



Central Reserve Master Plan

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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The consultation and surveys highlighted a number of key themes and issues. Some of the key recommendations include;

1. Focus on accessibility

- Addressing vehicular and pedestrian access through to the reserve from the major access points on Springvale and Waverley Roads, as well as at the Skate Park, Playground and BBQ areas.
- Establish a landmark formal landscape treatment at the Springvale Road entrance
- Strengthening the primary and secondary entrances
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- Creating connected shared trails across the reserve, including perimeter walking/running track around the North and South Ovals along with seating and fitness stations

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- Establish a botanic Arboretum with staged planting strategy to create a series of ornamental passive recreation spaces
- Develop the picnic and BBQ facilities
- Seek to expand the use of the Reserve as a venue for festivals, summer children's activities, nature study, youth programs, community events, arts celebrations

7.7 Employ better safety measures

- Improving lighting in the reserve, especially along the main links (Vermont Street and Monterey Avenue)

7.8 Facilitate water sensitive design

- Remediating drainage problems through the reserve, especially in the athletics area through flood control measures
- Creation of an ephemeral water detention/landscaped habitat feature at the junction of the drainage lines to the south of the reserve to alleviate drainage and flooding problems

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1. INTRODUCTION

The City of Monash is one of Melbourne's most populous municipalities, with approximately 176,000 residents. Monash has some of Melbourne's best known landmarks within its 82 square kilometres, including the Monash Medical Centre, the Victoria Police Academy and Jells Park. Monash is second only to the Melbourne CBD for job opportunities.

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1.1 Purpose of the Master Plan

This Master Plan has been developed to provide strategic direction for the planning, development and maintenance of facilities and public spaces at Central Reserve.

1.2 Vision for Central Reserve

“To be a premier multipurpose sport and recreation reserve, with a capacity to cater for a wide range of activities which will offer active and healthy lifestyle opportunities”.

2. THE RESERVE

Central Reserve is a suburban recreation reserve situated at the intersection of Waverley Road and Springvale Road, Glen Waverley (Melways 71 B5).

Facilities currently provided include a skate park, accessible playground, two sports ovals and associated pavilions, cricket nets, athletics track, bowling club, community centre, toilets and a picnic/bbq area.



Figure 1: Aerial view of Central Reserve

2.1 Existing Facilities

2.1.1 Skate Facilities

The skate park at Central Reserve is the only skate facility within the City of Monash. Its size identifies it as a district level skate park.

The skate park was constructed in 2001 and is very popular with local youth and families. Council engaged the services of Convic to conduct a review of the existing facilities and develop recommendations. The report (please see Appendix A) highlighted that the skate park was in need of urgent upgrading and recommended Council explore the development of a multi-purpose youth space.



Figure 2: Current Skate Park

2.1.2 Playground & BBQ Facilities

Council recently upgraded the 'Access for All' playground at Central Reserve. The key play features include a cubby house, accessible play unit, climbing net, basket swing, which are complemented by wide pathways and bench seating. The playground also has a shade sail over part of the play area.

The nearby double hotplate bbq and picnic seating is very popular on weekends and school holidays.



Figure 3: Playground and BBQ

2.1.3 Sporting Ovals

The reserve has two sporting ovals that are currently used for Australia Rules football (winter seasons) and cricket (summer seasons). The north oval is warm seasons grasses with the south oval having a blend of warm and cool seasons grasses. The playing surfaces are in good condition with the northern end of the south oval experiencing some drainage problems.



Figure 4: South Oval

2.1.4 Proposed Northern Oval Pavilion

Council is due to commence the construction of the new \$1.8 million pavilion for the North Oval in late 2011. The pavilion will be home to Richmond Cricket Club and Mazenod Old Collegians Football Club. It will also allow for the Glen Waverley Hawks Football Club to occupy the South Oval and pavilion. As part of the project new cricket nets will be constructed adjacent to the new pavilion.



Figure 5: Proposed New Pavilion (North Oval) – Artist Impression

2.1.5 Southern Oval Grandstand & Pavilion with Associated Structures

The Southern Oval Grandstand & Pavilion is currently home to Mazenod Old Collegians Football Club and Richmond Cricket Club (from October 2011). The existing facilities are dated and not functional for the growing demands of sporting clubs.

The associated structures (minor change rooms/canteen/toilets/spectator viewing area) should be consolidated into the redevelopment of the Southern Oval Grandstand & Pavilion.



Figure 6: Southern Oval Grandstand & Pavilion



Figure 7: Minor Change Rooms



Figure 8: Existing Spectator Viewing Area (South Oval)

2.1.6 Scout Hall

The current Scout Hall is occupied by the Waverley Scout Group and is adequate for their purposes.



