storage space and a scorers' area.</li> <li>Poor / lack of drainage. Grounds are very wet over the winter months and mostly unusable.</li> <li>Old tennis courts are reportedly used informally, despite their poor / unsafe condition. Courts should be upgraded for safe, public use.</li> <li>Practice nets could be relocated if required. Cricket club was part way through construction of turf practice nets but now planning to complete the project with two more synthetic nets.</li> <li>Reserve is currently underutilised.</li> </ul>

Buildings and Structures	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Buildings / facilities are old and run-down.</li> <li>Social rooms and change facilities are in poor condition and need to be upgraded. OH&amp;S concerns are evident for the building, in particular the kitchen.</li> <li>The distance from the storage shed to the grounds is an issue for the Modern Dog Training Inc.</li> <li>More shelter and shade is needed to protect people from the elements.</li> <li>Old equestrian sheds are unattractive and should be removed.</li> </ul>
Informal Recreation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A public BBQ would complement the existing playground and picnic facilities.</li> <li>The playground is very wet / boggy in wet weather.</li> <li>Consideration could be given to an enclosed dog park (near the old golf course area).</li> <li>There is a lack of recreation opportunities / facilities for young people i.e. skate / BMX park.</li> <li>Poor connectivity of pathways within the reserve (i.e. linking facilities / attractions) and access from neighbouring areas.</li> </ul>
Management and Maintenance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Perception that Reserve is poorly maintained (grounds and surrounds).</li> <li>Regular users (Cricket and Dog Clubs) have a good relationship and work well together.</li> </ul>
Supportive Infrastructure	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>More rubbish bins are needed around the Reserve to reduce the amount of litter.</li> <li>Dog bag dispensers would encourage more people to pick-up after their dogs, and reduce the need for tenant clubs to do so.</li> <li>Access roads can become very boggy and slippery over the winter months.</li> <li>Improved signage is needed at the entrance to inform the public about reserve users / activities and that it is a no-through road.</li> <li>Drinking fountains and taps are needed at key locations (for people and dogs)</li> <li>Seating is needed along the path network (especially for the elderly).</li> </ul>
Landscape and Amenity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Cypress trees are reportedly dangerous even though the 'avenue' style is very pleasant.</li> <li>Preference for native trees / species.</li> <li>Overall need to increase the amount of native vegetation.</li> </ul>
Community Buildings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A number of organisations have expressed an interest in relocating to / establishing facilities at Brierly Reserve. A summary of these discussions / proposals is contained in Section 5 (Analysis of Key Issues) and includes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Triton Woodworkers Group</li> <li>Mpower</li> <li>Warrnambool Community House</li> <li>Potential future kindergarten / early childhood services.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

## 4.2 Community Forum

A Community Forum was held at 7:00pm on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> November at the Gateway Plaza and involved a total of 36 attendees. The following organisations / stakeholders were represented at this forum.

- Warrnambool City Council
- Brierly Christ Church Cricket Club
- Modern Dog Training Inc.
- Warrnambool and District Cricket Association
- Warrnambool Ranges Soccer Club
- Anchor Point Village
- Warrnambool Neighbourhood and Community Centre
- Warrnambool Cycling Club / Road Safety Committee
- Local Residents



Attendees discussed the history of Brierly Reserve including previous uses, facilities and perceptions about the site. The 1996 decommissioning of the Brierly Hospital was used as a milestone for this discussion, as outlined below.

