

Caulfield Racecourse Reserve Draft Land Management Plan

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Caulfield Racecourse Reserve Vision Statement

The Caulfield Racecourse Reserve is the centre of community life. It is a community and events destination of state significance. It is also one of the premier thoroughbred racing venues in Australia. It is an accessible, vibrant, flexible and inclusive space within the broader Caulfield precinct.

Welcome to the Caulfield Racecourse Reserve — a place for everyone.

This report has been prepared on behalf of the Caulfield Racecourse Reserve Trust.

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Acknowledgement of country

The Caulfield Racecourse Reserve Trust acknowledges the Traditional Owners of country throughout Victoria and Australia and recognises their continuing connection to land, waters, and culture. We pay our respects to their Elders past, present, and emerging.

Caulfield Racecourse Reserve Act 2017

In accordance to the Caulfield Racecourse Reserve Act 2017, the Caulfield Racecourse Reserve Trust (the Trust), is responsible for the planning, development, management, operation, care, promotion and use of the Reserve for the purposes of racing, recreation and a public park.

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Foreword

Since its appointment, the Caulfield Racecourse Reserve Trust (the Trust) has invested considerable time and focus in consulting the community and key stakeholders prior to commencing the future planning for the Caulfield Racecourse Reserve (The Reserve). The entire Trust is very proud to share with all Victorians, and in particular local residents, a community inspired vision and plan for one of the state's most notable precincts.

As a state-significant project delivered over a 15 year horizon, the re-imagining of the Reserve offers a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to transform an area the size of more than 10 MCGs into an iconic, community driven destination.

This draft Land Management Plan (LMP) outlines an ambitious strategy to create an inclusive space where you can take part in sports and physical activities; be part of cultural and community events; enjoy time with family and friends; or simply reconnect with nature, all while continuing to offer a world class racing venue for everyone to experience.

Establishing its central place in community life, the Reserve of the future will be a hub of activity, designed to activate and engage visitors, including state of the art sporting facilities, cultural and community hubs, event spaces, landscapes and gardens.

The draft LMP brings much needed attention to the future of the Reserve and addresses the issues that we've heard. The vision and approach that we have taken has been driven by feedback from our community and captured through our engagement activities to date. Through the projects and actions identified for the Reserve, we have endeavoured to capture the needs, as well as the spirit and imagination of our diverse users, both current and future.

A final LMP will outline a staged implementation plan with required investment and key success measures over this period ensuring the vision for the Reserve is realised.

As an independent body, free of sectional interests, the Trust has listened carefully to all its stakeholders, sought expert advice where needed, and weighed up evidence to develop a plan that is designed to serve the community both now and into the future. The Trust is eager to engage and partner with all levels of Government, the Melbourne Racing Club (MRC) and the broader racing community, sporting, cultural, tourism, business and event bodies, and importantly the wider community to help us deliver on this inspiring and inclusive vision for the precinct. We also encourage existing partners to continue to collaborate to help us bring this unique space to life.

We are now inviting everyone to view the plan and provide their feedback, as well as seeking Expressions of Interest from potential partners who can help us shape and deliver future outcomes for the Reserve. Through this process, we look forward to building on existing partnerships and forging new ones ensuring alignment of expectations and the ability to deliver.

It's now your opportunity to be part of this iconic, once-in-a-lifetime transformation and help us deliver and realise this vision for the Reserve.

This draft LMP is open for community consultation until Friday, 14th August 2020. Please visit www.crrt.org.au/draftlmp for more information on how you can be involved.

One precinct. One vision.



Sam Almaliki
Chairperson



Executive summary

The Caulfield Racecourse Reserve Land Management Plan articulates a vision that is consistent with the core purposes of the Reserve and ambitious in its aspirations to create a vibrant and accessible public place to serve a diverse community.

In 2018 the Caulfield Racecourse Reserve Trust was established by the State Government of Victoria to oversee the planning, development, management, care, promotion and use of the Reserve for racing, recreation and as a public park.

This LMP has been prepared by the Trust in order to meet its statutory obligations under *The Caulfield Racecourse Reserve Act 2017*. It provides guidance for the next 15 years, with the relocation of horse training as a significant change point, and has an appreciation that the benefits delivered to the community will be long-term.

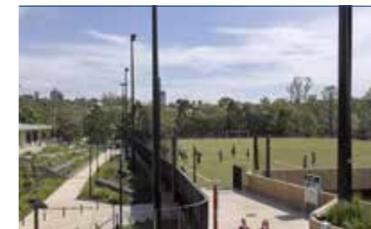
Over the course of the next 15 years, the Reserve will undergo significant changes which are underpinned by renewed license and lease agreements with the Melbourne Racing Club (MRC), and the relocation of horse training by 2023. An area of 23Ha will become available for expanded public use. This will include unrestricted access to land located at the periphery of the Reserve as well as increased access to the centre Reserve area.

In addition to these changes, significant government investment in the public transport network, the success of the Monash University Caulfield campus and projected residential and employment growth within the Caulfield and Glen Huntly activity centres, create a context for the Reserve to be reshaped expanding its role as a highly-valued public open space within south-eastern Melbourne.

The preparation of the draft LMP is Stage 4 of the LMP process outlined in the Information Pack released by the Trust in May 2019. Following a consultation process the final Land Management Plan will be prepared for release in September 2020.

What does success look like?

Central to the LMP is the vision established by the Trust to create ‘a place for everyone.’ Through the aspirations outlined within the LMP, the Reserve will be transformed over time to improve the amenity and accessibility across the Reserve.



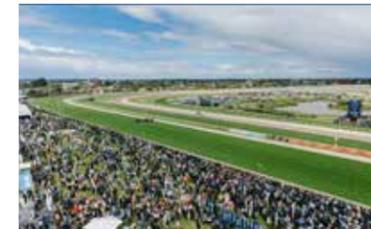
Diverse uses, diverse events

Success for the Caulfield Racecourse Reserve will be evidenced by its ability to attract people to visit throughout the year for a range of exciting and stimulating cultural or sporting events, while continuing to provide a place for quiet and informal recreation within the landscapes and gardens, walking paths and wetlands.



Community places and destinations

The Caulfield Racecourse Reserve will demonstrate how improvements and additions to both landscape and recreational amenities will provide places for community connection for a wide range of people of all ages and all abilities, within local and regional, existing and emerging communities.



Preserving and enhancing the racing and event experience

Success will be measured by the Reserve’s ability to not only continue to offer world-class racing events but to create a place that enhances the racing experience, including the quality of access to the Reserve and renewed and improved event spaces for racegoers.



Sustainable, resilient and innovative

The Reserve’s success will be underpinned by financial and environmental sustainability, setting a framework for long-term outcomes. Adaptable and resilient, the Reserve will evolve with emerging trends and contexts to continually cater to the changing needs of the community and the environment.



Successful partnerships delivering shared benefits

The LMP aims to facilitate successful partnerships to deliver project outcomes on the Reserve which yield the maximum benefits to the local and regional community. Projects will align with the vision and principles of the LMP.



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Strategic opportunities

Expanding on historic use of the site for racing, there are a number of potentially transformative project opportunities for the Reserve. These opportunities will be delivered through partnerships that create innovative solutions and ensure wide benefits for stakeholders and the community. The strategic opportunities address identified needs, current challenges and aspirations for the Reserve to become a local and regional destination for many people.

The key strategic themes of the LMP are:



Access and Movement

Improve existing access points into the Reserve and create new ones; create a movement network throughout the Reserve that is integrated with its context, safe and accessible.



Open Space and Recreation

Provide new spaces and amenities for organised and informal or social recreation, including playing surfaces, outdoor and indoor courts, walking paths and picnic areas.



Landscape, Environment and Sustainability

Improve the landscape amenity throughout the Reserve to create places for people to connect with nature to enjoy increased biodiversity values and climate resilient landscapes and facilities.



Culture, Community and Events

Preserve and celebrate the historic use of the Reserve for racing while creating new event spaces to support community, cultural or sporting events or festivals.



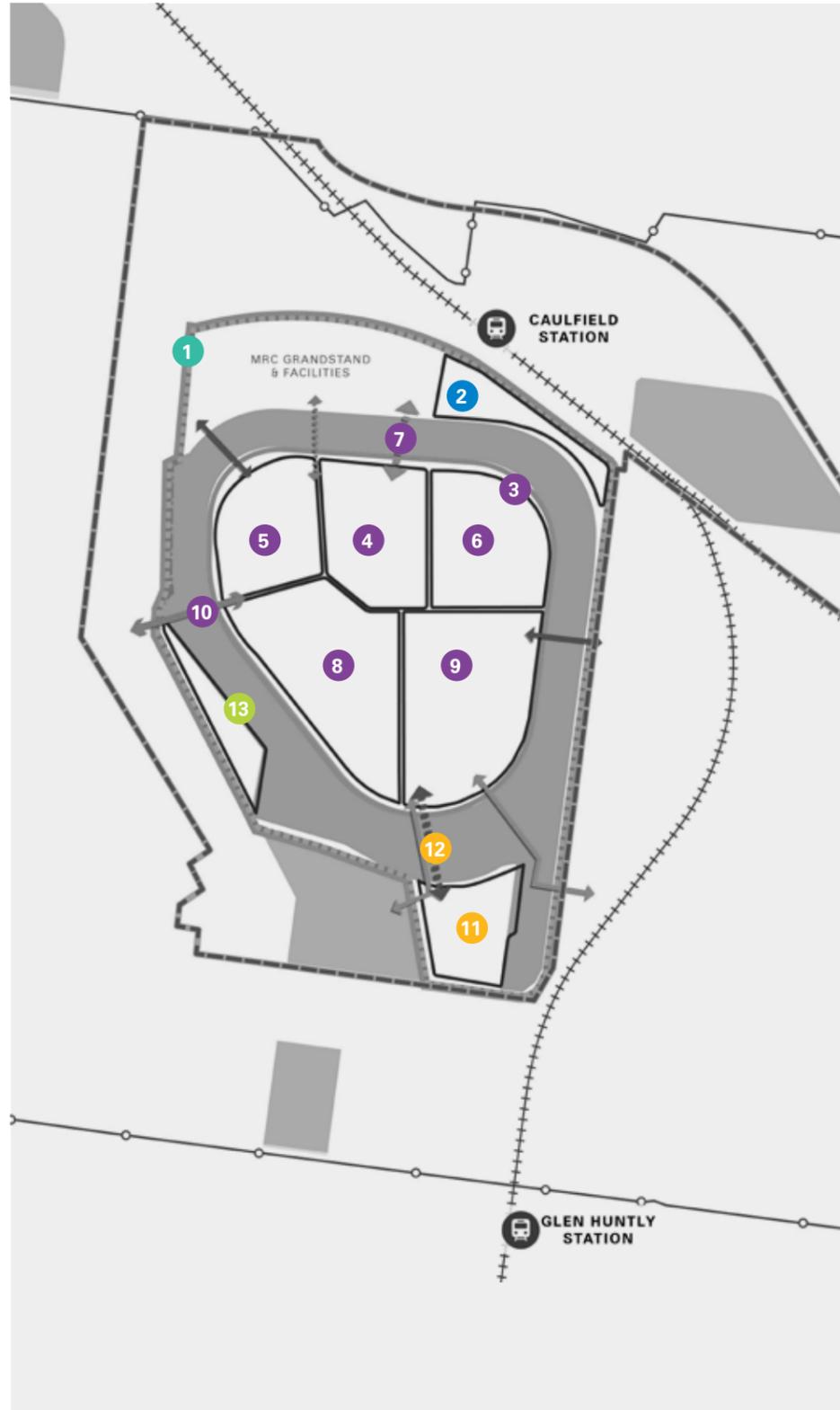
The Digital Experience

Create the opportunity for integrated digital experience of the Reserve through wifi enabled spaces and digital communication and engagement platform.



Management

Foster partnerships with shared goals to realise the Reserve vision; seek innovative solutions to deliver diverse community benefits.



- Outer Reserve**
- 1 Perimeter Trail, fencing and landscaping
- North Reserve**
- 2 Northern Carpark and Multipurpose Building
- Centre Reserve**
- 3 The Reserve Wetlands
- 4 Sports Hub A
- 5 Sports Hub B
- 6 Eastern Events Space
- 7 Western Event Space
- 8 Internal Walking / Cycling Track
- 9 Guineas to Glen Eira Walk
- 10 Glen Eira Tunnel
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- 11 Neerim Stables Community Hub
- 12 Neerim Tunnel
- West Reserve**
- 13 Wedge Park

Precincts, key projects and initiatives

The intent of the LMP is to describe the range and scope of projects to deliver over time on the Reserve. Partnerships will be core to the delivery of these elements in order to define funding objectives and ensure outcomes meet the specific needs of community groups.

