

Beaton Park Regional Precinct Masterplan

2018 - 2038

Acknowledgements

Wollongong City Council would like to show its respect for and acknowledge the Traditional Custodians of the Land to which this Plan applies, of Elders past and present, and extend that respect to other Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.



1980s Exterior of Leisure Centre

How to read this document

A Master Plan study is a critical component in guiding the orderly development of a site. The Beaton Park Regional Precinct Master Plan 2018-2038 (the Plan) sets the long term vision for the future development of the Beaton Park Precinct. The Plan has been prepared with respect to the aim and vision set for the future of Beaton Park, the Plan of Management, consideration of the site constraints and consultation with site stakeholders.

The Plan sets out 20 year vision to guide future development and the use of the land within the Precinct. It should be noted that the Plan has been prepared based on available information and amendments undertaken in response to feedback received during community consultation. The works proposed within the Plan are subject to detailed design, funding and grant applications.

The Master Plan guides the extent, type and general location of different development that can take place on the site. Each component of the Plan will be subject to the relevant application and public exhibition process. Like all businesses, market conditions and other requirements can change over time. The Master Plan will be regularly reviewed to ensure the Beaton Park Regional Precinct remains as the predominant recreation, leisure and wellbeing precinct for the region.

Wollongong City Council would like to thank the Beaton Park stakeholders and community members who contributed to this plan by providing feedback in engagement activities throughout 2017-2018.

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Introduction

Introduction

Beaton Park is located within the suburb of Gwynneville, 2km from the Wollongong City Centre Area and 1.5km from the University of Wollongong Main Campus Area.

Currently, the site contains Beaton Park Leisure Centre, Wollongong Tennis Club, 14 outdoor hardstand tennis courts, 8 hot shot tennis courts, the Snakepit (4 court Basketball Stadium), 2 soccer fields and 1 cricket field and Kerryn McCann Athletics Track and Grandstand and associated amenities and car parking areas. The complex covers almost 14 hectares and is generally bounded by Gipps Street to the north, the South Coast Railway Line to the east, Throsby Drive to the south and Foley Street to the west.

This precinct plays an important role in the lifestyles of many residents and visitors to Wollongong by providing significant opportunity as a leisure, sport and recreational hub.

The majority of existing buildings on site were constructed between the 1960's and 1980's and have remained relatively unchanged since.

Given the age of the facility, design changes and expansion over the coming years is essential to ensure facility is able to cater for not only the current clientele but also provide for increases in patronage and attraction of new users into the future.

History of Beaton Park

Originally comprising part of the Crown Grants to the Campbell Family, and later the site of the Federal Cokeworks, the area has significantly changed over the past 40 years.

The following table provides a brief history of the development of Beaton Park

1841	Crown Grant to Robert & Charles Campbell
1901	The Federal Coke Company established
1951	Consolidation of two adjoining private land areas
1957	Wollongong Tennis established
1964	Snake Pit developed - 2 courts
1973	Park area expanded following closure of the Cokeworks
1978	Area further expanded by 1.056 ha by linking excess railway land
1981	Beaton Park Leisure Centre and 25m pool completed
1983	Pool enclosed
1983	Snakepit extended – 4 courts
1993	Synthetic Athletics Track Completed
2001	Athletics track Grandstand added
2005	Children's playgrounds at Beaton Park and Wisemans Park opened
2017	Synthetic Athletics Track resurfaced



Caption



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Informing the Masterplan

Alignment with Supporting Documents

A multitude of plans, studies and reports have informed the draft master plan, including:

- Beaton Park Needs Assessment
- Beaton Park Plan of Management
- Wollongong 2022 Community Strategic Plan
- Play Wollongong Strategy 2014-2024
- The Future of our Pools Strategy 2014-2024
- City of Wollongong Bike Plan 2014-2018
- Keiraville Gwynneville Community Planning Project 2014
- Illawarra Shoalhaven Regional Plan
- Keiraville Gwynneville Access and Movement Strategy (underway)
- Sportsground and Sporting Facilities Strategy 2017-2021
- 'A City for People', Wollongong Public Spaces Public Life 201
- Draft Illawarra Shoalhaven Sport and Active Recreation Plan 2018-2023



Alignment with Community Strategic Plan

The Master Plan will contribute to the delivery of the Wollongong 2022 community Strategic Plan goal *"We are a healthy community in a liveable city"*.

It specifically delivers on the following:

Community Strategic Plan		Delivery Program 2018-2021		Annual Plan 2018-19
Strategy		3 Year Action		Annual Deliverables
5.1.2	Child-friendly and age-friendly principles are incorporated in design, planning and service delivery within the city	5.1.2.1	Actively engage children and young people in planning and design processes	Continue to refine practices for children to ensure continuous improvement and actively to involve children in town and village planning, play space design and policy and planning
5.1.3	Involvement in lifelong learning, skills enhancement and community based activities is promoted	5.1.3.2	Carry out commercial business management of Council's operational lands	Manage Council's commercial businesses to maximise return at Beaton Park Leisure Centre
5.1.4	Urban areas are created to provide a healthy living environment for our community	5.1.4.1	Provide an appropriate and sustainable range of quality passive and active open spaces and facilities	Explore opportunities outlined in needs assessment developed for the Beaton Park Precinct Increase utilisation of Council's recreation and leisure assets Completion of master plan for the Beaton Park Precinct Pursue key actions outlined in the 2017-2021 Sports Ground & Sporting Facilities Strategy
5.2.1	Provide a variety of quality public spaces and opportunities for sport, leisure, recreation, learning and cultural activities in the community	5.2.1.2	Investigate the future provision of Aquatic Services across the local government area	Implement program opportunities and innovative activity options to encourage healthy living, enhance user experience and increase patronage and new revenue streams at our supervised public swimming pools Incorporate elements of good design and wise use of water resources when undertaking improvements to public pool amenities
5.2.1	Provide a variety of public spaces and opportunities for sport, leisure, recreation, learning and cultural activities in your community	5.2.1.3	Use data to assess the current community infrastructure available, community demand and develop a strategic framework and policies to either rationalise, enhance or expand to meet community needs	Implement the key recommendations of the Strategic Plan for Council's swimming pools in accordance with Council's capital program Implement The Future of Our Pools Strategy 2014-2024 Implement program of enhancing pool amenities, consistent with good design principles
5.2.2	Healthy, active ageing programs are promoted in partnership with government agencies and community organisations	5.2.2.1	Deliver a range of recreational pursuits for older people	Provide a variety of affordable senior programs at the leisure centres
5.5.1	Public facilities in key locations and transport routes are maintained and clean, accessible and inviting to our community and visitors	5.5.1.1	Well maintained assets are provided that meet the needs of the current and future communities	Undertake high priority works, as per open space works schedule to strengthen connections and people movement.

Needs Assessment, 2015

In 2015, Council engaged SGL Group to undertake a Needs Assessment for the Beaton Park site. The Assessment was undertaken to provide an analysis of current and future social indicators, identify gaps and duplication of facilities within the community and provide a range of development options.

The needs assessment involved interviews with a number of site stakeholders and interested parties including Tennis Wollongong, NSW Tennis and the City of Wollongong Tennis Club, Illawarra Basketball Association, Football South Coast, Wollongong Olympic Junior Football, Illawarra Badminton, Wollongong Swimming Club, Illawarra Cricket, Illawarra District Table Tennis Association, Illawarra Sports Medicine Clinic, Illawarra Academy of Sport, Illawarra Blue Stars Athletics, Athletics Wollongong, Wollongong City Little Athletics, University of Wollongong, PeopleCare, Destination Wollongong, Swimming NSW, Basketball NSW, Football NSW, Little Athletics NSW, Netball NSW and Table Tennis NSW. Several of these stakeholders have been involved in further discussions and the development of the plan.

The assessment was aimed at identifying opportunities for complementary infrastructure and services to those currently present in the precinct and guide an overall strategic approach for the Beaton Park Precinct.

Key findings from this assessment are below:

Beaton Park Leisure Centre

- More health and fitness areas
- Expanded/new improved wellness facilities
- New food/beverage and merchandising areas
- Central reception to control users
- More aquatic leisure water facilities for family and children's use.
- New warm water pool area for older adults and warm water programs.

Kerryn McCann Athletics Track

- Investigate synthetic surface pitch inside track.
- Increase size of grandstand
- Co-located amenities
- Upgrade lighting

Illawarra Basketball Stadium

- Current stadium is aged and no longer complies with basketball standards
- Single use
- In the long term relocating of courts to the leisure centre site

Tennis Facilities

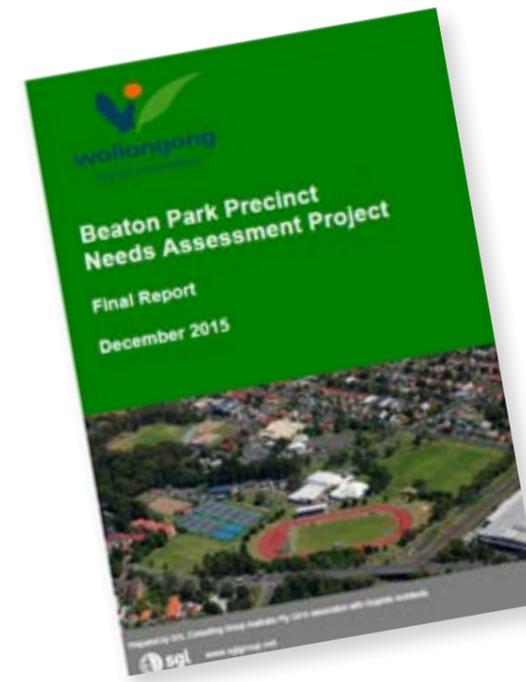
- Upgrade amenities
- Expand court lighting
- Adding 2 more courts to meet regional status.

Outdoor Playing Fields

- Upgraded surface, drainage and irrigation system on the outdoor fields.
- Co-locating amenities

Open Space

- New perimeter shared use trail
- Links to Wiseman Park
- New community playground and picnic area
- Outdoor fitness equipment
- Major active youth and children's area
- Redeveloped entry/exit and internal road network with linked car parks at key activity nodes.



The Future of our Pools Strategy, 2014 - 2024

The future of our pools considered the use and community feedback on the nine supervised and nine tidal rock pools across the LGA. Of the existing swimming pool facilities, seven of the nine supervised swimming pools are 50m pools. Helensburgh and Beaton Park have 25m pools.