Prior to 1996	1996 to 2011
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Golf - 9 hole golf course.</li> <li>Cricket – Mini Colts, Colts.</li> <li>Junior Football – St Johns</li> <li>Tennis (1977).</li> <li>Ovals and cricket nets.</li> <li>Walking / running.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Horse show jumping facilities / equestrian school.</li> <li>Cricket – junior and senior.</li> <li>Dog training, puppy school.</li> <li>Pathways for walking and bike riding.</li> <li>Playground and toilet / shelter,</li> <li>Tennis facilities were used for a ‘social hit’, until they were deemed unusable.</li> <li>Informal golf practice.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>New / usable facilities.</li> <li>Well maintained.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Run down facilities.</li> <li>Minor improvements only.</li> <li>Underutilised.</li> <li>Poorly maintained. Dumping place.</li> <li>Poor security.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No residents on north side of Moore St.</li> <li>Hospital. “Big red building on the hill.”</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Housing development.</li> <li>Retirement Village.</li> </ul>

Attendees of the Community Forum were asked to list the good and bad things about the Brierly Reserve. The responses are listed below.

Good things:	Bad things:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Location.</li> <li>Community connection (potential).</li> <li>“Growth Area”.</li> <li>Playground (x2).</li> <li>Ovals.</li> <li>Walking space / tracks (x2).</li> <li>Access for locals.</li> <li>Toilets.</li> <li>Tranquil open space (x2).</li> <li>High community use.</li> <li>Sporting facilities available (x2).</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Equestrian Sheds.</li> <li>Poor / lack of drainage (x4). Unavailable in winter (x2).</li> <li>Poor connecting paths (x2).</li> <li>Wasted space.</li> <li>Cypress trees (dangerous).</li> <li>Facilities are too old / run down (x3).</li> <li>Poor maintenance of grounds and surrounds (x3). Rubbish, structures, vegetation, tennis courts.</li> <li>Limited facilities.</li> </ul>

Attendees were asked what they wished for Brierly Reserve in 20 years' time for their children and grandchildren. This question was aimed to help inform the guiding principles for the reserve master plan. The following responses were noted.

- Reserve to be left as it is. Just maintained.
- Retention of open space.
- Finish off / improve existing facilities and spaces.
- Open space with sports ovals (to be improved sooner rather than later).
- "The next Pertobe Lake".
- Pathways to link facilities. Cycle / walk around perimeter and link to Garden Street.
- More conventional tree scape. Trees to be natives.
- "To have the master plan in place and not in a drawer".
- Highly valued for open space / recreational use for surrounding communities.
- Safe area for family use. Family friendly.
- Sporting / recreational / multi-use / leisure.
- Improved drainage for year-round use.
- Safe and secure facilities.
- Links to Racecourse.
- Future Uses / Users:
  - New families.
  - Dogs off-lead.
  - Sport.
  - Hobbies (e.g. model aeroplane).
  - Passive recreation.
  - Gathering place.
  - Aged care.
- Future Facilities:
  - Tennis courts.
  - Larger playground.
  - Updated and more convenient toilets.
  - BBQ / picnic facilities.
  - Soccer to be accommodated within multi-use sports grounds.
  - New cricket clubrooms. Community access.
  - Community meeting place including BBQ, meeting rooms, additional playgrounds, change rooms, seating / benches.
  - Improved sporting facilities including BMX, cricket, soccer, tennis.
- Community Facilities:
  - Community Hub incorporated.
  - Many community users, meetings spaces and varied sporting groups.
  - Meeting space. Relate to play space. Community House space. Multi-use / social use.
  - Community buildings with associated sports grounds and meeting rooms.
  - Recognise the role of BCC (memorabilia).
  - Multipurpose hub. Sport, recreation, playgroup, community hub.



Following the above-mentioned visionary exercise, attendees participated in a master planning activity using aerial photos to plot potential future improvements / facilities at Brierly Reserve. The outcomes of this exercise are summarised under the following seven key themes.