The LMP outlines seven precincts which contain a range of project elements grouped together to create distinct areas within the Reserve. A complete precinct will include the delivery of a range of project elements such as sporting fields, pavilions or structures, landscaping, wayfinding and water management.

Final project and precinct configuration can be refined as partnerships are negotiated and finalised, and funding becomes available. Individual projects, such as the upgrade of access points could be delivered independently reflecting needs and priorities as they arise.

Next steps

This draft LMP identifies the proposed direction for the Reserve in order for it to be transformed into a community driven destination for the future and truly become 'a place for everyone'. Submissions and feedback received during the consultation will be analysed and used to inform the final Land Management Plan.

Once the plan is approved by the Minister for Energy, Environment and Climate Change, it will be publicly released, and will detail projects and initiatives to be delivered over the next fifteen years. The final plan is due for release in September 2020.

Introduction





The Caulfield Racecourse Reserve Land Management Plan articulates a new vision for the Reserve, one that is consistent with the core purposes whilst ambitious in its aspirations to create a vibrant and accessible public space, serving a diverse local and regional community.

1.1 Project context



Above: Existing parking and toilets, centre Reserve area.
Below: View across racetrack to MRC grandstand and facilities.

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The LMP articulates a new vision for the Reserve, one that is both consistent with the core purposes but also ambitious in its aspirations to create a vibrant and accessible public space serving a diverse local and regional community.

Over the next 15 years the Reserve will undergo significant changes. Underpinned by renewed license and lease agreements with the MRC and the relocation of horse training by 2023, 23Ha will become available for expanded public use. This will include unrestricted access to land located at the periphery of the Reserve, as well as increased access to centre Reserve areas. Access to the racecourse tracks will remain restricted when the Reserve is used for racing. With these changes, the Reserve has an opportunity to integrate sensitively with its surrounding context while leveraging its potential as a regional open space destination.

The Act

The Caulfield Racecourse Reserve Trust was established in August 2017, under its own act of Parliament, being *The Caulfield Racecourse Reserve Act 2017*.

The Act specifies the functions and powers of the Trust as:

- a. To be responsible for the planning, development, management, operation, care, promotion and use of the Reserve for the purposes of racing, recreation and a public park;
- b. To undertake proper financial management of the Reserve;
- c. To accept appointment and act as a committee of management of the Crown Land under the Crown Land (Reserves) Act 1978;
- d. To perform any other function conferred on or given to the Trust by or under this Act or any other Act.

1.2 Land Management Plan vision and principles

Vision: The Caulfield Racecourse Reserve is the centre of community life. It is a community and events destination of state significance. It is also one of the premier thoroughbred racing venues in Australia. It is an accessible, vibrant, flexible and inclusive space within the broader Caulfield precinct. Welcome to the Caulfield Racecourse Reserve – a place for everyone.”

The Trust has established a Vision for the Reserve along with the following guiding principles:

Accessible and Inclusive

- Safe and attractive entry points encouraging access into and through the Reserve.
- Easy to get to for all ages and abilities.
- Clear and easy to find information on hours of access, directions and events.

Vibrant and Flexible

- Attractive spaces offering a range of experiences including arrival spaces linking people, landscape and amenities.
- All places within the Reserve will promote social interaction and the ability for multiple uses to take place at any one time.

Innovative and Sustainable

- Creating a climate resilient public Reserve.
- Leveraging opportunity to deliver public benefits.

Drawing upon these principles, the Land Management Plan will:

- Ensure the Reserve is an accessible, vibrant, flexible and inclusive place.
- Ensure the plan caters for a wide range of groups and events.
- Provide equitable access for people of all ages, abilities, and background.
- Be based on research and evidence, through a transparent process.
- Be fully integrated into the vision for the Caulfield Station Precinct.
- Best practice for the planning and development of public land.
- Incorporate environmental sustainability initiatives.
- Be deliverable within a 15-year time frame.
- Set up the Trust in a sustainable model.

1.3 What does success look like?



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1.4 The purpose of the Land Management Plan

The purpose of the LMP is to articulate the vision for the future use and development of the Reserve and provide guidance to the Trust on planning, development and management of the Reserve. The LMP reflects on racing as the historical and foundational function of the Reserve as well as its importance to the Victorian economy. The LMP builds on the previous work undertaken by the Trust, including the Issues and Opportunities Paper February 2020 and technical background reports.

Specifically, the LMP describes ways in which a range of community benefits might be realised through innovative partnerships and project opportunities. It maps out where these new places and facilities could be located, to ensure the whole Reserve is increasingly activated through appropriately scaled, high-quality built and open space outcomes.

The final LMP outlines the feasibility, potential costing and funding options for the projects and initiatives identified.

1.5 Methodology

The Trust has actively sought to engage with the broader community and key stakeholders to identify the issues and opportunities, as they relate to the Reserve, through public workshops, online surveys, face-to-face meetings and submissions.

The Land Management Plan has been developed from the following methodology:

Review the Issues and Opportunities Paper, issued February 2020

Review background documents including technical reports, local and state strategic policies, and relevant documents from the VPA, the Trust and MRC

Understand emerging demographics and evolving role of open space in a post-COVID19 context

Undertake local and regional site context mapping analysis

Identify key initiatives for the Reserve which align with the established Vision

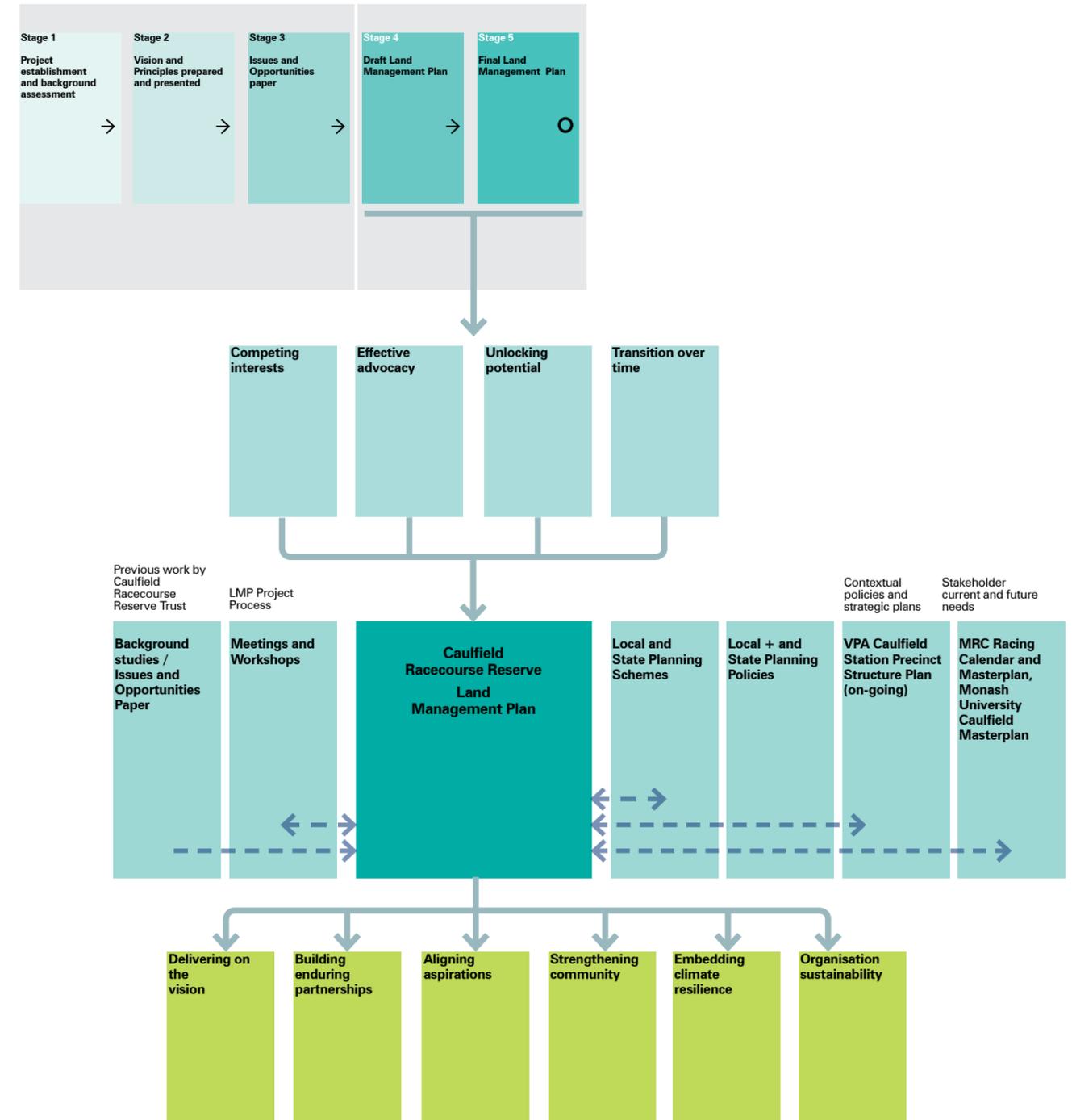
Establish an assessment criteria for all options

Work with the Trust to develop the Draft LMP

Prepare a draft for stakeholder engagement

Synthesize stakeholder feedback

Prepare the final LMP



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2.1 Caulfield Racecourse Reserve

Overview

The Caulfield Racecourse Reserve is a 54-hectare area of Crown Land located south of Caulfield Station. Established in 1859 as a public Reserve, it has evolved primarily to address the needs of racing, as well as being a place for recreation and a public park.

The Reserve includes:

- Racetrack proper and associated training and access tracks.
- Centre Reserve including a southern lake and northern lake and wetland.
- Northern precinct including the grandstand and car parking areas.
- A western area located south-west of the Reserve on the outside of the race track, currently used for horse training.
- Neerim Stables area located to the south and fronting Neerim Road, currently used for horse training.

Much of the built form and landscape assets have been established to serve needs associated with racing, including the grandstand, smaller pavilions and lakes. Around the northern lake and wetland, paths, a boardwalk, car parking and picnic shelter serve a range of users for informal and social recreation.

Although the Reserve is a significant public asset, historically, access to the Reserve has been challenging as a result of racing related activities, or the perception of the access being unsafe, difficult or uninviting.

The enactment of the legislation commenced the fundamental changes to the governance and lease of the Reserve, including the relocation of horse training from 2023 and the renewed MRC licence and lease agreements which influence the accessibility to the Reserve – consequently increasing hours and days of access and increasing areas available to the public. The use of the Reserve as one of Australia’s pre-eminent race courses will continue, with opportunity for enhancement of the racing experience through initiatives identified in the LMP.

2.2 Reserve context

Regional context

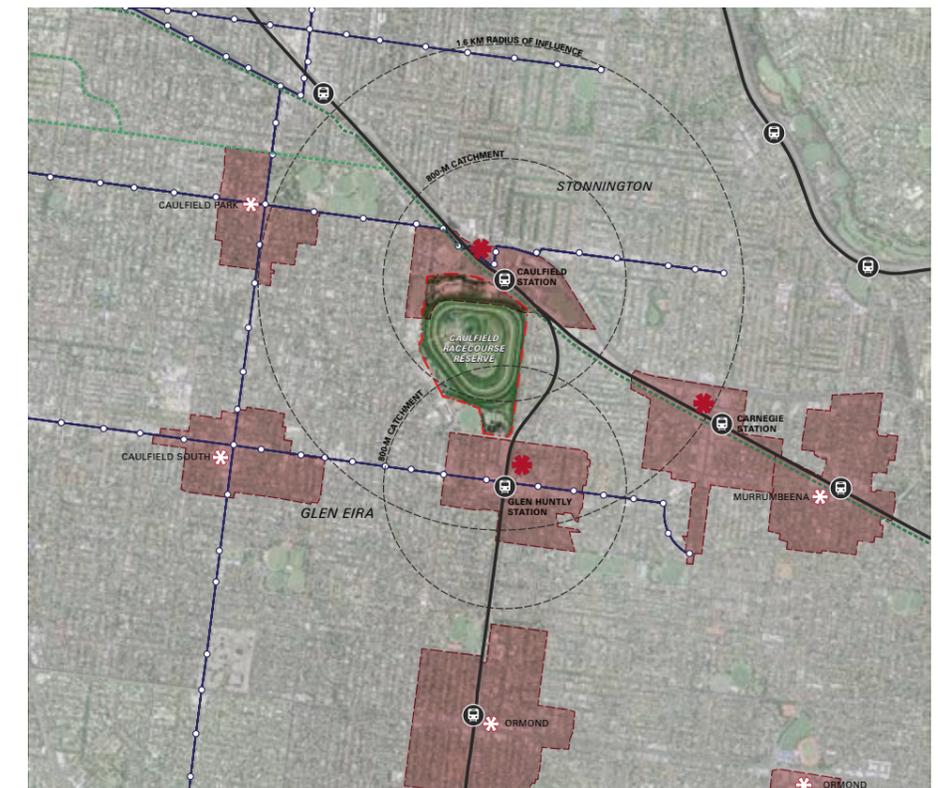
The Caulfield Racecourse Reserve is a regionally significant major events and recreation open space within the City of Glen Eira.