The study also reviewed industry trends and advises that modern aquatic facility design is on expanding the facility mix to include a combination of facilities, including heated water spaces which can accommodate a range of activities including lap swimming, aquatic programs, learn to swim, interactive play elements, provided in conjunction with health and fitness centres.

Messages from this study include:

- Wollongong has a large number of 50m pools which cater well for lap/fitness swimming. No further 50m pools are required to service the current and projected Wollongong community
- Innovative and best practice aquatic centres are seeing aquatic facilities being co-located with other health and well-being facilities.
- The community is seeking more contemporary facilities including interactive water play space for children
- The available water space at Beaton Park is at capacity during peak periods

A Key Action from this Plan was to prepare a master plan for pool expansion/upgrading Beaton Park as the premier year round indoor facility and program pool in the Wollongong LGA.

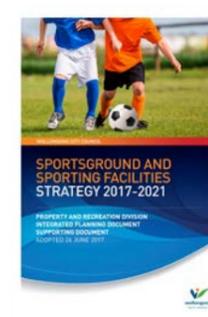


Sportsground + Sporting Facilities Strategy, 2017-2021

The aim of this strategy is to assist Council to meet the existing and future needs of the community in a sustainable manner. The strategy seeks to clarify the current provision, distribution and identify service and infrastructure gaps in sportsgrounds and facility provision based on current and trending participation rates with the aim to determine the appropriate future needs, distribution, development and management of sportsgrounds and sporting facilities. Beaton Park is identified as a regional facility within this strategy.

The Master Plan is consistent with a number of recommendations and focus areas of this study, in particular:

- Increasing the capacity of the sportsgrounds at the site through field drainage improvements, provision of additional lighting, storage and improved amenities.
- Renewing and enhancing existing sporting facility infrastructure with a focus on gender equality, improved accessibility and storage



Illawarra Regional Plan

The Illawarra Shoalhaven Regional Plan sets out to guide strategic planning within the region for the next 20 years. The master plan is considered to be consistent with Direction 3.1 Grow the opportunities for investment and activity in the regions network of centres and 3.3 Build socially inclusive, safe and healthy communities. The Plan recognises that the redevelopment and expansion of sporting and active recreation infrastructure will be necessary as the region grows so that it retains its appeal as an attractive place to live, work and visit.



Draft Illawarra Shoalhaven Sport and Active Recreation Plan, 2014-2024

The Draft Illawarra Shoalhaven Sport and Active Recreation Plan sets out the vision, outcomes and strategies to ensure the Illawarra Shoalhaven region will provide increased sport and active recreation opportunities to enhance the lives and encourage the community to be more active. The draft plan complements the Illawarra-Shoalhaven Regional Plan and highlights the opportunities within the Metro Wollongong area as a key area for sporting and recreational activities to occur. Specifically, the progression of the Beaton Park Master Plan works would assist in addressing Outcome 4 of the draft Recreation Plan relating to the provision of Fit for Purpose Facilities.

There are several other outcomes and strategies outlined within the draft Recreation Plan which directly relate to aspects of the Draft Beaton Park Plan. Following the finalisation of the Draft Recreation Plan, an implementation Plan will be prepared where it is understood the importance of the Beaton Park site in the context of the Region will be highlighted.



Play Wollongong, 2014-2024

Provides direction for the future of playgrounds and play spaces in the Wollongong LGA including the planning and management. Direction is provided towards the expected evolution in play space and distribution of different categories of facilities, which has been considered as part of the master planning process.



Site Context

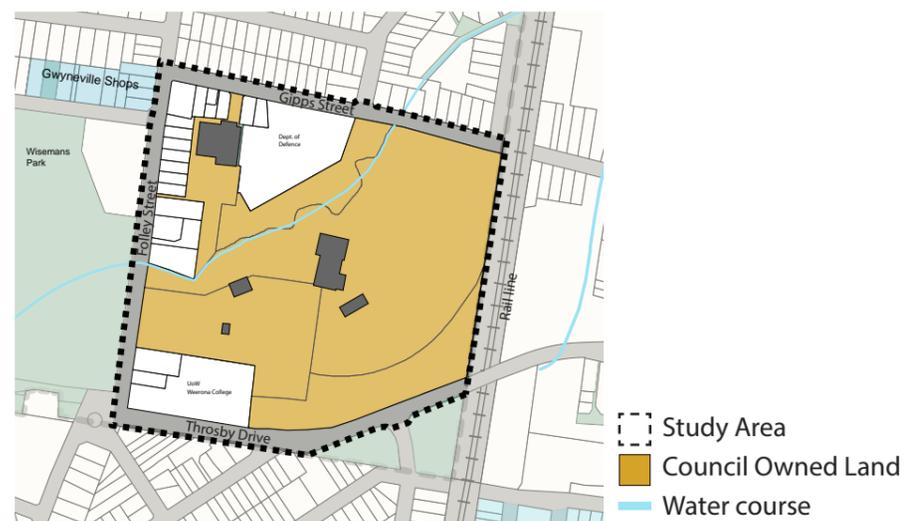
The Beaton Park site is located in close proximity to several other significant sites including being immediately adjacent to Wisemans Park and the Fairy Creek Master Plan area, between the Gwynneville village centre area and Wollongong CBD area, between Wollongong and North Wollongong Train Stations and in close proximity to the Wollongong Botanic Gardens and University of Wollongong main campus.