Figure 9: Existing Scout Hall

2.1.7 Community Centre

The Glen Waverley Community Centre is a large multipurpose facility with kitchen and function rooms. It is utilised by a variety of community groups. The Centre is in good condition with two new accessible parking spaces recently being constructed on the eastern side of the access road.



Figure 10: Community Centre

2.1.8 Glen Waverley Bowls Club

The Glen Waverley Bowls Club is one of the largest bowling facilities in Victoria. It has four greens, large pavilion and bbq facilities. The greens and pavilion are in good condition with the club and Council recently installing a number of rainwater tanks.



Figure 11: Bowling Club Facilities

2.1.9 Athletics Track, Pavilion & Field Event Areas

The reserve has a grass athletics track with an adjacent pavilion and field events area. These facilities are home to Waverley Little Athletics Club and Athletics Waverley. The athletics track was recently converted to a warm seasons grass. The pavilion and field events areas are very basic and require upgrading, while the track surface is considered in good condition.



Figure 12: Athletics Pavilion

2.1.10 Cenotaph

The heritage Cenotaph has close connections with the nearby Waverley RSL. The reserve still hosts local schools for ANZAC day ceremonies. The cenotaph and surrounding fencing remains in good condition.



Figure 13: Cenotaph

2.1.11 Landscaped Areas

The reserve has a number of landscaped areas. Although most of the areas function well, the south end of the reserve can be subject to flooding and would benefit from some stormwater management. Seating and path networks will improve its usage.

Other planted areas including the north and north east boundaries of the reserve require additional buffering planting.



Figure 14: Landscaped area

2.1.12 Car Park

The north west car park and overflow area are in very good condition with recent upgrades to lighting. Parking in the north east corner needs to be addressed as part of the master plan works.



Figure 14: Car Parking Facilities

2.1.13 Scoreboard

The scoreboard is currently used sporadically by the tenant clubs and should be reviewed in any major developments.



Figure 15: Southern Oval Scoreboard

2.1.13 Other Facilities (Ticket Box, Toilets)

The reserve has a number of facilities that are no longer used or have limited public access or use. These include the ticket box, central toilet block and southern toilet block (please see overleaf). These facilities were built when the reserve was home to VFA club, Waverley Football Club. They are in poor condition and are no longer functional.



Figure 166: Ticket Box



Figure 7: Central Toilet Block



Figure 17: Southern Toilet Block

2.2 Tenant Clubs and Community Groups

Central Reserve is home to a number of different sporting clubs and community groups. Please refer to the tables below.

Sporting/ Recreation Club	Arrangement
Athletics Waverley	Athletics track, pavilion and field event areas
Glen Waverley Bowls Club	Bowling greens and pavilion
Glen Waverley Hawks Football Club	South oval pavilion & oval from 2013 football season
Mazenod Old Collegians Football Club	Currently both ovals and pavilions North oval pavilion & oval from 2013 football season
Richmond Cricket Club	Both ovals and pavilions from 2011/12 cricket season
Waverley Little Athletics Club	Athletics track, pavilion and field event areas

Table 1 – Sporting & Recreation Clubs

Community Centre Users	Arrangement
Glen Waverley Senior Citizens	Scheduled times at the Glen Waverley Community Centre
Kingsway Christian Fellowship	Scheduled times at the Glen Waverley Community Centre
Monash Greek Macedonian Elderly Senior Citizens Club	Scheduled times at the Glen Waverley Community Centre
Monash Meals on Wheels	Meals distribution site (Community Centre)
Rawhide Bootscooters	Scheduled times at the Glen Waverley Community Centre
Wavecare Counselling Services	Scheduled times at the Glen Waverley Community Centre
Waverley Chinese Senior Citizens Club	Scheduled times at the Glen Waverley Community Centre

Table 2 – Community Groups

Other Users	Arrangement
Glenallan School	Ovals
Highvale Primary School	Ovals and Athletics Track
Huntingtower College	Athletics Track
Monash Aquatic & Recreation Centre Fitness Groups	Walking, running and boot camp groups on North Oval
Rotary Club of Monash	Area around Cenotaph
St Leonards Primary School	North Oval and Athletics Track
Victorian Country Football League	Both ovals and pavilions

Table 3 – Other Users

3. THE LOCAL COMMUNITY

Glen Waverley is an established residential area, with commercial areas along Springvale Road. Glen Waverley is bounded by Highbury Road in the north, Dandenong Creek, Waverley Road and View Mount Road in the east, Ferntree Gully Road in the south, and Blackburn Road in the west. The name Waverley originates from Sir Walter Scott's Waverley novels.

