

Action plan - Sport and Recreation Strategy

The Sport and Recreation Strategy Action Plan is structured to align to the four Boroondara Public Health and Wellbeing Themes. All the identified actions fall within one of the four themes. The Action Plan also identifies which priority area each action seeks to address. The six priority areas can be found on page 35 of the Strategy.

Theme 1: Resilient, safe, and inclusive community				
	Action	Stakeholder / Potential partners	Costing	Key Priority Area
1.1	Deliver a series of outdoor recreation programs to non YMCA members to increase social connections and wellbeing for the broader community in 2015/16.	Lead: YMCA - Kew	YMCA funded	Health, wellbeing, social cohesion
1.2	Review the Public Lighting Policy to include within its scope guidance on lighting opportunities to support the community's participation in sport and recreation activities.	Lead: Asset Management Support: ESL / Traffic and Transport / Family, Youth and Recreation / Parks and Gardens	Operational	Infrastructure and safety
1.3	Support external stakeholders to encourage active travel through various programs e.g. Bike Education Training Assistance Program (BETAP), Ride 2 Work, Walk 2 School Programs.	Lead: Traffic and Transport	Operational	Health, wellbeing, social cohesion
1.4	Through the development of the Road Safety Strategy respond to key walking and cycling challenges identified through sport and recreation consultation.	Lead: Traffic and Transport	Operational	Infrastructure and safety
1.5	Investigate opportunities to promote existing free sport and recreation activities e.g. promotional maps of walking and cycling routes, active travel encouragement with schools, outdoor exercise equipment.	Lead: Family, Youth and Recreation Support: Traffic and Transport / Parks and Gardens	Operational	Health, wellbeing, social cohesion
1.6	Work with school communities to encourage parents and children to choose healthy active transport to get to school.	Lead: Traffic and Transport	Operational	Health, wellbeing, social cohesion

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1.7	Seek out opportunities to facilitate culturally appropriate sport and recreation activities.	Lead: Family, Youth and Recreation Support: Community Planning	Operational	Diversity and Inclusion
1.8	Work in partnership with the YMCA to support and provide low cost recreational activities for children in the middle years and young people from the Boroondara Youth Resource Centre, 360	Lead: Family, Youth and Recreation (Youth Services)	Operational	Participation
1.9	Investigate the development of a “Boroondara Sports Club Awards” initiative which recognises and promotes clubs which are inclusive of underrepresented groups, provide community benefit, support volunteers and are health promoting.	Lead: Family, Youth and Recreation Support: Parks and Gardens	Budget bid required	Diversity and Inclusion
1.9.1	Develop an accreditation program for Boroondara clubs which recognises levels of achievement for clubs who work towards improving their delivery to the community.	Lead: Family, Youth and Recreation Support: Parks and Gardens	Operational	Sustainability
1.10	Investigate an inclusion to the individual grants program which supports participation by low income earners or other disadvantaged groups in sport and recreation.	Lead: Family, Youth and Recreation Support: Parks and Gardens	Operational	Diversity and Inclusion
1.11	Investigate the development of an initiative that can connect socially isolated individuals through sport and recreation.	Lead: Family, Youth and Recreation Support: Community Planning and HAADS	Budget bid required	Diversity and Inclusion
1.12	Investigate barriers for single parent families to sport and recreation participation	Lead: Family Youth and Recreation	Operational	Diversity and Inclusion

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1.13	Facilitate a program of free or low cost exercises in local parks which improves wellbeing and can provide links to ongoing physical activity participation.	Lead: YMCA Support: Family, Youth and Recreation	Operational	Participation
1.14	Coordinate a sport and recreation facility tour with local agencies for people with a disability.	Lead: Family, Youth and Recreation Support: HAADS	Operational	Diversity and Inclusion
1.15	Investigate the development of walking trails/routes through shopping precincts that highlight historical facts and areas of interest	Lead: Economic Development Support: Family, Youth and Recreation, Traffic and Transport	Operational	Health, Wellbeing and Social Cohesion
1.16	Install up to 10 public seats per annum which can provide rest points to support the community to walk more often	Lead: Infrastructure Services Support: Community Planning, Traffic and Transport	Operational	Infrastructure & Safety