It is located adjacent to the southern boundary of City of Stonnington and is approximately 10km south-east of Melbourne CBD. It is well serviced by the existing road network and located south of the Caulfield Station, a strategic transport hub in Melbourne’s South East. As part of the planned Melbourne Metro works, the Caulfield Station will be upgraded, and an overall increase in capacity of the train line highlights the strategic location of the Reserve with respect to its future improved connectivity to greater Melbourne.

The Caulfield Racecourse Reserve is associated with a long history of racing and is a destination for race events of state, national and international significance. While horse training will relocate, racing days and racing carnivals will remain key events on the Reserve calendar.

Right: Regional context plan.

-  Boundary
-  Station Precinct Boundary
-  Metro Network
-  Tram Network
-  Cycle Network(Rail Corridor)
-  Cycle Network
-  Major Activity Centre
-  Neighbourhood Activity Centre
-  Activity Centre Area
-  Local Government



Planning and policy context

Caulfield is identified in Plan Melbourne as a Major Activity Centre incorporating the state-significant Monash University Education Precinct. Future employment growth is anticipated to support the key education role, along with ancillary services, retail, commercial and accommodation.

The Reserve forms a significant part of the Caulfield Station Precinct. As part of the process for developing the Precinct Structure Plan, the Victorian Planning Authority (VPA) have conducted community and stakeholder consultation identifying lack of access to the Reserve as the key issue for the precinct. Local policy also identifies the need to improve access to the Reserve in order to meet both existing and future demands for open space.

Local context

The Caulfield Racecourse Reserve is located between two of Glen Eira’s major activity centres, Caulfield Station Activity Centre to the north and Glen Huntly Activity Centre to the south. While the Reserve is currently strongly associated with the Caulfield Station precinct, once the horse training is relocated in 2023, there is a significant opportunity to improve open space access and amenity for all residents, workers, students and community groups of both activity centres, as well supporting safe and convenient pedestrian and cyclist movement between the two.

To the north of the Reserve is the Caulfield Village development, currently under construction. When complete, this will deliver over 2000 dwellings along with retail and commercial spaces. To the west of the Reserve is the MRC freehold land which, once horse training is relocated, will be redeveloped for residential use. Combined, both developments are likely to bring over 4000 additional residents into the Reserve’s immediate context.

Within the Caulfield Activity Centre, the upgrade of the Caulfield Station is likely to improve pedestrian and cyclist access, not only from the station to the Reserve, but improving its connectivity to other key destinations including Monash University, shops and other public transport network services. Monash University is a key stakeholder within the precinct; staff and students regularly access to the Reserve, both formally and informally, for uses such as car parking, space during exam periods and recreation such as jogging.

Right: Local context plan.

- Legend:
-  Caulfield Station Precinct
 -  Caulfield Racecourse Reserve
 -  Local Government
 -  Open space
 -  Metro network
 -  Tram network
 -  Bus network





Above: Booran Reserve, Glen Huntly.
Below: Glen Huntly park,

To the south-east of the Reserve are Glen Huntly Park, an active recreation space including a playing fields and tennis club, and Glen Eira College. To the east of the Reserve is a residential area extending to Carnegie which is divided by the Frankston train line running north-south. Currently, a single pedestrian underpass links to two areas either side of the train line. It is possible additional pedestrian (and cyclist) east-west connections will be constructed as the line is upgraded as part of the Melbourne Metro project, consolidating the eastern pedestrian and cyclist catchment area.

Extending north-south along the Reserve's eastern boundary, Queens Avenue provides a logical primary cycle link between Glen Huntly and Caulfield Station. The recently constructed Djerring Trail along the Pakenham line currently ends in East Caulfield Reserve.

An opportunity for the Reserve is the development and use of the Neerim Stables site, leveraging its proximity to the Glen Huntly Activity Centre through appropriate uses and intensity of use. Neerim Stables site has potential to provide a broad range of community uses that complement the existing open space network, including Glen Huntly Park and Booran Road Reserve. Creating an activated frontage along Neerim Road will encourage access to and use of this area and create sightlines into the Reserve.

Historic context

While the Reserve was formally established in 1879, racing had been taking place on the land for several decades prior. Prior to use as a racecourse, the land was a swamp area.

The Caulfield Racecourse Reserve as a whole has social, aesthetic and architectural significance for the State of Victoria. While there are some individual buildings of significance, the use of the Reserve is the most significant element. Historically, the Reserve has contributed to the history of the development of racing in Victoria and Australia, and has been the location, for more than 150 years for important racing events and carnivals.

The centre Reserve area has historically been referred to as 'The Flat' (in use from 1876). The northern lake (constructed in 1900-1905) is important historical features which continue to be the focus of public access today.

Celebrate the historic use of the Reserve is considered an important part of the LMP in order to create opportunities for users to engage with the history of the place. Traditionally, this has included access to the track for activities such as jogging and walking. The LMP seeks to find a balance between maintaining this tradition and preserving the safety required by the racing community.



Above: Caulfield racetrack.
Below: Northern lake.

Biodiversity and landscape quality

A predominantly grassed space, the central Reserve area includes two lakes with associated vegetation. The northern lake and wetland includes a small boardwalk, children's play area and shelter structure, a public toilet building, car park, paths and a fenced grassed area. Whilst both lakes have some degree of biodiversity value, the northern lake and wetlands is the only lake currently accessible to the public. The quality of the landscape elements within this area of the Reserve require improvement to meet contemporary landscape needs and expectations.

The lakes provide water for irrigation of the Reserve and tracks, and also support indigenous wetland plants and water birds. A number of Coast Manna Gums (*Eucalyptus viminalis* subsp. *pyroriana*) are located outside the central Reserve, within the Neerim Road Stables site. These specimens are representative of the 'Heathy Woodland' Environmental Vegetation Class which characterised the area prior to European settlement - a 'rather dense, shrubby or heathy understorey, on low rises with sand and gravel'. On the basis of the lakes and the Manna Gums, the Reserve is noted as a biodiversity 'hotspot' within the City of Glen Eira's Biodiversity Strategy although the trees are most likely not remnant trees. A small number of trees are located within the Reserve to the north east of the Glen Huntly Tennis Club.

Landscape amenity and biodiversity value is generally low across most of the Reserve.

2.3 Current status of the Reserve



Above: Guineas tunnel, pedestrian/cyclist only.
Below: Entrance to Glen Eira tunnel, vehicle, pedestrian and cyclist access.

The Reserve is comprised of the following areas:

- Racetrack proper and associated training and access tracks.
- Centre Reserve including two lakes
- Northern precinct including the grandstand and car parking areas.
- A triangular area of land located to the south east of the Reserve, currently used for horse training, referred to in the LMP as the Wedge Park.
- Neerim Stables area located to the south and fronting Neerim Road.
- Access into the Reserve is either walking across the racetrack or through a tunnel below the track (pedestrian, cyclist or vehicular).

Existing public access locations and hours:

Type of access	Gate	Hours
Pedestrian and cyclist	Guineas tunnel entrance (direct access to Reserve centre)	9.30am to sunset every day, apart from race days and major events
Pedestrian only	Queens Avenue entrance (main racetrack access only)	Sunrise-sunset every day, apart from race days, major events and before 9.30am when the main track is used for training
Pedestrian only	Neerim Road Entrance (main racetrack access only)	9.45am to 1.30pm and 4pm to sunset every day, apart from race days and major event days
Pedestrian, cyclist and vehicles	Glen Eira Road tunnel entrance (direct access to Reserve centre)*	9.45am to sunset every day, apart from race days and major events

*Tunnel access is currently reliant on access across the MRC freehold land and the acquisition or transfer needs to be resolved through the Caulfield Station Precinct Structure Plan being facilitated by the VPA.

Racing/ training tracks/ training facilities

Much of the built form and landscape assets have been established to serve needs associated with racing, including the grandstand, smaller pavilions, lakes, racetracks and training tracks. Horse training currently accesses the Reserve each day constraining the hours the Reserve is publicly accessible.

On race days, MRC have historically had exclusive use of the Reserve including access to areas of the centre Reserve for car parking. The current number of race days is approximately 23 per annum. The possibility of expanding the racing calendar with night events is under consideration. Under this scenario the number of race days could increase to around 45 days per annum.

Right: Current status of Reserve including access and uses.

- Legend:
- Caulfield Racecourse Reserve
 - Local Government
 - Metro network
 - Tram network
 - Bus network
 - Open space
 - Activity centre
 - Race track
 - MOVEMENT
 - Existing
 - Road network (vehicular, pedestrian and informal cyclist)
 - Vehicular with cycle lane (on road)
 - Shared trail (off road)
 - Pedestrian/cyclist underpass
 - Proposed
 - Potential shared trail extension
 - RESERVE ACCESS
 - Vehicular/cyclist/pedestrian tunnel
 - Pedestrian/cyclist tunnel
 - Pedestrian access (across track)
 - Pedestrian tunnel - MRC access only
 - Use
 - Parking
 - Outdoor gym
 - Picnic Area
 - Fishing
 - Walking and passive recreation





Above: Caulfield Racecourse Reserve MRC Grandstand.
Below: Northern lake and wetland with existing screen and pavilion, centre Reserve area.

Grandstand/ northern precinct

The northern precinct is dominated by the grandstand structure, several small buildings and facilities and on-grade car parking to the north east. The northern entry to the Guineas Tunnel is located in the Northern Precinct adjacent to the car park. Public access through the tunnel is restricted as described above. The tunnel entrance is often concealed behind event infrastructure, impeding sight lines and reducing the sense of public access. During set up for major events this access is also often impacted.

Centre Reserve

The centre Reserve includes large open spaces, walking paths, boardwalk around the lake picnic areas and car parking accessed via Glen Eira tunnel.

In addition, there are a number of smaller buildings and structures used by the MRC during race days or training. A large digital screen is located opposite the grandstand behind a small pavilion which is used on race days as an entrance to the members-only area. Within this pavilion is the southern access to a members-only tunnel connecting to the grandstand member area. On race days the Centre Reserve is also used for parking and hosting associated event activities.

The lakes provide water for irrigation of the Reserve and tracks, and also support indigenous wetland plants and water birds which are to be found in higher numbers here than in any other part of Glen Eira.

Wedge Park and Neerim Stables

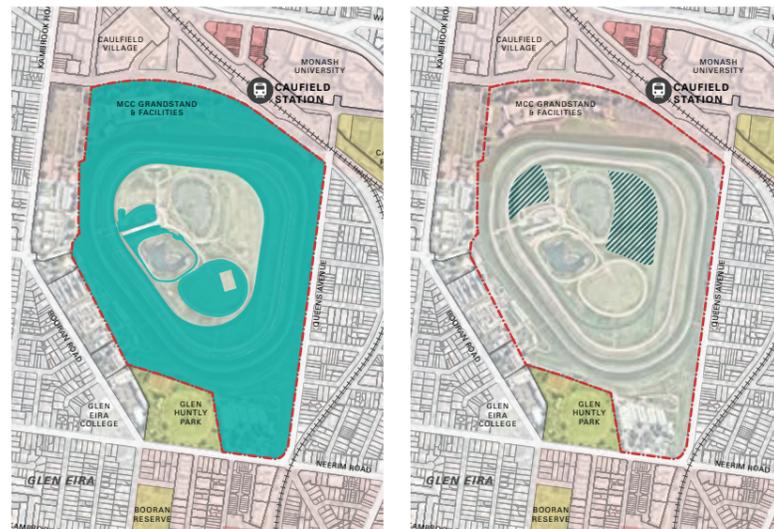
The Wedge Park and Neerim Stables areas will become publically accessible parts of the Reserve following the relocation of horse training. As these areas are outside the course proper, public access to these spaces will be unconstrained by race day activities. Both sites currently contain a number of structures and spaces that support horse training activities. The Neerim Stables site has a number of established Coast Manna Gums (*Eucalyptus viminalis* subsp. *pryoriana*).