Glen Waverley has its own unique mix of people, places, services and networks. The suburb is experiencing changes in demographics, housing types, community aspirations and diversity. The changing demographics show that there is a slowing of population growth with the population shifting to an older profile. The fastest increase is evident in the fifty and over age group. Glen Waverley is also very multicultural, with 37% of its residents being born overseas.

4. METHODOLOGY

The key emphasis of the Master Plan was to ensure a highly consultative methodology was undertaken. A detailed project plan was developed which provided all key stakeholders with an opportunity to contribute to the project and determinations from the study.

The aim of the consultation process was to ensure a broad cross section of the community and relevant Council staff were involved in future planning. A series of consultations with community and stakeholders were undertaken from October 2010 to March 2011. Key information collection methods and consultation are outlined in the following tables.

Method of Data Collection	Description
Internal Consultation	Focus groups, workshops and forums with key internal stakeholders at City of Monash.
External Consultation with community organisations and sporting clubs	Surveys and focus groups with key community organisations, reserve users and sporting clubs.
Survey of General Community Members	Online and hard copy versions of surveys provided community members with the opportunity to feedback information. Hard copy versions of the survey were sent to local residents and were also available online.
Community Forums	Two community forums were held at the Glen Waverley Bowls Club in October 2010.

Table 4 – Data Collection Methods

Group/ Department	Date	Collection Method
Monash City Council - Recreation Services	Oct 10	Internal Consultation Focus Group
Monash City Council - Community Development	Oct 10	Internal Consultation Focus Group
Monash City Council – Horticultural Services	Oct 10	Internal Consultation Focus Group
Monash City Council – Urban Design	Oct 10	Internal Consultation Focus Group
Monash City Council – Asset Services	Oct 10	Internal Consultation Focus Group
Monash City Council – Transport & Infrastructure Planning	Oct 10	Internal Consultation Focus Group
Glen Waverley Community Centre – User Groups	Oct 10	External Consultation Focus Group & Survey
Mazenod Old Collegians Football Club	Oct 10	External Consultation Focus Group & Survey
Richmond Cricket Club	Oct 10	External Consultation Focus Group & Survey
Athletics Waverley	Oct 10	External Consultation Focus Group & Survey

Waverley Little Athletics	Oct 10	External Consultation Focus Group & Survey
Glen Waverley Bowls Club	Oct 10	External Consultation Focus Group & Survey
Community - General	Oct 10	Survey
	Oct 10	Forums

Table 5– Internal and External Stakeholders Consulted

Please refer to the Appendix B for the full consultation report.

5. LITERATURE REVIEW

Previous reports/strategies were made available during the study including but not limited to the following:

- Council Plan 2009-2013
- Monash 2012: A Strategy for the Future
- Municipal Public Health & Wellbeing Plan 2010-13
- Active Reserves Strategy– Stage 1 (2010) & Stage 2 (2011)
- Playground Strategy 2010-15
- Physical Activity Plan 2010-15
- Central Reserve Masterplan 2001

Please refer to the Appendix C for the full literature review.

6. RECREATION & LIFESTYLE TRENDS

Changing trends that influence choice and participation are likely to impact the provision of facilities and programs at Central Reserve. In order to provide a variety of settings and infrastructure for various levels of activity, it is important to first develop an understanding of those trends that may influence participation. Social, economic, environmental and technological changes continually shape recreation participation and trends. Consequently the planning and provision of facilities at Central Reserve as well as recreation events, programs and activities need to be cognisant of, and respond to, these changing community needs.

The most relevant trends that need to be considered when developing the Central Reserve Master Plan are:

- Increasing demand for less formal participation opportunities such as walking and cycling.
- Changing lifestyle patterns with a growth in two income, time poor families.
- The impacts of climate change such as water restrictions and the protection of the environment.
- Increasing demand for a greater range of recreation opportunities.
- Difficulty in attracting new volunteers.
- Open spaces and community venues are fast becoming crucial facilities for older adults for gentle exercise, casual recreation and social activity.

7. SUMMARY OF KEY RECOMENDATIONS

The consultation and surveys highlighted a number of key themes and issues. Specific issues have been grouped under eight key overarching themes. Each theme has been analysed by first identifying the source of the issue (survey data/ consultation group) then discussing their importance in the context of current trends and opportunities.

A summary of the key recommendations are outlined below.