Theme	Proposal
Sporting Infrastructure	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Dedicated soccer pitch to be located over near playground and toilet.</li> <li>▪ Soccer pitch on turf wicket between April and September.</li> <li>▪ Resurface or relocate tennis courts (potential location north-east corner of Reserve).</li> <li>▪ Potential future facilities for soccer, bowls, and hockey.</li> <li>▪ Tennis / basketball / cricket area (extending from existing court location).</li> <li>▪ Improved sporting facilities (including tennis courts).</li> <li>▪ Potential to use existing racecourse land (i.e. for soccer / hockey pitch).</li> <li>▪ Install Australian Rules football goals on oval to allow for informal use (i.e. kids / parents to have a kick)</li> </ul>
Informal Recreation Opportunities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Skate / BMX facility (suggested locations include south-west corner or north-west corner of western sports ground or near children's playground).</li> <li>▪ Larger children's playground. Expand in existing location.</li> <li>▪ Playground, BBQ and toilets to southern entrance. BBQ facilities to be located with playground.</li> <li>▪ Enclosed off-leash dog area with nearby storage facility to house equipment (north-east corner of Reserve), with shade trees, access to water and play tunnels etc.</li> <li>▪ Outdoor gym facilities (to be located near playground).</li> </ul>
Buildings and Structures	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Community centre / change rooms as an expansion of existing clubrooms.</li> <li>▪ Multipurpose community centre / hub and garden to be centrally located.</li> <li>▪ Shared clubrooms between proposed dedicated soccer pitch and eastern oval / hard wicket.</li> <li>▪ Pavilion and maintenance shed to service western sports ground (located south of oval).</li> <li>▪ Second clubroom to service turf wicket / western sports ground.</li> <li>▪ Removal of old sheds.</li> </ul>
Pedestrian and Bicycle Access	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Bike access from the south and west.</li> <li>▪ Continuation of walking tracks (east-west and north-south).</li> <li>▪ Bike track around perimeter. (Sealed.)</li> <li>▪ Footpath to Garden Street.</li> <li>▪ All areas linked by paths.</li> <li>▪ New walking path to link with playground to allow parents with prams and kids on bikes to gain access.</li> <li>▪ Interlink paths to allow people to walk / ride a circuit.</li> </ul>

Theme	Proposal
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Access to Brierly Reserve from Reid Oval, Gateway and Anchor Point (using footpaths, tracks and crossings).</li> <li>Footpath along Moore Street. Bike lane for access to connect to Reid Oval and to Gateway.</li> </ul>
Vehicular Access and Parking	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Car parking to service both sports grounds.</li> <li>Second vehicular entry and access road from Aberline Road.</li> <li>Address traffic issues at Mitchell Street and Aberline Road.</li> </ul>
Supporting Infrastructure	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Safety fencing along eastern boundary / Aberline Road.</li> <li>Park benches to be provided around the Reserve.</li> <li>Doggie bag receptacles and bins all year round.</li> <li>Security lighting (i.e. along the Avenue).</li> </ul>
Landscape and Amenity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Remove cypress trees.</li> <li>Replace pines along Avenue with natives.</li> </ul>



### 4.3 Submissions

A number of written submissions were received for consideration as part of the master planning project. These submissions are summarised below.

#### **Warrnambool Coastcare Landcare Group**

A representative from the Warrnambool Coastcare Landcare Group expressed a need for the western end of the reserve to be maintained / developed into a healthy habitat of local native trees, understory plants and grasses / herbs for native wildlife.

There is potential for the Warrnambool Coastcare Landcare Group to help facilitate the formation of a 'Friends of Brierly Reserve Group'.

Suggest the staged removal of cypresses lining the main drive and replacement with indigenous native trees. Other opportunities around the reserve for increasing native plants will improve the habitat for native insects, birds, lizards, animals etc.

#### **Community Member**

Priorities for Brierly Reserve include 1) a pond or similar to Botanic Gardens to attract water birds and reptiles; 2) skate park for young people (similar to the one at Lady Bay); 3) community hall for all ages; 4) native gardens with BBQ facilities; 5) indoor roller blade and ice skating facility to cater for future growth.

#### **Modern Dog Training Inc.**

A number of ideas were submitted by Modern Dog Training Inc. for consideration. These included improved drainage, shed (closer to grounds), public BBQ area, upgraded tennis courts, rubbish bins, dog bag dispensers, improvements to existing roads, dog enclosure, improved signage, water taps, undercover area and seating.