The site is also located on the green bus route, and is one of the main connecting sites for the cycle way links between the city centre and the University. There is also a significant amount of work currently being designed or under construction within the surrounds of the Site with regard to footpaths, playground replacement, community centre refurbishment, stormwater infrastructure and facility renewal.

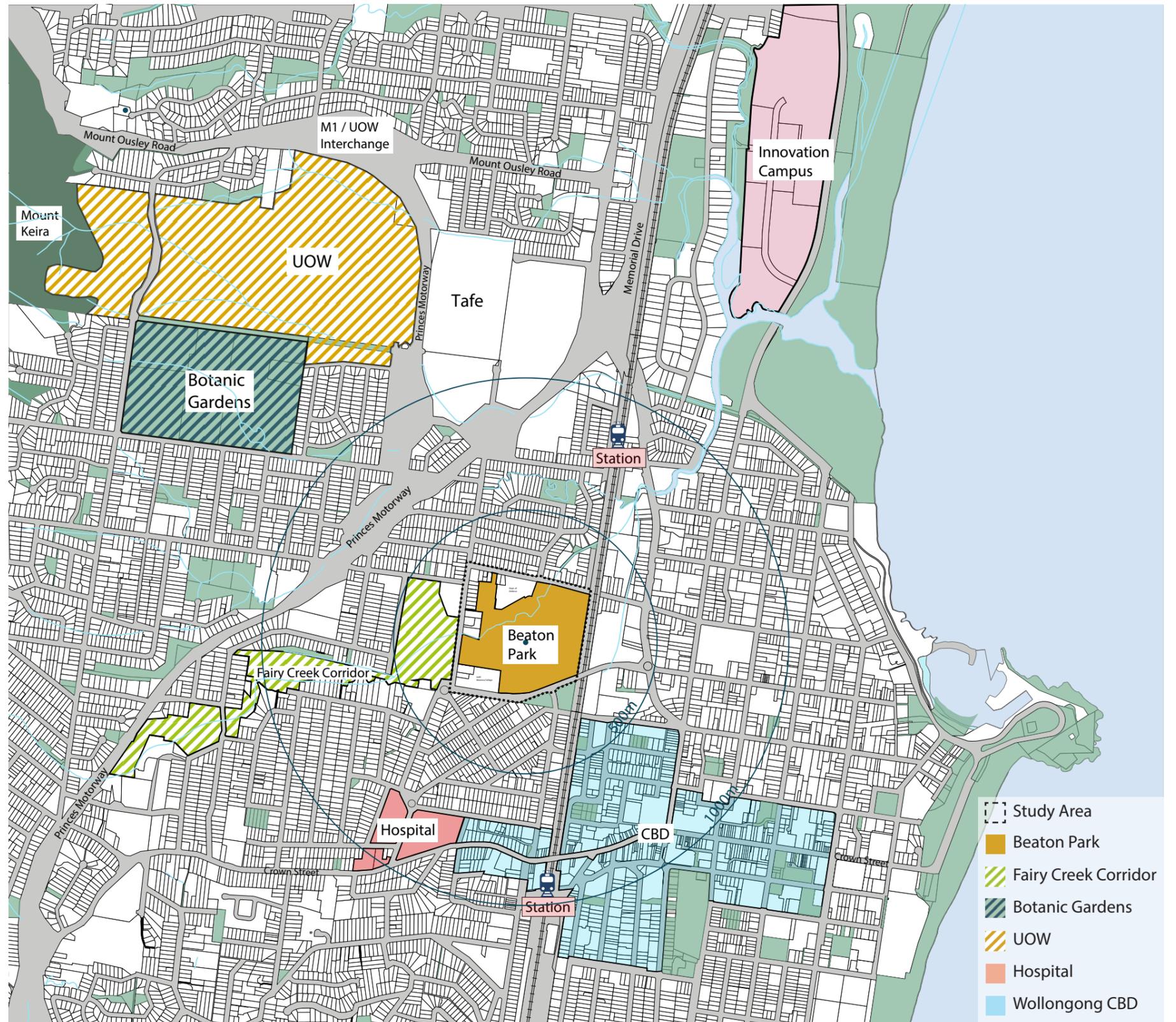
The Council owned land within the study area comprises six lots:

1. Lot 113 DP 788462
2. Lot 401 DP 1128781
3. Lot 104 DP 594259
4. Lot 105 DP 594259
5. Lot 102 DP 611233
6. Lot 2 DP 700616

There are three pockets of privately owned land adjoining the existing community land. These pockets are comprised of UOW Weerona College, a scouts hall and Girl Guides Hall on the corner of Foley Street and Throsby Drive, private properties to the north west and Department of Defence Land to the north.