Theme 2: Liveable, sustainable, health promoting City				
	Action	Stakeholders / Potential partners	Costing	Key Priority Area
2.1	Promote existing databases and materials that highlight physical activity opportunities and/or promote a healthy lifestyle e.g. Healthy Australia Club, VicHealth TeamUp app, Heart Foundation Resources, Walk2School day, Premier's Active April	Lead: Family Youth and Recreation Support: Communications and Engagement	Operational	Participation
2.2	Develop and implement a strategic communications plan to showcase the variety of sport and recreation opportunities available to the community	Lead: Family Youth and Recreation Support: Communications and Engagement	Operational	Participation
2.3	Identify and action opportunities to promote Boroondara Sports Clubs to the Boroondara community to improve participation	Lead: Family, Youth and Recreation Support: Parks and Gardens	Operational	Participation
2.4	Share Sport and Recreation Strategy research with key stakeholders to improve sport and recreation outcomes across the municipality	Lead: Family, Youth and Recreation	Operational	Partnerships
2.5	Complete the Kew Recreation Centre (Aquatics Area) renewal project	Lead: Projects and Strategy	\$308,000 (2017/18) and \$5.8M Capital Works 2018/19 foreshadowed budget	Infrastructure & safety
2.6	Complete Boroondara Sports Complex redevelopment and incorporate services from previous Balwyn Leisure Centre.	Lead: Projects and Strategy	\$10.2M Capital Works	Infrastructure & safety

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2.7	Ensure design principles for sport and recreation facilities are in line with Boroondara Open Space Technical Guidelines - Open Space Design Directions and the latest standards, guidelines and research (e.g. universal design, family friendly facilities, crime prevention through environmental design, multiuse, healthy by design, sustainable buildings policy) and these design principles are incorporated into project design briefs.	Lead: Projects and Strategy Support: ESL, Parks and Gardens; Family, Youth and Recreation	Operational	Infrastructure & safety

Theme 3: Equitable access for all				
	Action	Stakeholders / potential partners	Costings	Key priority area
3.1	Seek an appropriate location to develop a skate and BMX facility in the northern part of the municipality for families and young people	Lead: Parks and Gardens Support: ESL / Family, Youth and Recreation	Budget bid required	Participation
3.2	Undertake a review to determine locations in municipality to install a multipurpose, synthetic sports field in Council or non-Council owned facilities	Lead: Parks and Gardens	Operational	Participation
3.3	Strategically research, plan and install outdoor exercise equipment at appropriate locations across the municipality to provide free exercise opportunities for the community.	Lead: Parks and Gardens Support: ESL / Family Youth and Recreation	Budget bid required	Sustainability
3.4	Increase the current provision of non-fee based sport and recreation facilities for public use to provide multiple sport and recreation opportunities for a diverse range of users. Examples include circuit paths, half-court basketball/netball, rebound walls, public outdoor table tennis tables.	Lead: Parks and Gardens Support: ESL / Traffic and Transport	Budget bid required	Sustainability
3.5	Utilise Boroondara Leisure and Aquatic Facilities to provide opportunities for hire of equipment for unstructured/informal activities at nearby reserves and open space.	Lead: Family, Youth and Recreation	Operational	Sustainability
3.6	Develop a Personal Training Policy to effectively manage commercial fitness providers across the municipality.	Lead: Parks and Gardens	Operational	Sustainability
3.7	Work with stakeholders to develop sustainable initiatives that maximise usage at sports grounds which host community level turf cricket competitions.	Lead: Parks and Gardens	Operational	Sustainability
3.8	Investigate the provision of two additional areas for outdoor sports field training purposes as identified from the Boroondara Open Space Strategy	Lead: Parks and Gardens	Operational	Sustainability
3.9	Develop a Sports Asset Management Plan which identifies the appropriate improvements to sportsgrounds and assets / infrastructure across the municipality.	Lead: Parks and Gardens	Operational	Sustainability

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3.10	Develop a sportsground allocation policy to facilitate appropriate ground usage by sports club, schools and other stakeholders.	Lead: Parks and Gardens	Operational	Participation
3.11	Foster links between the BVRC and local sport and recreation clubs to improve volunteer opportunities.	Lead: BVRC (Community Planning) Support: Family Youth and Recreation / Parks and Gardens	Operational	Partnerships
3.12	Maximise the use of sport and recreation pavilions by providing access to various groups within the community.	Lead: Family, Youth and Recreation and Parks and Gardens	Operational	Sustainability