#### **Triton Woodworkers**

The Triton Woodworkers Group have expressed a need to establish facilities with a preference for Brierly Reserve, including a large shed (15m x 33m x 4m) that is accessible for transport and loading pallets of timber, and which includes a meeting room and kitchen. The group is currently based at 'Fletcher Jones Gardens' but are uncertain about their long-term future at this site.

Capital cost estimates and quotations have been obtained for the development of facilities at Brierly Reserve which have an estimated total cost of \$150,000.

#### **Brierly Christ Church Cricket Club**

The Brierly Christ Church Cricket Club prepared a submission a few years ago outlining their planning proposal for facilities and future developments at Brierly Reserve. This proposal was based on the club providing the best cricket playing and training facilities in Warrnambool and incorporates the needs of both local and regional cricket. Improvements are proposed to existing hard and turf wicket ovals, practice net facilities, club rooms / pavilion and the parkland.

#### **Mpower (excerpt from feasibility submission)**

An excerpt from Mpower's feasibility study funding application has been reviewed as part of the master planning process. This application identifies Brierly Reserve as the preferred location for the potential future development of a purpose built facility for their organisation.

## 5. SUMMARY OF PUBLIC EXHIBITION PERIOD

During the public exhibition period of the Brierly Reserve Master Plan in June / July 2012:

- 44 responses to the Master Plan feedback questionnaire;
- 25 people attended community forum and listening posts;
- 7 submissions; and
- 10 comments on Facebook provided to Cr Neoh.

The following Feedback / Questionnaire responses were received from the community

- 9 responses received by mail or through the civic centre display;
- 25 responses received as a results of the listening posts and Gateway Plaza display; and
- 10 responses from the online survey on Council's website.

The feedback including responses to specific questions and written comments are summarised as follows:

1	<b>Satisfaction with Master Plan generally.</b>	<p><b>95.3% of respondents are generally happy with the draft Master Plan (41 out of 44 people)</b></p> <p>Additional comments provided by respondents are:</p> <p>I use the children's playground with my children and other families.</p> <p>People in the area have been very patient waiting for these facilities.</p> <p>Would like paths to go down Dales Rd and Moore St to link park to local neighbourhoods.</p> <p>We are building a house in Murdoch Ave and feel it will be beneficial to our neighbourhood and would really appreciate attractive walkways, wetlands and recreational facilities nearby.</p> <p>It would be great to provide a defined walking/exercise loop or circuit that employees working in the Gateway area could make use of.</p> <p>Wonder the impact on residents if a skate park is built.</p> <p>It looks fantastic.</p> <p>The two cricket ovals should be first on the list.</p> <p>Overall yes, but I believe a running track that went around the circumference of the park would be great for the community. In the mould of Melbourne's Tan Track that goes around the gardens - it could be utilised by walkers, runners, sporting clubs and the public.</p> <p>Pleased that this area can be made useful for all age groups.</p> <p>Good for new housing and sports.</p> <p>Would like to see more bins provided and poo bag dispensers on the walking tracks.</p> <p>Needs more inclusion for dog training.</p> <p>Members who participate in dog training classes require under cover areas to shelter from rain and taps need to be installed closer to storage sheds for the purpose of hygiene and safety.</p> <p>The plan is both impressive and detailed. The future usage by all community groups and members has acknowledged the past facilities while the needs of a growing city have not been compromised.</p>
2a	<b>Views about the recommendation to Redevelop the eastern oval into a multi-purpose sports ground for many different sports.</b>	<p><b>92.5% (37 people) strongly agreed / agreed</b>  <b>7.5% (3 people) strongly disagreed</b></p> <p>Very much needed for cricket and soccer.</p> <p>Two cricket grounds needed.</p> <p>Not enough room for multi-purpose use at one single time. Too many clubrooms - won't be utilised to maximum capabilities.</p> <p>The Warrnambool Rangers Soccer Club is delighted with the plans of a multiuse ground that enables 2 full size soccer grounds. Through this feedback survey we will apply to be the winter tenants of the Eastern Oval. Football Federation</p>