2.4 MRC lease and license

Stage 1: current agreement

Lease and license arrangements with Melbourne Racing Club (MRC) grant the racing body with access to the racecourse, grandstand, gaming facilities, and the Guineas Car Park, allowing a range of uses pursuant to the established activities of the Club. The license area is located within the centre of the Reserve. Stage 1 allows access to parking on non-race days within the licensed area and use of all of the licensed area for race days (up to 12 non-race event days each year), plus Monash University exam days.



Left: MRC Lease including training.
Right: MRC License for car parking / event infrastructure.

Stage 2: after relocation of horse training (2023)

This is expected to occur within the next three years (by 2023). During Stage 2 of the lease, all previously permitted uses will continue to be permitted, with the exception of horse training. The lease footprint is subject to change, dependent on the final design of a second racing track and additional maintenance/operational facilities. The license area use for Stage 2 is unchanged from Stage 1 (500 parking bays daily and 1,250 bays for up to 12 days per annum plus Monash University exam days). However, the license area itself will shift for Stage 2 so that patron parking is consolidated along the northern boundary and in the north-western corner of the centre of the Reserve.

Right: Plan of Stage Two of the MRC lease and license areas once training is relocated.

- Legend:
- Caulfield Racecourse Reserve
 - Open Space
 - Activity centre
- Lease & licences (Stage 2)*
- MRC Leasehold area
 - Licence area



2.5 MRC access and use of the Reserve



Reserve events
 Above: Outdoor cinema screening.
 Middle: Horse racing events.
 Below: Family fun days.

A core purpose of the Reserve is for racing events. Caulfield Racecourse is highly regarded as an important international racing venue. The LMP recognises the value of this activity and identifies opportunities to enhance the experience of race days and carnivals through improvements and upgrades to facilities and access onto the Reserve.

Racing as an event

- The Track: the quality and condition of the track is critical for both horse and rider safety. Outside race events access is required for maintenance such as mowing and irrigation.
- Spectators / participants: race events attract members of the racing community as well as members of the public.
- Corporate: The MRC events and spaces are frequently used for corporate hospitality and member activities.

In addition to racing, a number of other events or uses occur within MRC areas and facilities:

- University exams.
- Weddings.
- Corporate events and private functions.
- Community events.
- Santa Kingdom and theatre nights.

In the future, additional community groups could benefit from increased access to the MRC facilities in their current form or following upgrades and redevelopment. Further investigation is required and should inform the design and redevelopment process. Future outcomes may directly benefit the MRC in the form of income with funding arrangements, while also benefiting the community through increased access to and use of the crown land.

Exclusive use of areas for events and facilities

The Trust will be utilising leases, licences and event declarations for parts of the Reserve for specific time periods and extents, to enable these activities to be pursued in a safe, timely and equitable manner. The Trust will be seeking to minimise the impacts that these events have on the broader enjoyment of the Reserve, whilst maximising the potential participation and success of these activities. For each additional half Saturday retained as open, it is forecast that over 1,000 people are expected to utilise the Reserve and its playing fields.

It is foreseeable that a race day event declaration, or any event declaration, could be for part of a day and/or for only part of the Reserve, where it is safe and practical to do so from an operational and logistical perspective, and to enable this use to be conducted safely with the appropriate amenity.

Future leases and licences will seek to maximise the community benefit and public access while ensuring a sustainable business model is in place.

Right: The Caulfield Cup is an internationally recognised racing event.





2.6 MRC freehold land

Current status and future use

- Currently used for horse training and car parking.
- Relocation of horse training 2023 from the Crown Land area.
- Planned residential development including some areas for community use, such as the proposed heritage area along Booran Road.

Preferred outcomes for the LMP

The proposed redevelopment of the MRC freehold land has the potential to be a positive addition to the Caulfield Station Precinct and Reserve, creating a place for a new community, contributing to the vibrancy of the activity centre as well as renewed and expanded local amenity. The proposed design should reflect the importance of the Reserve by advocating for the preservation of its valued characteristics as a regional and community asset. Specific outcomes include:

- Provision of an open, transparent link to Wedge Park through or near the heritage area.
- Shared path around the Reserve to be located on the MRC freehold land.
- Provision of a road (one way, or paper road) between the proposed development and the Reserve for public access.
- Transfer of land for road access to Glen Eira tunnel to council.
- Inclusion of community and/or retail spaces on ground floors of any proposed building, to activate frontages.
- Preservation of view corridors into Reserve from adjoining local streets.
- No overshadowing of the public realm or racecourse.
- The design, materials and form not to dominate the open feel of the Reserve.
- Minimise the impacts of wind tunnelling and turbulent effects on the Reserve and its users.

Background analysis

3

The strategic priorities for the Land Management Plan are to address access and activation of the Reserve. Improving the quality and location of access points as well as creating new destinations and places to spend time in is critical for the Reserve's future success.



3.1 What we found



Above: The Reserve currently provides space for informal and social recreation.
Below: The northern lake and wetland is enjoyed for its environmental values.

Overview

- There is an existing and growing demand for open space, both locally and regionally and therefore a need for the Reserve to become a more activated and accessible public space.
- There is a shortfall of open space in the region and a shortfall in the provision of sporting infrastructure for established and emerging sports.
- Due to the size, orientation and current use of the Reserve, there is capacity to accommodate a number of uses and facilities, including space for both social or informal recreation and organised recreation such as sport.
- There is an opportunity to expand the Reserve’s current role as an event destination.
- By increasing the range of facilities and amenities on the Reserve a greater number and more diverse group of people are likely to access the Reserve.
- The Reserve has a number of preconditions, such as biodiversity and its function as water catchment and storage; there is an opportunity to improve these characteristics and functions.
- The Reserve is well serviced by public transport, being located midway between Caulfield Station and Glen Huntly Station, with excellent access to trams and buses.
- The Reserve functions as a key destination with many reliant on travelling by car. Traffic management and parking will remain important to the function of the Reserve as a destination.
- The Reserve will retain its historical and function for racing, with the expected relocation from the Reserve of horse racing in 2023.

3.2 Issues and Opportunities Paper



The Issues and Opportunities Paper identified priorities and key themes as well as potential projects or transformations of the Reserve which would benefit the community over time.

The two strategic priorities identified were **access** and **activation**. Many of the projects or opportunities directly related to these issues, which included upgrading or creating new paths and access points, as well as introducing a range of new activities in to the Reserve. Biodiversity and environmental issues were also outlined, recognizing the existing value that the Reserve has in its current status, such as the northern lake and wetland.

Importantly, the Issues and Opportunity Paper explored the possibility that night time activity may be appropriate for the Reserve, including racing, thereby extending its hours of use and meeting the increasing demands for open space to support recreation and events.

Other uses identified by the community and stakeholders of the Reserve include playgrounds, community garden, passive open space, and informal recreation areas such as walking paths. These suggestions were adopted by the Trust as representing what was known and perceived by the community. No weight or decision was placed on any element. The LMP considers the input received to date from consultation, the Issues and Opportunities Paper and background studies.

Key themes

- [1 Environment](#)
- [2 Access and movement](#)
- [3 Culture, community, events](#)
- [4 Open space and recreation](#)
- [5 Management](#)

3.3 Background reports

Environment

Biodiversity: Opportunity to improve ecological and biodiversity value of Reserve as a valued passive open space in Glen Eira. The lakes and wetland contain some indigenous species considered locally significant.

Drainage: The catchment for the Reserve is limited to the Reserve and is not naturally supplied from the surrounding area. The southern lake could be demolished without compromising the irrigation supply; new landscaping works should prioritise increasing water catchment and retention on-site.

Access and movement

Parking and Transport: There is a need to provide parking on the Reserve for visitors whether attending events or visiting the park for recreation purposes. Car parking should be located to improve access for users whilst minimizing the impact on open space and public use.

Municipal cycling policy: A cycle route between Glen Huntly Station and Caulfield Station identified as a missing link.

Culture, community and events

Heritage: The majority of the Reserve is not constrained by heritage controls, although opportunities exist for retaining, re-purposing and reuse of existing site buildings and features, as well as creating placemaking opportunities. The use of the Reserve, for racing as a public park and recreation, is the most significant element rather than the Reserve buildings or structures.

MRC freehold land: significant redevelopment of this land including a residential areas and a proposed heritage precinct for community use.

Open space and recreation

Sport and Recreation: Current and future demand for indoor and outdoor sports were assessed in the context of the emerging demographic and balanced against the need to maximise active recreation opportunities with passive recreation and places to host events and social recreation.

Examples of sports with a significant shortfall in access to infrastructure include: hockey, soccer, football, cricket, basketball, netball, gymnastics and fencing.

Municipal Open Space Policies: Open spaces need to be climate resilient, enhance biodiversity values, and be safe and accessible. There is a demonstrated demand for open space within walkable distance within Caulfield. The Reserve meets some of this need and also serves a broader function as a regional open space, specifically the middle area of the Reserve is used as a flexible open space for informal use.

Management

Caulfield Station Precinct: Strong advocacy role for the Trust is ensuring planning policy and schemes best support the Reserves ongoing and future uses.

Monash University: Opportunity to reinforce pedestrian connectivity between Reserve and campus. Increased demand on open space and recreation from increasing student and staff numbers.

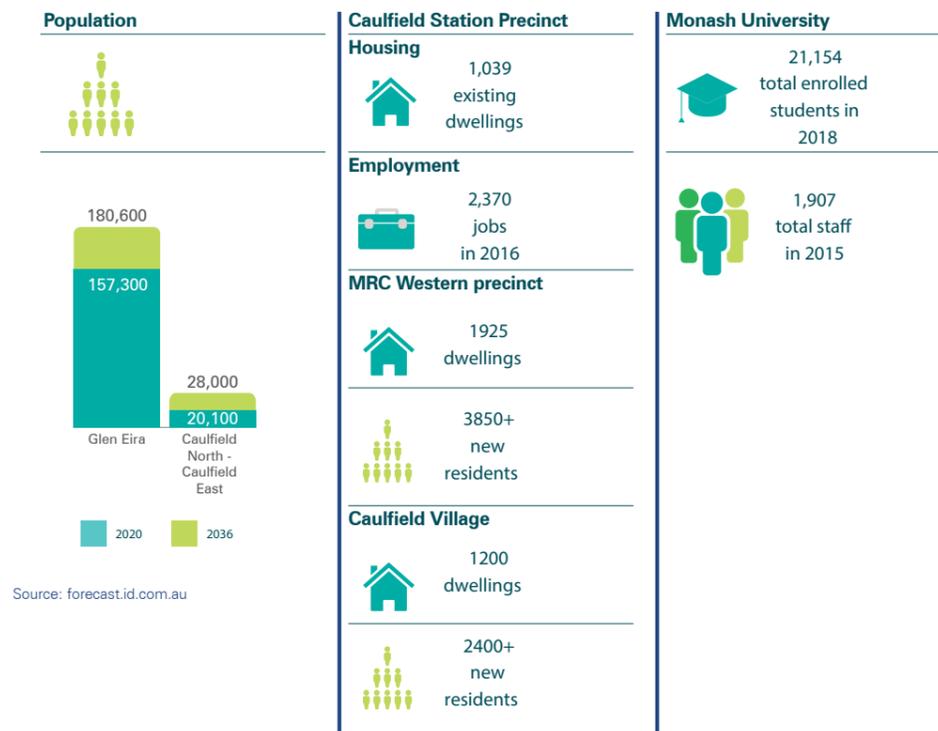
3.4 Demographics

Demographics

Over the next two decades and beyond, the neighbourhood and local and regional populations will look to the Reserve to meet growing needs for access to open space. In addition to increased demand for both passive and active spaces from Glen Eira and Stonnington residents, there will be demand from the expanding student and staff numbers at Monash University and the expected growth in employment focused on Caulfield Station Precinct and the Glen Huntly Activity Centre.

Supporting its regional role, the Reserve will become increasingly accessible with upgrades to both transit infrastructure and active transport networks.

Within its immediate context, total residential growth from the Caulfield Village and MRC developments will create a significant new community within walking distance of Reserve. Residents of higher density housing typologies will look to public parks and reserves to meet their open space needs.



3.5 Emerging trends

A number of emerging trends are worth highlighting for their relevance to the expanding role of the Caulfield Racecourse Reserve LMP.

The expanding role of open space

Located to the north, Monash University, a key stakeholder, anchors the Education Precinct. Within Monash University evolving typologies of educational spaces promote collaborative learning. Wifi-enabled outdoor spaces expand traditional teaching formats, highlighting the campus and campus context as potential teaching spaces. The Reserve has the opportunity to respond to this trend, recognising that open spaces can support more than recreational or social activities but also teaching, learning and research. By extension, this applies to other levels of education, as well as people who might be working from home.