Theme 4: Best practice health and wellbeing planning and leadership				
	Action	Stakeholders / potential partners	Costings	Key priority area
4.1	Investigate the need to deliver social inclusion training to fitness centres, community organisations and local sport and recreation clubs to build their capacity to be inclusive of underrepresented groups e.g. disability awareness training, cultural awareness, including older adults.	Lead: Family, Youth and Recreation Support: Community Planning and HAADS	Operational	Diversity and inclusion
4.2	Investigate opportunities to support businesses to link with local sporting clubs for sponsorship and physical activity participation.	Lead: Economic Development Support: Family, Youth and Recreation / Parks and Gardens	Operational	Partnerships
4.3	Investigate opportunities to reduce sedentary behaviour among local business and raise awareness of negative health outcomes of sitting.	Lead: Family, Youth and Recreation Support: Economic Development / Parks and Gardens	Operational	Partnerships
4.4	Deliver club development sessions which support core club business (governance, marketing, volunteers etc.) and broader topics such as changing physical activity trends, health promotion activities, increasing family involvement, healthy eating, drugs and social issues. Investigate new and innovative ways to deliver these sessions.	Lead: Family, Youth and Recreation Support: Parks and Gardens	Operational	Sustainability
4.5	Encourage clubs to respond to recognised sport and recreation trends e.g. the growth of social sport (AFL 9's, FastFour etc.) and the demand for low-commitment activity.	Lead: Family, Youth and Recreation Support: Parks and Gardens	Operational	Participation
4.6	Investigate ways to reduce the administration burden on Boroondara Sports Clubs and streamline access to Council information for sporting clubs in line with the Customer First program.	Lead: Family, Youth and Recreation Support: Parks and Gardens	Operational	Sustainability

Theme 4: Best practice health and wellbeing planning and leadership				
	Action	Stakeholders / potential partners	Costings	Key priority area
4.7	Explore opportunities for community use of school sport and recreation facilities by facilitating discussions between community clubs and local schools.	Lead: Family, Youth and Recreation Support: Parks and Gardens	Budget bid required	Sustainability
4.8	Investigate opportunities to increase the provision of highball facilities for the community by supporting projects which include the expansion of indoor highball courts at non-Council owned facilities. Priority locations include the Central, South East and South West precincts.	Lead: Family, Youth and Recreation Support: Parks and Gardens	Operational	Partnerships
4.9	Install noticeboards with signs at sportsgrounds to show when sportsgrounds are used by sports clubs so that the community can plan to access the ground outside of these times. Raise awareness of these times through promotion on Council website and other methods.	Lead: Parks and Gardens	Operational	Participation
4.10	Seek out partnership opportunities with peak sporting bodies, particular those who received Access All Abilities (a state government funded program to increase participation among people with a disability) and VicHealth increasing female participation funding to improve pathways to participation and deliver local outcomes.	Lead: Family, Youth and Recreation Support: Parks and Gardens	Operational	Partnerships
4.11	Develop opportunities with Blind Sports Victoria to improve sport and recreation outcomes for people with low vision across the municipality.	Lead: Family, Youth and Recreation Support: Blind Sports Victoria	Operational	Partnerships
4.12	Explore opportunities with tertiary institutions to improve sport and recreation opportunities eg university volunteers to support sporting clubs	Lead: Family, Youth and Recreation	Operational	Partnerships
4.13	Explore opportunities with mental health organisations and sporting groups to provide supportive sporting environments that promote positive mental health outcomes and guide at risk individuals to referral pathways.	Lead: Family, Youth and Recreation Support: Parks and Gardens	Operational	Partnerships

Theme 4: Best practice health and wellbeing planning and leadership				
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4.14	Investigate ways to promote the positive impact sporting clubs have on the Boroondara community regarding personal, social and community health	Lead: Family, Youth and Recreation	Operational	Sustainability
4.15	Review and/or develop sport and recreation policies in line with policy gaps identified.	Lead: Family, Youth and Recreation Support: Parks and Gardens	Operational	Health, wellbeing and social cohesion.
4.16	Collate annual club participation data and develop a business case to undertake a statistically valid Household Survey every 5 years to track Boroondara specific sport and recreation trends.	Lead: Family, Youth and Recreation	\$40,000 proposed budget bid	Health, wellbeing and social cohesion