		Victoria recently released their analysis of the club. The major identification is the inability for club development with the present playing facilities. Further discussions with the Brierly Cricket Club have paved the way for the possibility of the Rangers having access to a half pitch all year round when cricket is not being played.
2b	Views about the recommendation to <b>Remove the old tennis courts and replace with multi-sport hard courts for many different activities and informal uses.</b>	<b>97.5% (39 people) strongly agreed / agreed</b> 2.5% (1 person) disagreed
		Will be very busy. Need basketball and netball rings. Needs drainage. Great and allow access with car parking so wheelchairs can get access to the court. Tennis courts are in an awful condition so very necessary. There are no floodlights in the drawings though. I support the idea for multi-sport hard courts, however would OPPOSE the high fencing required for tennis.
2c	Views about the recommendation to <b>Reserve an area for a multi-purpose community building next to the eastern oval to provide facilities for club users, public toilets and community spaces to provide for a range of community needs.</b>	<b>95.1% (39 people) strongly agreed / agreed</b> 4.9% (2 people) strongly disagreed
		Provide for indoor recreation/sports too. Provide for play groups. Consider indoor recreation like bowls. Badly needed. Unless clubrooms are used 100% of the time they are taking away from the reserve and are a waste of the park. Yes, this can be used to hire out to other community groups - i.e. scouts / guides, walking group. A multi-purpose facility is an intelligent idea and will cater for all the existing groups and attract new users.
2d	Views about the recommendation to <b>Remove the old sheds and construct a single shelter and storage shed next to the western oval.</b>	<b>97.5% (39 people) strongly agreed / agreed</b> 2.5% (1) disagreed
		About time. Needed for changing and also for a scorer. Toilets needed. Need a tap on the western oval so dog club don't need to cart water. Each oval should have a storage shed. Necessary when using the Oval.
2e	Views about the recommendation to <b>Develop a youth space in the north east corner, which may include skate facilities, a rebound wall, equipment and meeting places for young people.</b>	<b>85.0% (34 people) strongly agreed / agreed</b> 10.0% (4 people) disagreed 5.0% (2 people) strongly disagreed
		Skate facilities are a great idea. (x2) Prefer no lighting. Needs lighting to discourage loitering at night. Warrnambool needs more designated youth spaces. Concerned could become a place for troublemakers. Warrnambool already has a skate park. Not sure about the places for young people to meet - access and public transport is limited. All facilities that benefit the youth and future youth of the area are required. Quality of equipment is a priority. I do not believe a skate park will provide the family orientated recreation requirements of the demographic ("child friendly city") and may lead to an increase in unsociable behaviour. I will strongly oppose any plans for a skate park.