7.1 Focus on accessibility

- Addressing vehicular and pedestrian access through to the reserve from the major access points on Springvale and Waverley Roads, as well as at the Skate Park, Playground and BBQ areas. Consider traffic calming measures/entry improvements from Springvale Road
- Establish a landmark formal landscape treatment at the Springvale Road entrance
- Liaise with residents regarding the occasional use of Monterey Ave as egress
- Retain the capacity to close all, or part of the road network to control access during large events
- Strengthening the primary and secondary entrances
- Improving shared pedestrian/cycling paths across the reserve and improving connections between different facilities (e.g. resolving the separation between the skate park and the playground)
- Creating connected shared trails across the reserve, including perimeter walking/running track around the North and South Ovals along with seating and fitness stations
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- Upgrade landscape features around the War Memorial (Cenotaph)

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- Remove overgrown vegetation, fencing, open sightlines and improve perception of safety near the Scout Hall area
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- Remediating drainage problems through the reserve, especially in the athletics area through flood control measures
- Creation of an ephemeral water detention/landscaped habitat feature at the junction of the drainage lines to the south of the reserve to alleviate drainage and flooding problems
- Investigate further opportunities for stormwater capture and reuse, retention and treatment

Please refer over page for a diagrammatic representation of the recommendations.

LEGEND:

- 1.** NORTH PAVILION & BOWLS CLUB PRECINCT

 - New cricket pavilion to North Oval and practice wickets/ nets
 - Provide new high quality landscape destination (including stormwater collection and re-use) associated with new pavilion works
 - Investigate opportunities for co-location and shared use of new and existing buildings

- 2.** GRAND STAND & ATHLETICS CLUB PRECINCT

 - Upgrade grandstand and surrounds (including stormwater collection and re-use) to improve and enhance social and recreational opportunities
 - Construct athletics track embankment for flood mitigation and spectator access

- 3.** SKATE PARK & PLAYGROUND PRECINCT

 - Redevelop skate park/ playground precinct to facilitate more flexible public use (e.g. stage, festivals, events, basketball etc...)
 - Provide for a pedestrian friendly, low traffic speed entry from Springvale Road
 - Integrate and enhance BBQ/ picnic area

- 4.** LANDSCAPE PRECINCT - NORTH-EAST

 - Upgrade north-east car park
 - Enhance existing landscape address to Springvale and Waverley Roads

LANDSCAPE PRECINCT - SOUTH-EAST

 - Provide new high quality landscape/ habitat feature (providing for stormwater collection, storage and treatment)
 - Strengthen and rationalise existing tree canopy to create an arboretum/ picnic area

- 5.** WALKING & CYCLING TRACK PRECINCT

 - Create shared walking/ cycling path circuit incorporating distance markers and seating
 - Strengthen local path network and access to Reserve

- EXISTING & PROPOSED BUILDINGS
- EXISTING BUILDINGS TO BE REMOVED
- SPORTS FIELDS
- EXISTING MATURE TREES
- PROPOSED RECREATION/ LANDSCAPE FEATURE

MASTERPLAN PRIORITISATION:

- HIGH PRIORITY**
To be addressed in current financial year 11/12.
- MEDIUM PRIORITY**
Focus over 2 financial years - 12/13 - 14/15.
- LOW PRIORITY**
To be addressed over 3 financial years 14/15+



FLOOD CONTROL MEASURES:
MEDIUM PRIORITY
\$ ESTIMATE : \$150K

ATHLETICS CLUB UPGRADE AND REHABILITATION:
LOW PRIORITY
\$ ESTIMATE : \$600K

- STRENGTHEN SECONDARY ENTRANCES:**
LOW PRIORITY
\$ ESTIMATE : \$80K
- UPGRADE CAR PARK AND PASSIVE VEGETATION BUFFER:**
MEDIUM PRIORITY
\$ ESTIMATE : \$200K
- NORTH PAVILION AND LANDSCAPE WORKS:**
HIGH PRIORITY
\$ ESTIMATE : \$1.8M
- NORTH OVAL SCOREBOARD:**
MEDIUM PRIORITY
\$ FUNDED BY RICHMOND CRICKET CLUB
- CRICKET NETS:**
HIGH PRIORITY
\$ INCLUDED WITH NORTH PAVILION
- PLAYGROUND/BBQ UPGRADES:**
MEDIUM PRIORITY
\$ ESTIMATE : \$265K
- EXELOO PUBLIC TOILET:**
MEDIUM PRIORITY
\$ ESTIMATE : \$300K
- STRENGTHEN PRIMARY ENTRANCE:**
MEDIUM PRIORITY
\$ ESTIMATE : \$100K
- SKATE PARK UPGRADE:**
MEDIUM PRIORITY
\$ ESTIMATE : \$500K
- PRECINCT REMOVAL AND REHABILITATION:**
LOW PRIORITY
\$ ESTIMATE : \$100K
- CREATION OF SHARED PATH NETWORKS:**
HIGH PRIORITY
\$ ESTIMATE : \$150K
- GRANDSTAND UPGRADE AND REHABILITATION:**
MEDIUM PRIORITY
\$ ESTIMATE : \$2.3M
- SPORTS FLOODLIGHTING:**
MEDIUM PRIORITY
\$ ESTIMATE : \$50K
- CREATION OF LANDSCAPED STORMWATER COLLECTION:**
MEDIUM PRIORITY
\$ ESTIMATE : \$100K