The Study Area



Context Map: Key sites

Community Demographics

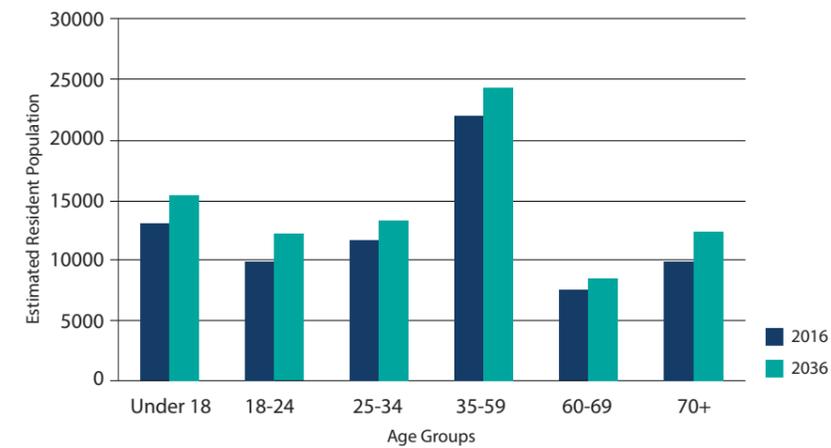
The Wollongong LGA estimated resident population has grown from 173,440 in 1991 to more than 211,000 people recorded in 2016. By 2036, the population is projected to grow by a further 17.17% to almost 255,000.

The City is expected to experience a significant population growth especially with significant urban infill development surrounding the CBD area, and also in close proximity to the hospital and university precincts. In 2016, 35% of the LGA population (more than 74,000 people), lived within 5kms of the Beaton Park site. By 2036, this population is forecast to increase by a further 14% to 86151 people. The greatest change in this the population age groups within this period is forecast to be in the 70+ service age group, which is expected to increase by more than 25% to comprise 14% of the total estimated resident population.

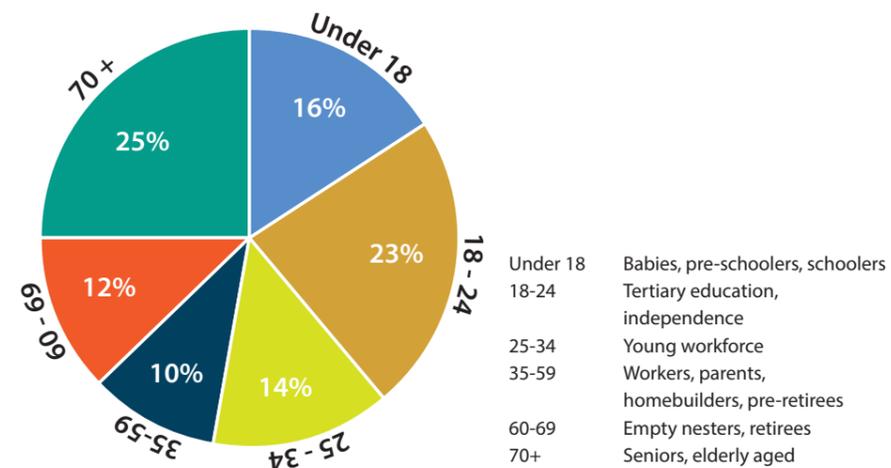
The percentage of the population aged 65 years or over has also increased from 16% in 2011 to 17.2% in 2015. This number has been forecast by the Illawarra Shoalhaven Health District to continue to increase, projected to reach 26% by 2036.



Projected population change by age group within a 5km radius, 2016-2036



Population change by age group within a 5km radius, 2016-2036



Site Analysis

The study area encompasses one of the most interesting and dynamic areas of the Wollongong LGA. The site is located between the CBD and main UOW campus area, and hence is one of the main connection points for people travelling between the two. The site is also located on one of the main access points from the M1 motorway to the Wollongong CBD, in close proximity to the Gwynneville town centre and located between Wollongong and North Wollongong Train Stations.

Understanding these key connections and the relationship of the site with the surrounding area was key to the development of the master plan.

LEP zoning



- RE1, Public Recreation
- R1, General Residential
- R2, Low Density Residential
- B4, Mixed Use
- B1, Neighbourhood Centre

Community + Lands Management



- Sportsground
- General Community Use
- Water Course

Key Connections



- Key footpath connections
- Cycleways

Public Transport



- Green Shuttle
- R1
- Bus Stops

Pedestrian + Vehicular Entrances



- ✱ Vehicular
- ✱ Pedestrian
- ✱ Proposed Pedestrian

Cycleways



- Existing Cycle Network
- Proposed Cycle Network

Site Constraints

The Beaton Park Precinct is known to be affected by several constraints and hazards. The site contains a tributary of Fairy Creek which is identified as a riparian corridor. The site is also known to contain low, medium and high flood risk precincts due to the presence of the watercourse. Dense vegetation within adjoining Wisemans Park creates a potential bushfire threat to the site and the previous use of part of the property as the Federal Cokeworks has resulted in areas of fill and potential contamination.

The following maps provide a visual representation of these hazards and the extent to which they affect the site currently.

Bushfire



- .10K w/m2
- BAL 12.5
- BAL 19
- BAL 29
- BAL 40
- BAL FZ
- Vegetated Area

Contamination



- Dwelling
- Landfill
- Cokeworks + Tramway

Flood



- Medium Flood Risk
- Low Flood Risk

Riparian/watercourse/vegetation



- Watercourse
- Management Zone 3
- Management Zone 2
- Management Zone 1



Aim:

To develop Beaton Park as a Regional Centre of excellence with high performance and event facilities that are complemented with improved local open space and parkland areas.

Vision:

Beaton Park is a place to foster and promote healthy lifestyle choices for the whole community through a diverse and affordable range of quality recreational, sporting, health and leisure opportunities.