2f	Views about the recommendation to <b>Expand the existing playground to include additional and more accessible play elements for a range of age groups, including public art.</b>	<b>95.0% (38 people) strongly agreed / agreed</b> 5.0% (2 people strongly disagreed)
		Shelter the bbq from the elements. Unless public art is agreed to by the community and is approved by the community it will prove unappealing. Yes - great idea. Accessible playgrounds that have accessible pathways to and from them are a community need.
2g	Views about the recommendation to <b>Add extra picnic and new BBQ facilities, seating, shade and drinking fountains near the playground and/or youth space.</b>	<b>97.5% (39 people) strongly agreed / agreed</b> 2.5% (1 person) strongly disagreed
		That would be popular. Include seating and shade around both ovals. A large bbq shelter protected for year round use. Wonderful idea - keep the trees and birds The more use the less likelihood of vandalism. When installing the water fountains can they make them dog friendly unlike the ones at the breakwater?
2h	Views about the recommendation to <b>Improve the passive parkland area in the south-western corner by removing some existing shrubs/trees, improving drainage and adding appropriate new plantings to ensure it connects well with the rest of the reserve.</b>	<b>97.5% (40 people) strongly agreed / agreed</b> 2.5% (1 person) disagreed
		Ensure flooding does not occur to the backyard of Murdoch avenue properties. Appropriate introduction of wetlands would be appealing and improve habitats. Enclosure for dogs to be off lead please. (x2) Off lead dog enclosure like at Harris St reserve. Maintain the foliage, trees and wildlife. Allow multi pathways. The plan looks appropriate to this need. Planting for improved biodiversity should be a key goal. Plantings should all be indigenous plants. It would be good if the unused corner of race track land adjacent was planted out as well to increase biodiversity values.
2i	Views about the recommendation to <b>Plant high canopy shade trees at key locations through the park</b>	<b>95.0% (38 people) strongly agreed / agreed</b> 2.5% (1 person) disagreed 2.5% (1 person) strongly disagreed
		Around ovals to protect those watching sport and add seating too. Use native trees for the birdlife that already exists in the park. No need for trees on the northern boundary. Great idea and please include seating underneath for those people who cannot get down on the ground. Summer and winter weather in Warrnambool means the park users will appreciate this. Planting for improved biodiversity should be a key goal. Plantings should all be indigenous plants.



2j	Views about the recommendation to <b>Improve the pathway network within the park and also improve connections to neighbouring areas</b>	<p><b>97.5% (39) strongly agreed / agreed</b> 2.5% (1 person) disagreed</p> <p>Need footpaths on Dales Rd and Moore Street to get to Brierly. (x2) Lighting of paths would be good. Really looking for improved pathways. Currently walk at Deakin's grounds and they are well implemented. Create a fitness circuit. Most important to create safe linkages so kids can access facilities. Better road access needed. Running/walking track around edge. A footpath along Moore Street to Garden Street would be great to assist school children walking/riding bikes to schools from the north-east fringe. Street lights would be great too. Yes, so it would link the bike path along Russell's creek to the gateway complex. The surrounding homes and tenants need to have walking and cycling access from all areas surrounding the Oval. Make available access to the racecourse area as was requested by us of racecourse personnel during the time the new fences were installed. This request was ignored by the racecourse and our calls were never returned.</p>
2k	Views about the recommendation to <b>Formalise car parking areas to the east and west of the main access road and provide overflow parking near the play area</b>	<p><b>95.0% (39 people) strongly agreed / agreed</b> 2.5% (1 person) disagreed 2.5% (1 person) strongly disagreed</p> <p>Would prefer no car park to the left of new storage facility. Whilst keeping trees? Remember it's a reserve not a car park. The Rangers visiting teams usually travel from Ballarat in mini buses so not a major issue every week. If the ground is holding finals or The South West Games then overflow parking is always good to have. I am not confident that enough parking has been allowed. I am not sure that it should be- but gaining access by public transport does not seem to have been addressed at all? Internal bus stop, central meeting place etc.</p>
2l	Views about the recommendation to <b>Upgrade the entrance of the reserve and replace the existing avenue of cypress trees with a new avenue of high canopy trees</b>	<p><b>87.5% (35 people) strongly agreed / agreed</b> 5.0% (2 people) disagreed 7.5% (3 people) strongly disagreed</p> <p>Use native trees, lighting in reserve is needed. Plant trees to replace cypress and install lighting in the reserve. Use deciduous trees like liquid amber or oak or plant trees. These would look great. Reduce length of avenue trees. (x2) Don't get rid of all the cypress trees. The cypress trees are the legend of the Brierly estate. Sign for modern dog training at the entrance. (x2) There is nothing wrong with the entrance the current trees are iconic to the reserve. Keeping with the tradition seems to have been welcomed favourably. I agree with the proposal to upgrade the entrance; however I do not believe the cypress trees require replacement at this stage. They currently appear healthy and well maintained. It would be decades before replacement 'high canopy' trees achieve the same size and coverage as the current cypress trees. The existing should remain until other shelter belts are established. Planting for improved biodiversity should be a key goal. Plantings should all be indigenous plants.</p>