8. TIMEFRAMES & COSTINGS

The key themes and recommendations were then analysed with cost estimates also being developed. This enabled each key recommendation to be prioritised. Priorities were deemed **high** (needs to be addressed in the current financial year), **medium** (focus over next three financials years 12/13 – 14/15) or **low** (to be addressed beyond 14/15). Please see a summary below.

8.1 Focus on accessibility

Action	Priority	Estimated Cost
Addressing vehicular and pedestrian access through to the reserve.	Medium/Low	\$150K
Establish a landmark formal landscape treatment at the Springvale Road entrance	Low	\$75K
Remove the abandoned gravel track around the eastern and southern perimeter of the southern oval	Low	\$30K
Strengthening the primary and secondary entrances	Medium	\$180K
Improving shared pedestrian/cycling paths across the reserve and improving connections between different facilities (e.g. resolving the separation between the skate park and the playground)	Medium	Included above
Creating connected shared trails across the reserve, including perimeter walking/running track around the North and South Ovals along with seating and fitness stations	Low	\$50K

Provide a link between Emerson Street and the existing path	Low	\$35K
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8.2 Improve transport linkages

Action	Priority	Estimated Cost
Upgrading and formalising car park facilities in the reserve	Low	\$100K
Explore options for linking pathways, to; Scotchmans Creek Trail, other shared trails, the Waverley Aquatic Centre, to the east along Waverley Rd to Jells Park	Low	N/A

8.3 Upgrade built facilities

Action	Priority	Cost
Upgrading key buildings in the reserve, namely the Southern Oval Grandstand & Pavilion and Athletics Pavilion	Medium - Low	\$2.9 million
Provision of a new public toilet near playground and picnic area.	High	\$300K
Removal of non functional buildings (such as Central Toilet Block, Southern Toilet Block, Minor	Low	\$100K

Changing rooms) and landscape rehabilitation of their areas.		
Upgrade landscape features around the War Memorial (Cenotaph)	Low	\$20K

8.4 Enhance sporting facilities

Action	Priority	Cost
Construct new pavilion on the North Oval	High	\$1.7 million
Athletics Pavilion & Track improvements	Low	\$600K
Upgrade sportslighting to South Oval for training purposes	High	\$50K
Add to and reorientate the cricket practice nets to eliminate conflict with parking areas	High	\$120K

8.5 Develop the play and skate facilities

Action	Priority	Cost
Install child safety fencing around the playground	Medium	\$15K
Redevelopment of the skate park as a district-level skate facility as well as for multipurpose youth	Medium	\$500K

space.

8.6 Create better habitat and passive recreation opportunities

Action	Priority	Cost
Consolidate and strengthen native and indigenous landscape along the north east and south west street frontages	Medium	\$30K
Provide strategic tree planting at under-utilised western boundary and investigate opportunities for habitat re-creation	Low	\$40K
Establish a botanic Arboretum with staged planting strategy to create a series of ornamental passive recreation spaces	Low	\$75K
Create perennial garden features in nature strips adjacent to Springvale Road and Waverley Road	Low	\$50K
Develop the picnic and BBQ facilities	Low	\$250K
Seek to expand the use of the Reserve as a venue for festivals, summer children's activities, nature study, youth programs, community events, arts celebrations	High - Medium	N/A

8.7 Employ better safety measures

Action	Priority	Cost
Remove overgrown vegetation, open sightlines and improve perception of safety near the Scout Hall area	Medium	\$15K
Improving lighting in the reserve, especially along the main links (Vermont Street and Monterey Avenue)	Low	\$50K

8.8 Faciliate water sensitive design

Action	Priority	Cost
Remediating drainage problems through the reserve, especially in the athletics area through flood control measures	Medium/Low	\$150K
Creation of an ephemeral water detention/landscaped habitat feature at the junction of the drainage lines to the south of the reserve to alleviate drainage and flooding problems	Low	\$60K
Investigate further opportunities for stormwater capture and reuse, retention and treatment	Medium	\$100K