Equitable access to sport

The demand for sporting fields and facilities specifically for women's and girls' sports, such as cricket and AFL, has also increased. This affects both women's and girls' grades with demands set to continue growing. A key opportunity for the LMP is to address this at the outset of a project, ensuring all aspects of plan and design support women's and girl's sport and ensuring equitable access to both participating in and spectating at these sports.

Personal safety in urban environments

The design of parks and open spaces to create safe and secure environments has also become increasingly important and will continue to do so as the local resident population grows in the future. The adoption of CPTED (Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design) guidelines will increase equitable access, a core principle of the LMP.

Digital engagement with place

Understanding a place is increasingly tied to a concurrent digital experience. Online maps, data, information and images support how we understand a place, respond to it and engage with it. Sharing details such as lap times, photographs and comments is embedded into our cultural expression and forms the basis of online communities in which like-minded people connect. Digital engagement can offer a richer experience of the Reserve, linking in to existing platforms such as citizen science apps, as well creating the means to communicate clearly around access and events. It will enable people visiting for active recreation that are not part of a team or club to interact with other users in a meaningful way.

Active transport and mode-shift

As private vehicle ownership per capita rates drop and roads reach peak capacity, Melbourne's urban populations are increasingly choosing alternative travel modes (for example bicycle) and multi-modal travel (for example car and train) for short and longer trips.

Positioned between two metro stations, two metro lines and two activity centres, the Reserve has the potential to provide a logical link to local active transport networks. The Reserve's proximity to Caulfield Station is an opportunity to support multi-modal travel through car and bicycle parking close to the station. Integrating vehicle drop-off areas will also support this trend away from private vehicle ownership.

Development models and typologies

Innovative development models which deliver community benefits by leveraging existing assets will deliver a wider range of outcomes. Fundamental to this are the establishment of partnerships with shared goals and values. Understanding the needs of the local and the changing urban context is important to foster project collaborations. Community spaces, sporting venues and places for informal or social recreation such as gardens, parkour or skate parks could be delivered concurrently, yielding stronger and more resilient development models.

Existing and emerging demographic

In general, Glen Eira has seen a demographic change over the past few years with the increase of migrant population populations. In the Caulfield Station Precinct, proposed new residential and mixed-use developments, namely the MRC's freehold land and the Caulfield Village, will highly increase resident population and daytime population as new retail and commercial office spaces bring in new jobs. On the other hand, Monash University Caulfield campus remains a strong attractor of the younger student population and education-based employees and their numbers are expected to increase as the university expands its floorspaces. Thus, the Reserve, as a key open space within the precinct and its local catchment, will have to respond to the changing needs, to be able to cater for all current and future users regardless of gender, ability, background, and interest.

3.6 The post-COVID19 context

At the time of writing, the global urban condition has undergone a rapid and significant change due to the COVID19 pandemic. The increasingly urbanised populations of both greater Melbourne and regional Victoria have both seen an alteration of everyday patterns to accommodate the current requirement for social distancing.

Consequently, open spaces, including the Caulfield Racecourse Reserve, have experienced an increase of usage by residents, many of whom are no longer commuting to other locations for work but working from home. Local parks and reserves have become even more important as places of recreation and relaxation, particularly for individuals and households. Moreover, along with the need for exercise, contact with nature which promotes health and well-being will be increasingly sought after.

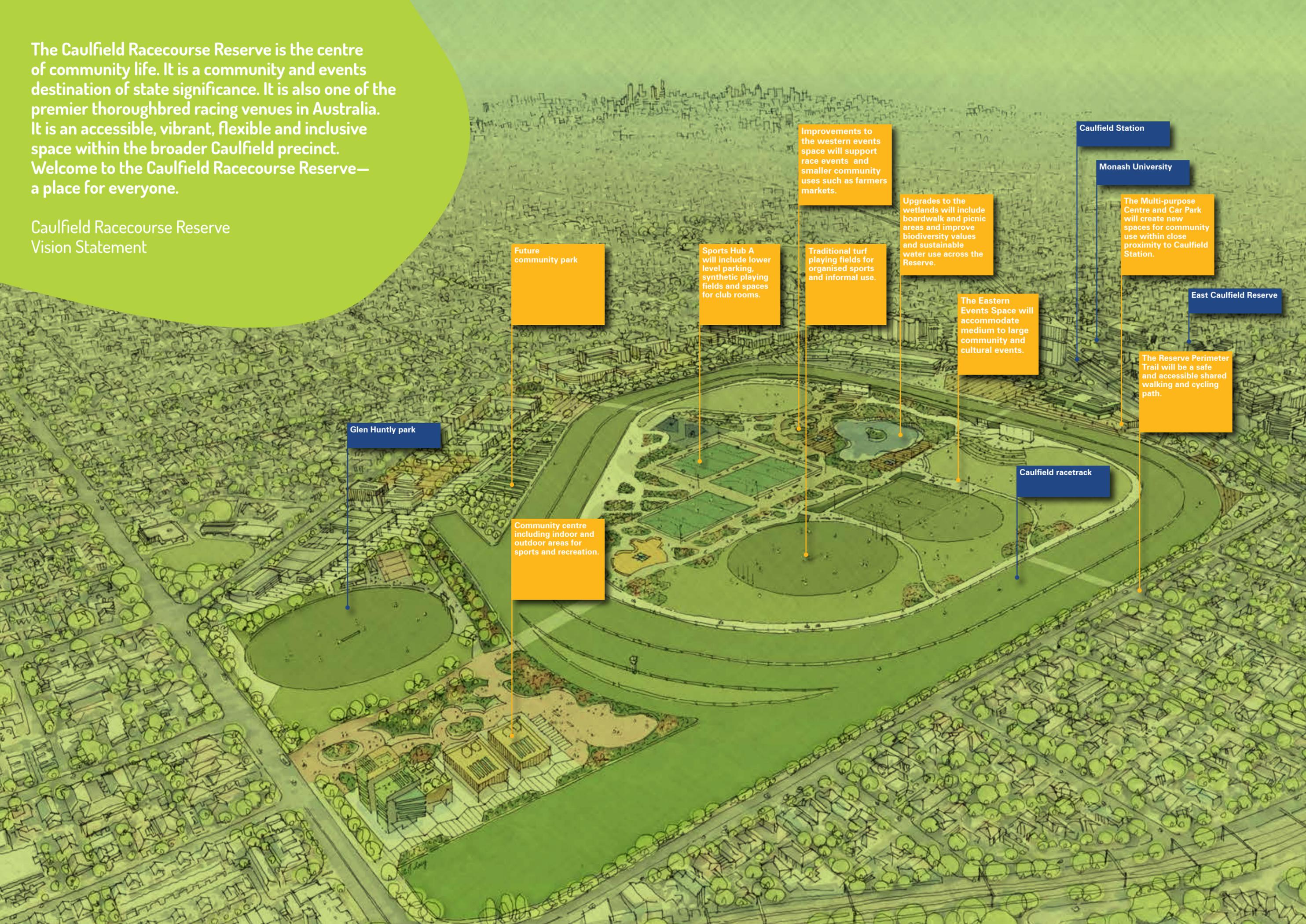
While these trends will shift as we move towards a post-COVID19 context, it is possible that a larger percentage of the population working from home will become the norm and therefore open spaces, including the Caulfield Racecourse Reserve, will need to be adaptable to accommodate the increased demand for open space to accommodate an increased local demand for informal recreation as well as working and studying spaces.

Strategic
opportunities

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The Caulfield Racecourse Reserve is the centre of community life. It is a community and events destination of state significance. It is also one of the premier thoroughbred racing venues in Australia. It is an accessible, vibrant, flexible and inclusive space within the broader Caulfield precinct. Welcome to the Caulfield Racecourse Reserve—a place for everyone.

Caulfield Racecourse Reserve Vision Statement



Future community park

Sports Hub A will include lower level parking, synthetic playing fields and spaces for club rooms.

Traditional turf playing fields for organised sports and informal use.

Upgrades to the wetlands will include boardwalk and picnic areas and improve biodiversity values and sustainable water use across the Reserve.

The Eastern Events Space will accommodate medium to large community and cultural events.

The Multi-purpose Centre and Car Park will create new spaces for community use within close proximity to Caulfield Station.

East Caulfield Reserve

The Reserve Perimeter Trail will be a safe and accessible shared walking and cycling path.

Glen Huntly park

Community centre including indoor and outdoor areas for sports and recreation.

Caulfield racetrack

Caulfield Station

Monash University

4.1 Vision and objectives

The Caulfield Racecourse Reserve LMP provides the framework to create the Reserve as ‘a place for everyone’. The key themes address specific issues for the Reserve and identify a range of project opportunities that will transform the Reserve into an activated and accessible public space.

Governance of the LMP

The Trust established a Governance Structure to help guide the preparation of the Land Management Plan with the early establishment of two Project Advisory Groups (PAGs).

- The Civic and Corporate PAG includes: Glen Eira City Council, City of Stonnington Council, Monash University, Sport and Recreation Victoria, Melbourne Racing Club and the Victorian Planning Authority.
- The Community PAG includes Glen Eira College, Glen Eira Residents Association, Malvern East Group, Vic Sport and Glen Eira Environment Group.

The Trust has also actively collaborated with the VPA to ensure alignment with the Caulfield Station Precinct planning work they are undertaking, and has worked to understand the needs and aspirations of all key stakeholders to develop the vision for the Reserve, and consider how the LMP can deliver this.

Future projects for the Reserve will seek to create the very best outcomes possible. In addition to the ongoing engagement with the current Projects Advisory Groups there is an opportunity to create project specific design advisory groups to support world class design outcomes.

Building capacity, partnerships and financial autonomy

Intrinsic to the LMP is the recognition of the strength of delivering projects through partnership. Robust decision-making processes will ensure priorities and values for each project align with the vision and principles of the LMP. Delivering projects that build upon increasing financial autonomy underpins the long-term goals for the Trust – expanding the role and values of the Reserve.

The importance of quality landscape and built form outcomes

High-quality design and sustainable and climate-resilient landscapes will ensure long-term success for the Reserve. A high-quality landscape can play an important role in raising the profile of the Reserve as a desirable destination for cultural and sporting events or activities, or informal and social recreation.

Well-designed buildings and venues will ensure shared needs are met as well as create spaces and places that are interesting and attractive, whether in use as an event space or as a destination in its own right. Buildings should also ensure activation at ground floor street frontages to contribute to a safe and vibrant precinct.

Optimising opportunities through innovation

The LMP aspires to deliver innovative and creative outcomes including new and exciting places and spaces for the City of Glen Eira. Innovative thinking is required to overcome challenges around funding and costing projects as well as the ongoing management of the Reserve. Innovative solutions will build the capacity for delivering a wider range of community benefits across the Reserve.

Stageable and scalable

The LMP incorporates projects and initiative that are stageable and scalable. Key decisions on the development of the Reserve will be guided by the LMP as well as responding to partnership and funding opportunities as they emerge.

Evidence based

Inclusive and equitable places are essential for all communities. As a regionally significant open space, the Reserve must provide opportunity for engagement with people of all ages and ability. Decisions and priorities for the Reserve will be founded in evidence such as sporting demand needs, demographics and projected future growth.

Promoting health and well-being

Development of the Reserve over time will create many opportunities for the community to connect with green spaces and nature, as well as access sporting reserves and facilities. Making the Reserve a comfortable and safe place to spend time in, as well as provide places such as playgrounds and garden for social connection is an important factor in community happiness and well-being.

Green spaces will also play a role in mitigating the urban heat island effect. Irrigated turf creates a cooling effect as does shade from either shelters or tree canopies.

4.2 Access and movement



Above: Separated cycle path.
Below: High-quality pedestrian spaces, Monash University, Clayton, Taylor Cullity Lethlean.

- Upgrade existing tunnels to improve pedestrian and cyclist access.**
- Improve access to the perimeter of the Reserve through a new shared path.**
- Investigate additional access points onto the Reserve.**
- Create a clear network of paths throughout the Reserve.**
- Consolidate and upgrade parking to the Reserve.**
- Improve personal safety throughout the Reserve.**

A key aim of the LMP is to address the need to improve access to the Reserve. This is critical to the future success of the Reserve as it becomes an increasingly activated open space and ensures that the Reserve is better integrated within its local context, connected to the adjoining street network and enabling logical desire-lines of movement to key destinations within the Reserve.

Improved access includes expanded hours and days of access, the location and number of entry points, as well as the quality and experience of entering and moving through the Reserve. As well as a clear and legible path network, access will be safe and supporting all ages and abilities. This will be prioritised in all upgrades to existing tunnels and the design of future tunnels.