3	<p>Additional comments about the draft master plan Over half of the questionnaire respondents offered additional comments – these are summarised as follows:</p>	<p>More rubbish bins, more lighting, footpaths in Dales Rd and Moore St, better maintenance of park all year.</p> <p>Put in a skate park.</p> <p>Give locals some ownership.</p> <p>Recognition of the Brierly Hospital, and the BH Social Club which built the existing facilities on the site.</p> <p>The pathways are important as I use this area every day to walk my dog.</p> <p>Maintenance is also something that needs to be greatly improved.</p> <p>The introduction and extension of appropriate accessible and safe walk ways would be beneficial to the local community. It will encourage people to walk and look after their health and wellbeing. We are walkers, cyclists and skateboard/scooter users and would like facilities for these activities in our neighbourhood.</p> <p>Desperately need a safe, off road, walking and cycling path along Moore St, linking Brierly Reserve and the Russell's street walking/cycling path.</p> <p>This would be beneficial not only for residents but also for visitors. The sooner, the better!</p> <p>It's a great idea</p> <p>A pavilion is badly needed for cricketers at the western oval.</p> <p>I take my young kids and our dog to the park at Brierly. I like the idea that my dog can run around (without a lead) and my kids can play at the same time.</p> <p>Retain off leash areas for dogs.</p> <p>This area is critically short of multipurpose community facilities. Need to ensure there are multipurpose spaces, consulting rooms, offices, playgroup or children's spaces. Design should maximise flexibility of uses.</p> <p>Add goal posts so kids can kick a footy.</p> <p>Make sure paths extend to Moore St entry, not just the racecourse. This is closed on race day. Start soon - housing nearly completed.</p> <p>Water tap on western oval, enclosed area for dogs to be off lead and sign for modern dog training.</p> <p>Would like a dog enclosure area where dogs can be off lead and not be a nuisance to other people, more bins and poo bag dispensers, tap near west oval, sign for dog club at front entrance, make Brierly a dog off lead area again.</p> <p>Modern Dog Training needs water nearer the storage shed at no. 10, enclosed off lead area needed in the south west area, inclusion of sign for dog training at Moore Street.</p> <p>The reserve is iconic for its foliage and trees; it is a beautiful and relaxing place to walk. Removing trees and laying car parking areas will ruin its beauty and the habitat of wildlife.</p> <p>I look forward to the Brierly redevelopment to be used by the whole community. Footpaths along Moore Street along the Racecourse side towards Garden Street.</p> <p>Great initiative well done.</p> <p>The Warrnambool Rangers would respect the past of the facility while embracing their future playing fields. The Rangers players would work closely alongside any tenants and enjoy the challenge of making Brierly a superior sporting arena.</p> <p>I suggest the installation of workout stations at various locations around the walking/running track. Chin-up bars, push-up/sit-up benches, stairs, etc. I feel this would help promote the healthy family lifestyle of Warrnambool.</p> <p>Only that it seems well thought out and it's pleasing to see that dog walking is still being encouraged as it seems to us that the area is used by a very large number of dog walkers. Great to see more families using the playground now that it has been upgraded also.</p>
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<b>4</b>	Reaction to the suggestion of a 'Friends of Brierly Reserve' was requested.	<b>Of the 38 people who answered this question:</b> <b>92.1% (35 people) thought that this was a good idea</b> 7.9% (3 people) agreed
<b>5</b>	Of the people who replied 'yes' to question 4, they were asked if they were interested in being a member of a Friends Group.	<b>65.7% (23 people) said 'Yes' and provided their contact details</b> 34.3% (12 people) said 'No' and one provided the following comment: This is the responsibility of the council and sporting groups who will use the facilities the most.
<b>6</b>	When asked if they wanted to hear more about the community building:	<b>Of the 29 people who answered this question:</b> <b>93.1% (27 people) said 'Yes' and provided their contact details</b> 6.9% (2 people) said 'No'
<b>7</b>	When asked if they wanted to be notified about the outcome of the master plan project:	<b>Of the 33 people who answered this question:</b> <b>97% (32 people) said 'Yes' and provided their contact details</b> 3% (1 person) said 'No'