Precinct Values:

To establish Beaton Park as a major regional focus for organised sport, recreational and health and wellbeing activities through:

- Affordable and well-designed facilities, services and programs that provide greater accessibility to the community.
- Facilities that are presented to the highest quality standards.
- The development of a financially sustainable precinct.
- Increasing utilization by providing a mix of sport, recreational, health and wellbeing opportunities.
- Flexible design that can grow and develop with changing community needs.

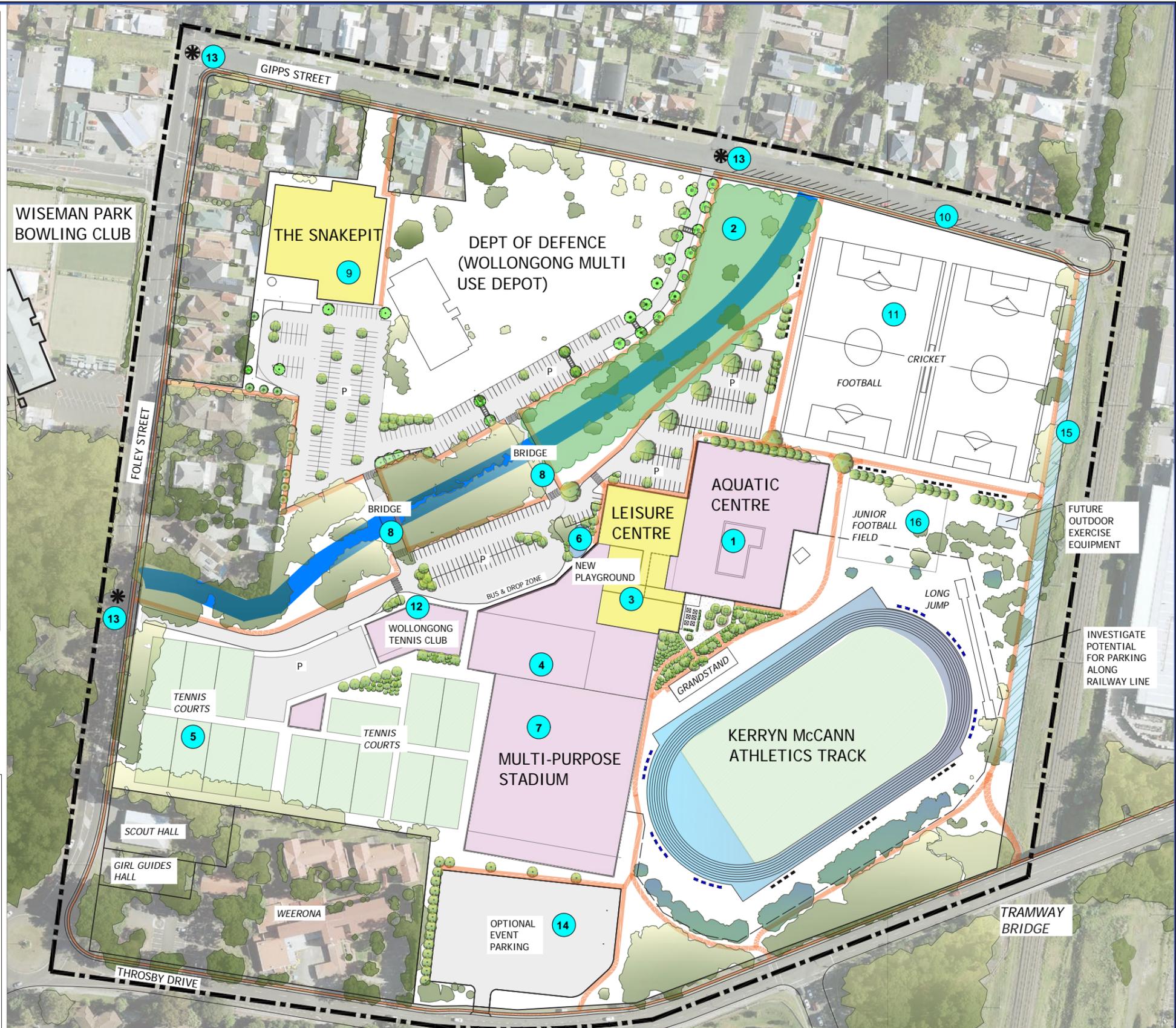
Master Plan

- 1 AQUATIC CENTRE
- 2 RIPARIAN WORKS
- 3 LEISURE CENTRE WORKS
- 4 HEALTH AND WELLBEING / COMMUNITY SPACE
- 5 TENNIS COURTS
- 6 PLAYGROUND
- 7 MULTIPURPOSE STADIUM
- 8 BRIDGES
- 9 SNAKEPIT REPURPOSE
- 10 FORMALISATION OF GIPPS STREET PARKING
- 11 DRAINAGE AND LIGHTING TO SPORTS FIELDS
- 12 TENNIS CLUB AND CLUBHOUSE WORKS
- 13 TRAFFIC FACILITIES UPGRADE
- 14 OPTIONAL EVENT PARKING AREA
- 15 PARKING TO BE INVESTIGATED
- 16 JUNIOR FOOTBALL FIELD