Historically, access to the Reserve has been driven by existing entry points, in particular from the Caulfield Station to the north. As horse training relocates in 2023, the Neerim Stables site can become a southern gateway or 'front door' to the Reserve.

Vehicular Access

Currently, vehicular access to the Reserve is either through the northern precinct car park or through the Glen Eira tunnel. The Glen Eira tunnel is currently reliant on access across MRC freehold land and needs to be resolved through the Caulfield Station Precinct Structure Plan, currently being facilitated by the VPA. There are several reasons for vehicle access to the Reserve including: race days (including emergency vehicles and parking), horse training, and access to the car park west of the northern lake and wetland for recreational use.

An important part of the LMP is to support ongoing and changing vehicular access needs while creating distinct areas that are pedestrian-focused. The LMP proposes that vehicular access to the centre Reserve be predominantly limited to the west, including tunnel entry, drop-off and car parking. An internal walking/cycling path will also provide vehicular access around the centre Reserve for race days and non-race events. Vehicular access to Neerim Stables site is proposed to be limited to a drop-off area and access to a below ground car park. Providing vehicular access to the Wedge Park is important along its boundary. This could be a one-direction local street incorporating drop-off areas and limited parking.

Right: Access and movement plan.

- Legend:**
- Caulfield Racecourse Reserve
 - Local Government
 - Metro network
 - Tram network
 - Bus network
 - Open space
 - Activity centre
 - Race track
- MOVEMENT**
- Existing*
- Road network (vehicular, pedestrian and informal cyclist)
 - Vehicular with cycle lane (on road)
 - Shared trail (off road)
 - Pedestrian/cyclist underpass
- Proposed*
- Vehicle
 - Vehicle and pedestrian/cyclist
 - Pedestrian thoroughfare
 - Shared trail (off road)
 - Potential shared trail extension
- RESERVE ACCESS**
- Upgrade existing vehicular/cyclist/pedestrian tunnel
 - Upgrade existing pedestrian/cyclist tunnel
 - Proposed pedestrian cyclist tunnel
 - Existing pedestrian access (across track)
 - Proposed pedestrian across track
 - Pedestrian tunnel - MRC access only
 - Pedestrian paths
 - Proposed car parking



Car Parking

Car parking within the Reserve is currently distributed throughout six main car park areas. These include:

- North Reserve (east)
- Northern Reserve
- Glasshouse
- MRC freehold land (north-east)
- Central Reserve (west)
- Central Reserve (east)

These car parks are all on-grade parking with the grassed centre Reserve areas used for race days and events. The challenge for the Reserve is to provide sufficient parking for race days, ongoing and daily minimum requirements as well as spaces required to support new facilities and amenities throughout the Reserve. These demands are offset by the broader trends of increasing travel mode shifts towards public and active transport and to car-share and taxi services. The Issues and Opportunities report also noted the declining rate of demand for car parking for race days.

Analysis of future car parking needs indicates that a total of 1200 spaces will be required in the future. Replacing on-grade parking with either below or partially underground parking will unlock Reserve surface areas capacity for other uses and maximise its value when compared with on-grade parking. To meet these needs the LMP proposes consolidating car parking to three locations:

- North Reserve (east)
- Centre Reserve
- Southern Reserve

These would either be fully or partially underground parking with the potential to incorporate cyclist parking and end of trip facilities.

Pedestrian and cyclist

Improving walking and cycling access to, from and within the Reserve will be a critical measure of success. Along with new internal paths and entry points, the Reserve has the opportunity to contribute to the expansion of the local bicycle and pedestrian networks, connecting to existing routes and identifying opportunities for supporting infrastructure such as seating, water fountains and bicycle storage.

A new path network will extend throughout the Reserve to facilitate movement to key destinations such as playgrounds and sporting areas. Where possible paths will logically extend the adjoining street network.

As demands and patterns of use of the Reserve change over time, additional entry points may be appropriate, including a tunnel below the track from Neerim Stables and Queens Avenue.

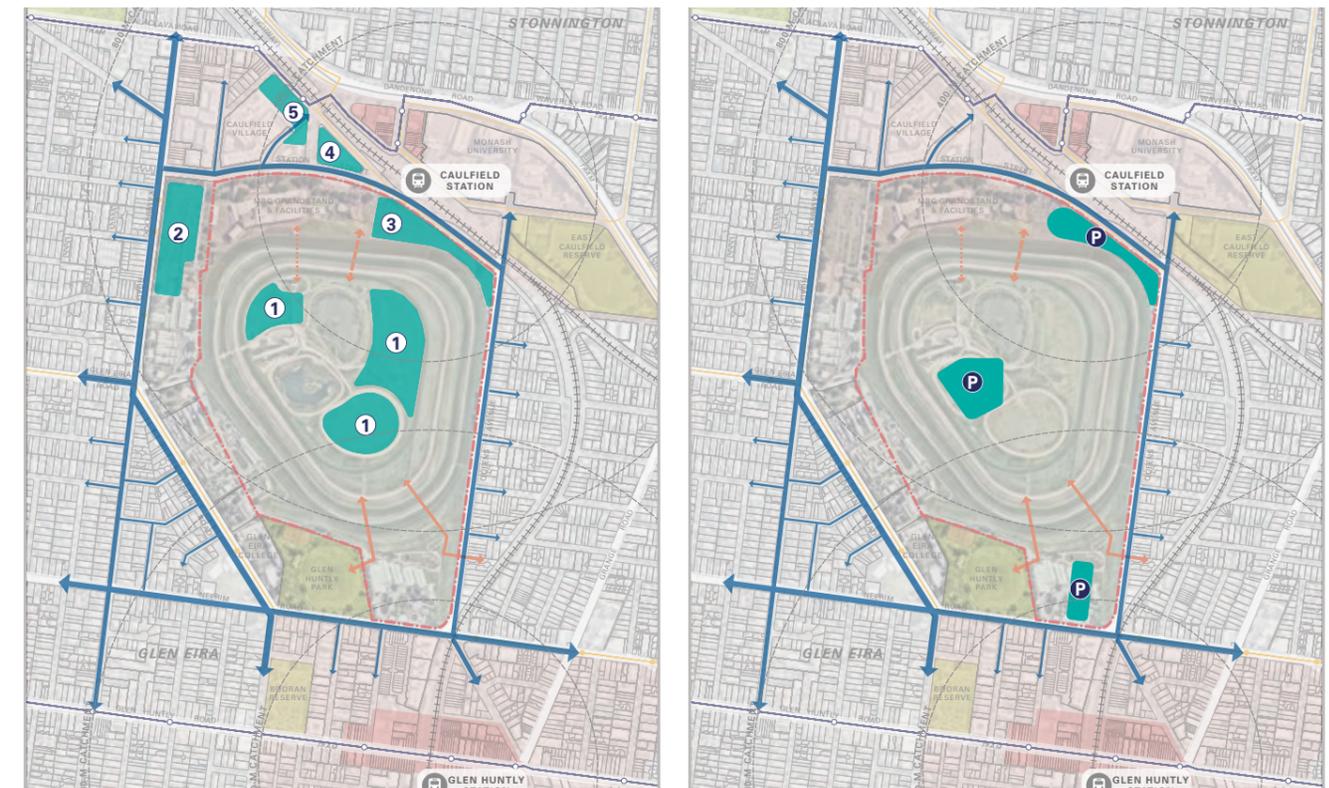
Cyclist access into centre Reserve is likely to be limited to the existing Glen Eira Tunnel and future Neerim Tunnel with opportunity to investigate cyclist access from Queens Avenue in the future.

Personal safety

It is important that all visitors feel safe in the Reserve environment. A combination of elements combine to create safe places including clarity and legibility of paths and destinations, lighting and consideration of sightlines, and a positive sense of natural surveillance within a space. Using CPTED principles, safety will be considered through the design process. The future planning of the Reserve will increase the number and type of activities taking place within the Reserve and, in turn, will attract more users of all ages. This will support an increased sense of personal safety.

Below left: Existing car parking.
Below right: Proposed car parking.

1. Infield car park
2. MRC freehold land (north-west)
3. North Reserve (east) car park
4. Glasshouse car park
5. Smith Street car park



4.3 Open space and recreation



Above: Jack Edwards Reserve, Oakleigh.
 Middle: East Sydney Early Learning Centre, Darlinghurst.
 Below: Box Hill Gardens, Box Hill.

- Provide new facilities for organised sports and recreation.**
- Protect areas of the Reserve for social recreational uses.**
- Investigate creating spaces for indoor sports and community uses on the Reserve.**
- Support passive and informal recreation through walking paths and trail and amenities such as playgrounds and skate parks.**

Addressing the demands for organised recreational areas is a key theme of the LMP. The LMP seeks to provide for many different sports and well as a diverse range of user groups and ages.

Organised sport

The inclusion of areas designated for organised sport is based on the evidence of both existing and future demands within the catchment of the Reserve. The LMP designates key areas for organised sports with the space to accommodate a number of sporting field configurations. The LMP also identifies intended areas for both synthetic and traditional turf surfaces to provide the greatest flexibility across seasons and times of the day.

Informal and social recreation

The Reserve is currently used, in a limited way, for passive or informal recreation. The LMP outlines improvements to the Reserve which will support this ongoing core purpose. A key element is the northern area of the centre Reserve which is designated for informal or social recreation. The spaces within this area will have the appropriate amenity for individuals and small groups who might be, for example, walking dogs or having a picnic. Amenities would typically include access to bathrooms, shade, seating etc. High-quality landscaping will ensure these areas are comfortable and attractive, with distinct areas for picnics and informal playgrounds as well as retaining grassy, open spaces.

Indoor facilities

The LMP identifies specific locations as suitable for the delivery of indoor multi-purpose facilities. These spaces would meet the demand for indoor sports as well as provide amenity for school, university and other community groups. A facility on a smaller scale would be appropriate in the Wedge Park where it would provide supporting spaces for a community garden such as storage, a small meeting area and social spaces. Additional opportunities might include spaces behind screens or digital signs ensuring that sightlines across the Reserve are preserved.

Right: Plan diagram showing open space and recreation.

- Legend:**
- Caulfield Racecourse Reserve
 - Local Government
 - Metro network
 - Tram network
 - Open space
 - Activity centre
- RECREATION**
- Synthetic playing surfaces
 - Turf playing surfaces
 - Race track
 - Informal recreation
 - Indoor sports
 - Centre reserve shared path
 - Criterion loops (cycling)
- MOVEMENT**
- Existing*
- Cycle lane (on road)
 - Shared trail (off road)
 - Pedestrian/cyclist underpass
- Proposed*
- Shared trail (off road)
 - Potential shared trail extension
- RESERVE ACCESS**
- Upgrade existing vehicular/cyclist/pedestrian tunnel
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 - Pedestrian tunnel - MRC access only



Scale: 1:1000



Left: Box Hill Gardens,
Box Hill, Aspect Studio.

Tracks and trails

Reflecting its scale and overall dimensions, the Reserve has the capacity to deliver a number of walking and cycling paths. A shared trail extending around the full perimeter of the Reserve would provide a unique regional asset for joggers, cyclists and walkers. The trail would activate the perimeter of the Reserve and, delivered in partnership, could provide a logical link between Glen Huntly and Caulfield Station and connect to the nearby Djerring Trail and other future regional cycling networks.

An internal circuit provides a protected and continuous path around the centre Reserve area. The design of this circuit can include a number of surfaces to meet the needs of walkers, joggers and cyclists, including event cycling such as a criterium track. Smaller loops of the criterium can be used by school groups or cycling education programs. The design and scale of the track will need to consider the number of users and the use of the Reserve during large events.

The future development of the Reserve will also include improvements to existing access points as well as a well-designed and clear path network throughout, creating opportunities for informal or social walking.

Informal sport and recreation

A number of spaces have been identified throughout the Reserve for informal recreation. In addition to walking, informal recreation can include non-competitive ball sports, outdoor gyms, parkour and skate parks. These spaces are valuable for their ability to activate spaces and ensure that there are areas for use when sporting fields are being used.

4.4 Landscape, environment and sustainability



Above: Box Hill Civic Park, Box Hill.
Below: Town Square, Chatanay-Malabry.



Above: Jellicoe Street North Wharf Promenade, Auckland, Taylor Cullity and Lethlean and Wraight and Assoc.
Below: Gallery of Lower Sproul, Berkeley, USA, Moore Ruble Yudell Architects.
Right: X-Space park, Croydon.

Improve the landscape amenity throughout the Reserve.