Community Forum / Listening Post comments were provided by participants primarily through the feedback questionnaire; some additional comments were:

- Pathway along northern boundary needs to be wide enough for bikes (and pedestrians)
- Pathway to be provided along Moore Street leading to Brierly Reserve
- There needs to be good linkages to bike paths
- Pathways in the park should be continuous – "link them up"
- Entrance and access road to be wide enough for buses and cars to pass one another.
- Trees along The Avenue:
  - Consideration to be given to narrow trees.
  - Preference to reduce the length of the trees.
- Lighting to be provided along the path network:
  - In the north-east corner of the reserve;
  - In the south-east corner of the reserve;
  - Where the pathway crosses the access road; and
  - Within the car park (south of the community building).

In addition to the listening posts, comments were received from Councillors during the presentation and briefing for the draft Master Plan. These comments included:

- Consider plane trees for the avenue;
- Maintenance costs could be high, so consideration of planting / choices of plants will be important;
- Access through the race course land is an important consideration;
- Consider moving the shelter / storage for the western oval further to the south and combining the car parking into a single location; and
- Ensure good connections to Brierly Reserve from surrounding areas – East Warrnambool was specifically mentioned.

The submissions to Council provided the following comments:

#	Submission From	Summary
1	Resident	Requesting consideration of reduced speed limits on roads in the vicinity of recreation areas to improve safety – for Brierly Reserve, this is applicable to Moore Street and Aberline Road.
2	Resident	Keen to retain the trees and open spaces as an abutting resident, requests consideration of a passive parkland area along the back of existing houses along Moore Street (similar to the passive recreation area proposed as #18).
3	Resident	Preference for no car parking on the left side of the storage/shelter area of the western oval. This area is peaceful and quiet and best left that way.
4	Resident	Requests a dirt bike jump park, providing a safe environment for local bike riders and would be cheaper than a skate park.
5	Brauerander Park Foundation Trustees	Provided details about the plan for Brauerander Park with a view that the upgrade of this park should be given priority over Brierly Reserve. Also request that developer contributions already collected and planned for Dennington, West Warrnambool and North-west Warrnambool be directed towards the improvements at Brauerander Park.
6	West Warrnambool Cricket Club	Agrees that the suggested improvements at Brierly Reserve will be fantastic and should proceed. However, club is questioning the status of improvements of Brauerander Park (in accordance with its 2002 Feasibility Study) and Council's priorities for facility upgrades.
7	Dennington Community Association	Supports the upgrade of sporting and recreation facilities at Brierly Reserve, however supports similar improvements closer to home at Brauerander Park and Dennington Recreation Reserve.

#### Comments provided to Cr Neoh through Facebook:

Comments were focussed on reaction to a potential skate park at Brierly Reserve.	
Agree with the idea	Would make it easier for parents in the north of Warrnambool
Support for an indoor skate park	Consider a skate park in Dennington
Consider a skate park in the west (x2)	Consider a skate park near the Warrnambool basketball stadium
Skate park should be at Brierly Reserve in a shed	

Following the public exhibition period, a discussion was held with the Youth Council to seek any additional feedback regarding the Master Plan for Brierly Reserve. There was enthusiasm and strong support for the Master Plan generally and the proposed Youth Space in particular. The Youth Council is supportive of a consultative planning and design process that will consider input from young people to develop a successful space.

The plan was presented to Warrnambool Youth Council for feedback. The Youth Council supported the plan and strongly supported the inclusion of the youth space. Encouraging young people to play an active role in any "friends" group is considered very important. A suggestion by a youth councillor to include outdoor fitness equipment (and also raised during the broader community consultation process) is not supported at this time.