NOTES:
 - FLOOD INFORMATION SUBJECT TO THE REVIEW OF THE FAIRY AND CABBAGE TREE CREEK FLOOD STUDY

LEGEND

	LIMIT OF WORK		POTENTIAL NEW SHARED PATHWAYS AND INTERNAL ALL WEATHER FOOTPATHS
	EXISTING BUILDINGS		EXISTING WATER COURSE
	PROPOSED NEW FACILITIES		POTENTIAL NEW PLANTING AND LANDSCAPE OPPORTUNITIES
	POTENTIAL RELOCATED AND RENEWED PLAY SPACE		NEW CREEK VEGETATION ASSOCIATED WITH THE VEGETATION MANAGEMENT PLAN
	NEW TRAFFIC FACILITIES		EXISTING VEGETATION
	VEHICLE PARKING		BENCH SEATING
	LIGHTING FOR SPORTS FIELDS		



Facility Changes

Existing Facilities

Aquatics

- 25m pool
- Amenities
- Learn to swim offices
- Pump room
- 120 sqm in amenities



Gym/leisure centre

- 420 sqm in gym floor space
- Two office areas
- 80 sqm reception floor – 2 workstations
- 20sqm retail space
- Ted Tobin Hall and group activity room
- RPM / Cycling room
- Amenities
- Spa and sauna
- Temporary kiosk
- Circuit room



Stadium

- 4 basketball courts (not to regulation)
- Approximately 2000 seating capacity
- 250 sqm temporary office space



Health and Wellbeing

- 300sqm



Tennis

- 4 grass courts
- 10 hard courts
- 8 hot shot courts
- Tennis Club



Sports fields

- 2 grass football fields
- 1 cricket pitch
- 150 sqm amenities



Car Parking

- 370 formed spaces + overflow



Proposed Future Facilities

Aquatics

- 25m pool
- Hydrotherapy/Program pool (approx. dimensions 20x15m)
- Up to 1500 sqm in aquatic play space
- Spa and sauna
- Hydro slide
- Expanded pump room - separate filters
- Chemical storage area
- 300 sqm + in amenities

Gym/leisure centre

- Up to 1400sqm in gym floor space
- Minimum 6 flexible office spaces
- 200sqm + reception space – min 3 workstations
- 20sqm retail area
- Ted Tobin Hall and group activity room
- RPM room
- Amenities
- 140 sqm in café floor space
- Additional storage areas
- Function training area

Stadium

- Flexible court space including provision multiple court arrangements
- 2000 seat retractable seating system
- 250 sqm office space

Health and Wellbeing

- Minimum 500sqm

Tennis

- 4 grass courts
- 10 hard courts
- 8 hot shot courts - All resurfaced / new
- Tennis Club

Sports fields

- 2 grass fields with improved drainage
- 1 cricket pitch
- New co-located amenities with storage
- Field lighting

Car Parking

- 400+ formed spaces + overflow

Preliminary Staging Plan

The following staging outline provides a preliminary schedule for the order of the development of the site. This schedule is not intended to 'lock in' the order that the development progresses at the site. The timing and progression of each phase of works will be subject to identified demand and funding opportunities.



Stage 1: Aquatic Expansion

It is anticipated that the first works undertaken at the site will involve an expansion of the existing aquatic offering, works to improve the quality of the central watercourse, lighting and new amenities to the sports fields, improvements to the main Foleys Street entrance and upgrades to the facility signage.

The works are proposed to involve the retention of the existing 25m pool, construction of a new multipurpose hydrotherapy/program pool, interactive water play area for children, new family friendly and accessible amenities, a new spa and sauna area and associated plant, office and dual direction storage areas. As part of the same building, new amenity, change room and storage areas are proposed to be provided to service the grass football and cricket fields. Once the existing 25m pool reaches the end of its design life, the floor plate provides the opportunity for a widened, rectangular 25m pool to replace the existing "L" shape pool. The gardeners store is also proposed to be relocated into the same structure part of this phase of development.

With regard to greening of the site, riparian works are proposed within the Fairy Creek tributary. The work proposed includes weed removal, seed collection and native vegetation reconstruction. Additional plantings and the establishment of the area between the grass fields and athletics track and additional green space, pedestrian connections and outdoor fitness equipment is also proposed. Improved lighting to the sport fields is also required as a priority.

Upgrades to the main Foleys Street entrance and an upgrades to the facility and directional signage will also form part of early works.



Stage 2: Leisure Centre upgrade, new entrance and Health and wellbeing area

The second phase of works is proposed to be an upgrade and expansion of the main leisure centre building including a new main entrance and reception area, establishment of a central corridor, providing a covered entrance, expanded the gym area including opportunities for first floor gym space, office and storage areas, a new health and wellbeing space, alterations to the existing child minding area, providing a new permanent café space which opens out to a landscaped courtyard area to the rear of the grandstand, a new playground and works to tennis courts.

It is expected that Council would undertake the construction of the shell of the health and wellbeing facility and engage with an external independent operator to undertake the fitout.

Works within the existing car parking area are proposed to include the provision for bus turning and drop off on site, directly adjacent to the main entrance.

The construction of new tennis courts is required due to the condition of the existing slabs and the location of the future multipurpose stadium. The existing Tennis clubhouse will be demolished to allow for more flexibility in the court design, and a new clubhouse facility incorporated into parts of other site improvements.