Create distinct and varied character areas within the Reserve.

Upgrade the wetland to improve access and biodiversity values.

Create climate resilient landscapes and amenities.

Improve water storage and catchment within the Reserve.

Create an indigenous heathland.

The proposed landscape raises the amenity, comfort and variety of spaces and experiences within the Reserve to meet the needs of a growing precinct population. Pedestrian access and circulation is a focus, as is improved sustainability, climate change resilience and biodiversity. The proposed approach to landscape includes provide relaxing, social and unstructured recreation spaces as a balance to active sports and events function areas. Upgrades to the wetland will support increased biodiversity through diverse indigenous planting and interpretive signage will support community engagement with landscape elements within the wetland ecology.

The Reserve landscapes will provides a variety of spaces of varying sizes to suit the needs of a diverse community. They will incorporate new green spaces inside and outside of the track including an indigenous heathland and community garden areas. Nature play areas, an expanded boardwalk and picnic areas will be connected via a legible path network which reinforces site legibility and wayfinding, connecting to existing and proposed access points to the Reserve. The design will incorporate CPTED principles.

An important aspect of the landscape will be its climate resilience. Garden beds will feature low water demand plant species and where possible a preference will be given to permeable paving. Another positive effect will be mitigating the urban heat island effect through an increase in garden bed planting and trees, along with the irrigation of race track and sporting fields areas. Water management throughout the Reserve will address existing and future needs including investigating water storage options for long term water security for the Reserve.

Right: Landscape, environment and sustainability plan.

- Legend:
- Caulfield Racecourse Reserve
 - Local Government
 - Metro network
 - Tram network
 - Open space
 - Activity centre
 - Reserve access (on ground)
 - Reserve access (below ground)
 - Existing tunnel - MRC access only

1. Arrival space and club house courtyard
2. Arrival space with terraced seating
3. Picnic shelter
4. Wetland with improved biodiversity value and boardwalk
5. Indigenous species demonstration garden
6. Planted terrace with integrated seating
7. Nature based play element
8. Main pedestrian spine
9. Locations for seating with shade
10. Secondary pedestrian path
11. Unstructured ball games
12. Canopy trees
13. Structured sport space with opportunity for water storage below ground
14. Flexible program event space
15. Wedge Park
16. Community garden
17. Shared path along park boundary
18. Neerim Stables Community Hub
19. Skate park
20. Ball sports and handball areas
21. Outdoor gym





Above: Hassett Park, Canberra, Jane Irwin Landscape Architecture.
Below: Ceres Environmental Park, Brunswick East.

Biodiversity

Biodiversity within the Reserve will be increased by adding ecological complexity to current condition which is currently dominated by mown grass. Upgrades to the northern wetland including increased plant species will promote greater biodiversity. Phasing out using this waterbody as an irrigation source will also allow the biodiversity to improve. The indigenous heathland as a demonstration garden will provide another opportunity for improved biodiversity within the Reserve.

Interpretive signage and digital platforms for engagement will help promote the changing biodiversity of the Reserve landscape elements.

Efficient energy use

All future developments of the reserve have opportunity to incorporate solar panels and other technology for energy generation and storage to meet increasing demands. These demands could be managed on a precinct by precinct basis, or across the Reserve as a whole.

Managing Water

It is important for water to be used sustainably across the Reserve. Potable water will be minimised for irrigation and there is an opportunity to explore aquifer storage and recovery. Once alternative storage is arranged, pumping of water from the wetland will be phased out to support increased biodiversity and amenity. Irrigation demand from garden beds and trees will be minimised through the selection of low water demand species. Impervious paved surfaces will be minimised to facilitate rain water percolation. Detailing and grading of ground surfaces will facilitate passive irrigation of garden bed areas.

Landscape character areas

Courtyards and forecourts: these more formal areas relate to key Reserve infrastructure such as access tunnels and entries. Hardscaping combined with planting and vegetation will include trees, where ground levels and site lines permit. These spaces will be designed to accommodate larger numbers of people moving through them and are associated with key amenities such as toilets and seating areas.

Indigenous heath demonstration garden: designed to include the indigenous vegetation of the area this garden will support increased biodiversity such as small reptiles, insects and birds.

Biodiversity corridor: the biodiversity corridor provides the central connective element for landscaping. Paths connecting sporting areas along with smaller resting areas create a quiet and reflective space for local residents.

Neerim Stables Community Hub: landscaping solutions to this area will be responsive to the program with the opportunity to create vibrant youth-friendly spaces and interactive but informal activity areas such as a skate park. Where possible, the landscape will be designed to integrate with the existing Manna Gums.

The Wedge Park: As a community focused space incorporating a community garden, the Wedge Park will create an engaging environment to connect to nature through gardening and nature play areas.



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4.5 Culture, community and events



Above: Fremantle Skate park, Fremantle, Convic Skateparks.
 Middle Top: Bendigo Library, Bendigo, MGS Architects.
 Middle Bottom: Box Hill Gardens, Aspect Studio.
 Below: Jay Pritzker Pavilion, Millenium Park, Chicago, Frank Ghery and Associates.

Preserve the use of the Reserve for racing.

Upgrade existing amenities to support the use of the Reserve for small and large events.

Create a new space for events such as concerts including a stage pavilion.

Create a new community spaces within the Wedge Park and Neerim Stable area that will support smaller community events and social recreation.

Western Events Space

The Western Events Space is an important area of the Reserve currently being used for MRC racing events. It is located within a Stage 2 MRC license area which is subject to negotiation.

The area includes the existing screen and pavilion located opposite the grandstand. Renewal of the built form and landscaping in this area would yield a range of benefits including the opportunity to extend indoor spaces over two levels, improving landscaping and garden areas. The Western Event Space is well sized for farmers or arts and crafts market while the renewed pavilion could offer function spaces with an open terrace overlooking the wetlands and Reserve.

Eastern Events Space

The Eastern Event Space is located east of the northern lake and wetlands. This area has historically been used for at-grade parking for race days. To the north of this area and adjacent to the racetrack, a second screen is proposed with a new events pavilion to the south. This pavilion would include a stage, back of house areas and green room to support events such as concerts, MRC or community events. High-quality design will ensure this pavilion and events area is an attractive space even while not in use.

By setting the pavilion at a lower level and grading the ground towards it an amphitheatre space can be created, improving the function of the space for events but also reducing the visual impact on site lines of the racecourse.

Wedge Park

The Wedge Park is located at the western edge of Reserve, outside the perimeter of the racetrack. It will act as a positive transition between future residential development on the MRC freehold land, the racetrack and the central Reserve area. In this location it will be prominently located and highly accessible, increasing visual access to across the racetrack and through Reserve.

Right: Culture, community and events plan.

- Legend:**
- Caulfield Racecourse Reserve
 - Local Government
 - Metro network
 - Tram network
 - Open space
 - Activity centre
 - Recreation & events area
 - Organised recreation area
 - Proposed event space
 - Race track
 - Neerim Stables community hub
 - Community park
 - Sporting facility
 - Culture + events pavilion
 - Play area + picnic facilities
 - Informal sporting activities
 - Public amenities (toilets, change, etc.)
 - Community hub
 - Community facility
 - Existing Screen
 - Proposed Screen
 - RESERVE ACCESS**
 - Upgrade existing vehicular/cyclist/pedestrian tunnel
 - Existing pedestrian/cyclist tunnel
 - Proposed pedestrian cyclist tunnel
 - Existing pedestrian access (across track)
 - Proposed pedestrian across track
 - Pedestrian tunnel - MRC access only



SCALE 1:5000 @ A2

Right: The Drill Hall, a multi-level community hub, Melbourne, MGS Architects.

The potential uses of the Wedge Park could include a nature play area for children, community garden or landscaped areas for picnics and social use. There is an identified need for a community garden within the area and the park presents an opportunity for local residents to participate in establishing a garden to grow food locally and encourage social interaction. Uses such as these can appeal to all ages as well as people from diverse backgrounds fostering community wellness and cohesion.

Play areas

Play elements within the Reserve will be well integrated with the localised landscape setting and movement network.

The locations nominated for play spaces is in response to the perceived use of the spaces such as proximity to amenities, entry points and other Reserve feature such as picnic areas. They will be in appropriate locations where children can be easily supervised, will be designed to be shaded during the middle of the day and be universally accessible.

Many of the playgrounds will take the form of nature-based play elements using natural materials, meeting an identified need within the area. Additional play opportunities will address the needs of a developing precinct and growing local community.

Indoor community areas

There is an opportunity for the development of the Reserve to deliver indoor community facilities. These could include:

- Sporting club rooms, storage, toilets and change facilities.
- Small indoor spaces associated with the Wedge Park, such as a meeting room and amenities.
- Indoor sporting facilities and multi-purpose spaces associated with the Neerim Stable site.

These buildings and spaces would support the functioning of the Reserve as a vibrant open space, enabling events as well as increasing the comfort, sense of safety and belonging for all visitors to the Reserve.



4.6 The digital experience

Bottom: Digital experience plan.

Provide Wifi connectivity throughout the Reserve.

Create areas to support outdoor teaching, learning and working.

Create a digital platform for the communication of Reserve events and access times, and to create a place for sharing experiences of the Reserve.

Understanding a place is increasingly tied to a concurrent digital experience through online maps, data, information exchange through apps and so on.

For the Caulfield Racecourse Reserve, the planning for the digital experience is important to ensure that the experience of place is a connected one through knowledge and awareness of events and Reserve access; the sharing of information such as images or sporting achievements, and is part of the wider data sharing that already takes place in the community, such as through citizen science groups or sporting clubs.

Providing Wifi connectivity throughout the Reserve will create opportunities for learning and teaching in any location. This can be supported through the design of specific locations that might provide seating, shelter and tables as informal teaching or working spaces.

-  Caulfield Racecourse Reserve
-  Open Space
-  Activity centre
-  Race track
-  Wayfinding
-  Events and Reserve information
-  Engagement
-  Promotion
-  Learning and Knowledge, Remote Working



CRR Digital Experiences



Events and reserve information

'What's On' signage at key locations reflecting website/app updates, access hours and days.



Wayfinding

Physical signage reinforcing access points and pathways through the Reserve along with key destinations within the Reserve.



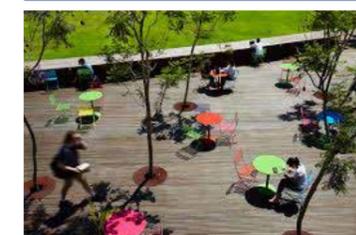
Engagement

Digital platforms for sharing experience, achievements and photographs e.g. sporting groups or individual recreation e.g. leader board (physical) and/or app. Engagement with history of the site including heritage structures, use and pre-contact information.



Learning and knowledge

Online platform for sharing data, eg citizen science, water quality or sports science data. Option to 'share' with on-site digital displays or live updating. Specific location designed to support outdoor classroom experiences.



Remote working

Creating places for work and study-friendly use including tables and shelter.



Promotion

Transfer to a digital and event specific platform that is integrated with website. Large digital screens used for racing and major events can adapt for social recreation eg outdoor cinema.

4.7 The racing experience

Preservation and enhancement of the racing experience.

Undertake upgrades to existing amenities and build new facilities and landscapes for use during race events.

Ensure adequate parking is provided to support race attendance.

Increase awareness through digital platforms the communication of race days and events.

Bottom: Racing experience plan.

The Caulfield Racecourse Reserve is an internationally renowned racing venue bringing significant economic benefit to Victorian through racing and events, including the annual Caulfield Cup Carnival. Racing is a core purpose of the Reserve and the land has been used for racing for over 150 years.

The LMP articulates a new vision for the Reserve, one that is both consistent with the core purposes but also ambitious in its aspirations to create a vibrant and accessible public space serving a diverse local and regional community. Importantly, the LMP aims to preserve and enhance the racing experience.

Over the next 15 years the Reserve will undergo significant changes. Underpinned by renewed license and lease agreements with the MRC and the relocation of horse training by 2023, 23Ha will become available for expanded public use. This will include unrestricted access to land located at the periphery of the Reserve, as well as

-  Caulfield Racecourse Reserve
-  Open Space
-  Activity centre
-  Race track
-  Community park
-  Culture + events pavilion
-  Play area + picnic facilities
-  Public amenities (toilets, change, etc.)
-  Existing Screen
-  Proposed Screen
- RACEDAY ACCESS**
-  Existing Glen Eira tunnel (pedestrian, cyclist and vehicular)
-  Existing pedestrian tunnel -MRC only
-  Existing pedestrian/cyclist tunnel
-  Proposed pedestrian cyclist tunnel
-  Pedestrian paths



Above: MRC grandstand and facilities are located within the northern Reserve area.
Middle: The Reserve has been used for racing for over 150 years.
Below: The LMP aims to celebrate and enhance the racing experience including its history.

increased access to centre Reserve areas. Access to the racecourse tracks will remain restricted when the Reserve is used for racing and management activities. With these changes, the Reserve has an opportunity to while leverage its potential as a regional open space destination while ensuring that it continues to meet the needs of the racing community through improvements to amenities and facilities.