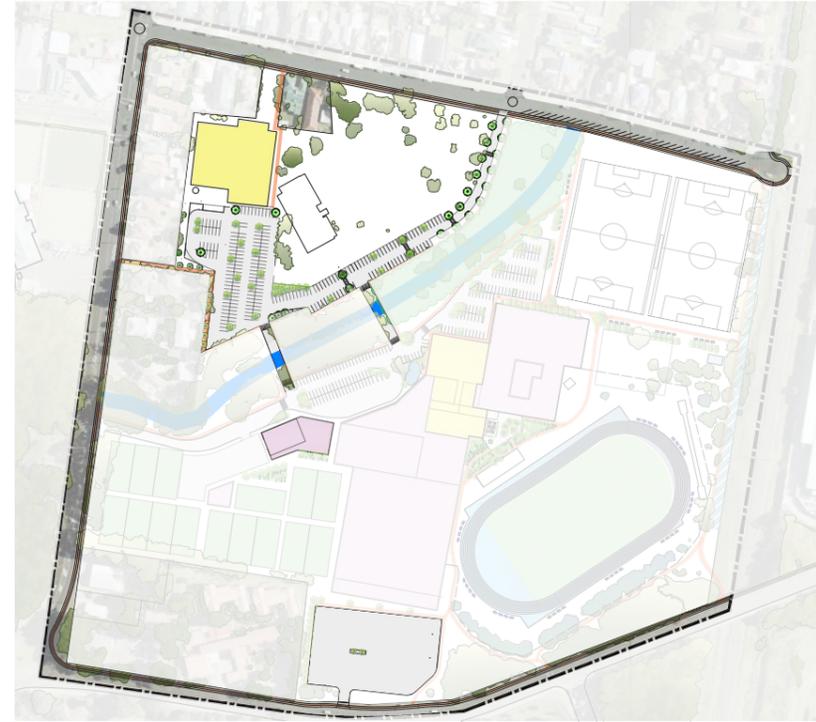


Stage 3: Multi-purpose Stadium

The stadium is proposed to be directly accessible from the leisure centre reception area and contain additional amenities, storage and change room facilities, as well as first floor office space. The dimensions of the stadium have been drafted to ensure maximum flexibility in the use of the space. As an example, the space could accommodate 6 basketball courts, 3 futsal fields, 3 indoor tennis courts, 6 indoor volleyball courts or a significant number of table tennis and badminton courts, with additional seating areas and circulation space.

A retractable seating system which has a capacity of approximately 3500 seats is also being explored for inclusion within this area. Additional opportunities for athletics and tennis club rooms and storage opportunities, opening out to these respective areas could also be included in the detailed design of the stadium floor plan.

Following the completion of the multipurpose stadium, it is envisaged that basketball will move from the Snakepit to the leisure centre area. This would allow for the repurposing of the Snakepit building, depending on market conditions and demand at the time.



Stage 4: Other Works

Additional works nominated as part of the master plan include intersection upgrade works, the formalisation of angled parking along Gipps Street adjoining the grass field areas, the renovation/rebuilding of the Tennis Club, drainage works to the grass field area and the construction of vehicular and pedestrian bridges over the watercourse.

Landscaping, cycleway and shared path connections and car parking works are also proposed throughout the site as part of the overall masterplan. It is expected that these works will be undertaken in conjunction with the stages of the development to which they relate.

The additional car parking area proposed off Throsby Drive is to be first utilised as optional event overflow parking only. Council is committed to monitoring the car parking usage as the development of the site progresses, to determine whether this area is required to be formalised. If required, an additional 130 hardstand formalised car parking spaces can be constructed in this location. Ancillary traffic management works would be required to be undertaken on Throsby Drive to ensure that this car park could safely operate in this location.

Accessibility:

The proposed facility should be accessible and inclusive of everyone, providing equal opportunity for people of all abilities to utilise and enjoy the site. As part of each phase of detailed design, the facility should be upgraded or designed to ensure that all members of the region are able to participate in activities at the site in an independent and inclusive manner. This includes the provision of ramp and hoist access to the warm water pool, appropriate amenities within each part of the development, level access throughout the centre and along the cycleways and share ways, lift access to first floor spaces and appropriate location of accessible car parking areas.

Sustainability:

Sustainable technologies will be incorporated into the design of each phase of the development to minimise the long term impact of the development on the environment. Aspects to be considered include but are not limited to additional greening, appropriate design consideration and material selection, additional solar photovoltaic (PV) and improved operational waste consideration. Other feasible options that will form part of the design include water sensitivity, low carbon emissions and resource efficiency to minimise the impact that the facility will have on its surrounds.

Conclusion

Whilst the types of sports that utilise the site remain largely the same as when the facility opened, the infrastructure and strategy behind the infrastructure could not be more different. It is with this in mind that we ensure that we plan for versatile, functional facilities that have the ability to serve multiple groups, purposes, and most importantly, the local community.

The Beaton Park Regional Precinct Master Plan 2018-2038 sets the strategic direction and vision for the study area over the next 20 years. Delivering on the Master Plan will require collaboration across government agencies, private industry and the community.

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In particular, Council would like to acknowledge the contributions of the Wollongong Tennis Club, Wollongong Tennis Association, Tennis NSW, Wollongong Swim Club, South Eastern Swimming Association, the Illawarra Basketball Association, Illawarra Hawks, PeopleCare, Neighbourhood Forum 5, the University of Wollongong, Destination Wollongong, the Illawarra Badminton Association, Illawarra Table Tennis Association, the University of Wollongong Junior Football Club, Football South Coast and the Department of Defence.