The LMP outlines a wide scope of projects which will deliver attractive landscaped areas with safe and accessible paths, new and upgraded amenities and long term solutions for car parking and access on to the Reserve. All of these transformations will help improve the racing experience by providing safer, more attractive places for socialising in, watching the spectacle of the races and moving between parts of the Reserve easily and comfortably.

Key benefits for racegoers include:

- Improvements to the arrival experience through landscaping and improved connections to public and active transport.
- New below ground car parks within comfortable walking distances to the MRC grandstand and Caulfield Train Station.
- Clear, legible, safe and enjoyable walking paths throughout the Reserve.
- Upgrades to existing pedestrian tunnels and creating new access points onto the Reserve.
- Upgraded pavilions with associated outdoor event spaces for use during race events.
- Potential second screen and viewing areas associated with a new multi-purpose building to the Northern Reserve precinct.
- A new event space to the east of the Reserve for concerts or cultural events that could form part of a race day or carnival event.
- Upgraded amenities to the wetland area including toilets, boardwalk and picnic areas for use during race events.
- An new digital wayfinding and experience interface with the Reserve which can include accessing current or historic race event information, a platform for sharing the race experience as well as maps and access information.

The development of the Reserve will also address the need to manage water sustainability in order to meet the needs of the new amenities while continuing to provide the water supply needed for irrigation of the racetrack. Planning for water management will investigate improving water catchment across the Reserve, investing in underground water storage systems and exploring the role of the wetland to assist with on-site water retention.

4.7 Management

Continue to engage with the community of the use and development of the Reserve.

Seek innovative and creative solutions to deliver community benefits.

Foster partnerships with shared goals to deliver projects within the Reserve.

Use technology as an integral part of the Reserve's communication and experience.

Continue to advocate for improved connections and shared benefits within the Caulfield Station Precinct and Reserve neighbourhood.

Overview

The Caulfield Racecourse Reserve Trust is an independent body appointed by the Minister for Energy, Environment and Climate Change to manage Caulfield Racecourse Reserve.

The current Trust came into effect on 1st August 2018, with a remit to develop the long-term future of the Reserve, making it an inclusive space for the community after years of under-utilisation. The Trust set about creating a bold vision for this iconic space, and this underpins the Trust's work and aspirations for the outcomes to be delivered to the community.

Since its inception, the Trust has undertaken an extensive program of community and stakeholder engagement to help inform the work of developing the Land Management Plan, to ensure that it can serve a variety of diverse users and needs.

Looking forward, the Trust will seek out innovative ways to develop and manage the Reserve including partnerships, leases, licences and permits to transform it into an iconic, community driven destination.

Use of technology

Technology will enable individuals and groups to engage with each other at the Reserve in a new and innovative way, whilst providing up to the minute information on what is happening at the Reserve.

As part of the Vision and seeking to be a 'place for everyone' technology will enable a broader section of the community to engage with each other in a virtual world, through citizen science, sports technology, history or simply offer a place to study or work in connection with nature.

Project opportunities

Re-imagining the future of the Reserve will see a number of projects cascade over the coming years. Many of the projects will be developed and delivered with multiple partners, to maximise the potential benefit to all.

The LMP identifies a series of projects including:

- Improved access to the Reserve.
- Preserving the use of horse racing.
- Indoor community facilities with underground car parking and community uses above.
- Sports fields both synthetic and turf with underground parking and lighting to maximise the potential of the Reserve and investment.
- Innovative spaces for events.
- Places simply to connect with nature.
- Sustainability initiatives for water, energy, waste.

Funding and financial implications

The LMP is acknowledged as being a bold vision for the future which will require significant investment from multiple sources over the fifteen-year period.

Retaining car parking at grade in the middle of the Reserve whilst cost effective, severely impacts upon the potential use of the Reserve. Establishing underground car parking will enable other opportunities to be developed above and improve access to high use facilities for users.

The Trust is seeking partners who can work with it to help deliver the projects and initiatives identified in the Land Management Plan.

Timing and staging

The Land Management Plan is a 15-year plan and will need to be delivered in stages, as training is relocated from the Reserve and as partnerships and funding are secured. The Trust will consider how improvements and activation of the Reserve can be achieved in a way that realises community aspirations, whilst minimising the impact to users.

A final Land Management Plan will elaborate further on the future management of the Racecourse Reserve and will include resourcing, financial, operational, phasing and delivery matters.

Precincts,
key projects and
initiatives

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Brighton baths Redevelopment, Brighton, MGS Architects

5.1 Our approach

The projects identified on the following pages will transform the Reserve, over time, into an activated and accessible place. The projects include opportunities for a wide range of uses including both organised and informal sports and recreation, spaces for events of varying sizes, landscapes and places to connect with nature as well as paths, tunnels and access points to ensure safe and easy access throughout the Reserve.

Flexible and complimentary spaces and places

Each precinct will deliver specific programmatic outcomes, such as sporting playing surfaces, as well as integrating broad Reserve needs such as improved landscaping, water catchment and storage and amenities, such as seating, lighting and, in some instances picnic or play areas. In this way, each stage will deliver flexible and complementary spaces for sporting groups, families or individuals.

Partnerships and leveraging impact

Project delivery through partnerships is important to ensure each precinct, or project, meets shared goals and needs. Projects will leverage the strategic location of the Reserve within the Caulfield Station Precinct in order to create the greatest community benefits. Working with partners, decisions around project priority and briefing will be influenced by funding and investment opportunities.

5.2 Projects and initiatives

Right: Precinct and Project Plan

- Outer Reserve**
- 1 Perimeter Trail, fencing and landscaping
- North Reserve**
- 2 Northern Carpark and Multipurpose Building
- Centre Reserve**
- 3 The Reserve Wetlands
- 4 Sports Hub A
- 5 Sports Hub B
- 6 Eastern Events Space
- 7 Western Event Space
- 8 Internal Walking / Cycling Track
- 9 Guineas to Glen Eira Walk
- 10 Glen Eira Tunnel
- South Reserve**
- 11 Neerim Stables Community Hub
- 12 Neerim Tunnel
- West Reserve**
- 13 Wedge Park



Outer Reserve

Upgrading the Reserve’s interface with adjoining areas aims to increase public awareness of the Reserve and improve its appearance and the experience of it, at its edges.



Reserve Perimeter Trail, fencing and landscaping.

The Reserve Perimeter trail is a new shared path for walking, running and cycling around the Reserve. This 3-km trail runs along Queens Avenue and Station Street and provides a safe and continuous pedestrian pathway. Upgrades to the perimeter fencing and landscaping will improve the appearance of the Reserve at its boundary as well as highlight access points and sightlines into the Reserve, where possible.

North Reserve

The Northern precinct is the home of thoroughbred racing and the Melbourne Racing Club. This well-equipped site caters for large events including racing, functions, exams and community activities. The site is the gate way to the reserve from Caulfield Station.



Multi-purpose Centre and Car Park

The northern reserve will be home to a multi-purpose building with possible indoor sports facilities and a below-grade car parking. The previous on-ground parking area will accommodate uses for events and recreation and extension of activities from the multi-purpose building.

Centre Reserve

The centre reserve will be transformed to accommodate a wider range of uses. Improved access and landscaping will make it a safe and enjoyable place to be.



Internal Walking and Cycling Path

The internal walking and cycling path will offer users a safe and uninterrupted path that mirrors the shape of the race tracks. As an extension, the path can be upgraded to provide a cycling loops for a criterium circuit creating an ideal cycling event or education space.

Centre Reserve North

Centre Reserve North will be home to events and community life, including festivals, markets, walking around a wetland and enjoying nature. The precinct will be connected to the surrounding streets with improved tunnel access points, excellent lighting and providing an opportunity to get away from the surrounding streets.



Northern Wetland

The upgrade to the northern wetland includes new boardwalks, outdoor furniture and picnic areas. Landscaping will also be enhanced to better support biodiversity in the wetland and provide a relaxing, social and recreation space.



Western Event Space

On the western side of the wetlands is a smaller events space that will continue to support MRC-related events. The event space includes a renovated pavilion behind the existing screen with new landscaping and garden areas. The event space is well sized for farmers or arts and crafts market while the pavilion could offer function spaces with an open terrace overlooking the lake and Reserve.



Eastern Event Space

A large event space is planned for the northeast of the Centre Reserve which will cater for events such as concerts, MRC and community festivals. A high-quality design pavilion will be located behind a new second screen to ensure sightline to the racetrack will not be visually impacted. Gently sloping the grassed area towards the stage pavilion will help shape the space improving sight lines and defining the area. This new event space will also include a stage, back-of-house, green room and small kitchen for catering.



Guineas to Glen Eira Walk

The Guineas to Glen Eira walk will be upgraded with better forecourt lighting and digital signage. Pedestrian and cyclists paths will be well-designated and separated from vehicular access

Centre Reserve South

The Centre Reserve South provides an ideal opportunity for active recreation to be accommodated at a scale that will enable multiple sports and teams to play concurrently on a mix of synthetic and grass fields, maximising their utilisation. Water management will address water requirements and the impacts upon the environment seeking sustainable solutions. Car parking will be below the synthetic surfaces, increasing the area available for sports, improving the amenity and removing pedestrian conflict with cars.



Sports Hub A

Sports Hub A will feature synthetic turf sport fields with below-ground car park accessible from the Reserve's new arrival courtyard. Sports club rooms, storage and cafés as well as spaces for informal sports and recreation like non-competitive ball, outdoor gym and picnic areas will be located in the sports hub.



Sports Hub B

Sports Hub B to the east of the Reserve includes areas for natural turf playing surfaces providing an area for organised sports or for informal recreation. Underground water storage will support irrigation requirements and surrounding areas will upgrade to landscaping, paths and seating and lighting to support use extended hours use of the Reserve.



Glen Eira Tunnel

Upgrade for the Glen Eira Tunnel will include improved pedestrian and cycle access with appropriate lighting and digital signage.

South Reserve

The South Reserve will become an exciting new community space providing both indoor and outdoor spaces for use, connecting and expanding the existing amenity of Glen Huntly Park and all within a short walk to the Glen Huntly activity centre and train station.



Neerim Stable Community Hub

On the southeast end of the Reserve is the Neerim Stables which will be home to a new community hub and indoor sports facility. Spaces for community events and social recreation such as workshop areas, meeting rooms, and indoor sports like basketball and gymnastics will be provided as well as an outdoor skate park and landscaped public space.



Neerim Tunnel

A new pedestrian tunnel will be provided traversing from Neerim Stables to the inner part of the Reserve. This new access will be provided with a shared pedestrian and cycling path and adequate lighting and digital signage.

West Reserve

The Wedge on the west is accessible all year including race days, providing a local park / community garden, in a comfortable scale for its users with an abundance of natural light. The Wedge area is accessible for people with all abilities and interests and forms part of a linear circuit around the whole reserve



Wedge Park

Wedge Park will become a valuable new informal and social recreation space for local residents as well as provide the space for a critical link for the Reserve Perimeter Trail. Uses can include community garden areas, a playground with a nature focus along with picnic areas and supporting amenities. Landscaping will provide shade in summer, grassy areas to sit on and views across the race track to the east..



Next steps

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6.1 Next steps

This draft Land Management Plan identifies the proposed actions for the Reserve, so that it can be transformed into a community driven destination for the future and truly become 'a place for everyone'.

Submissions and feedback received during the consultation will be analysed and used to inform the final LMP.

Once the plan is approved by the Minister for Energy, Environment and Climate Change, it will be publicly released, and will detail projects and initiatives to be delivered over the next fifteen years. The final plan is due for release in September 2020.

Have your say

This draft Land Management Plan is open for community consultation from Monday 29th June to Friday 14th August.

To provide your feedback, visit www.crrt.org.au/draftlmp:

- **Complete the online survey; or**
- **Complete a submission form and return via email or post.**

Submissions can be sent to info@crrt.org.au or PO Box 89, Glen Huntly, Victoria 3163.

Expression of interest

We also want to hear from potential partners who can help us shape and deliver outcomes for the Reserve. If you have an interest in the development and management of any indoor or outdoor spaces, please complete the Expression of Interest form available at www.crrt.org.au/draftlmp





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