




# ROPER GULF ACTIVE & CONNECTED




**This document is an extract from the Roper Gulf Regional Council Sport & Recreation Master Plan 2024–2034, Roper Gulf Active & Connected. The Plan was developed in 2023, and formally adopted by Council in February 2024.**

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## CONTEXT

**The Roper Gulf Active & Connected Sport & Recreation Master Plan has been developed to assist Roper Gulf Regional Council and its partners in the delivery of sport and recreation services and infrastructure for the next ten years.**

It has been developed within the context that there are many organisations that will play a role in ensuring the successful delivery of Roper Gulf Active & Connected.

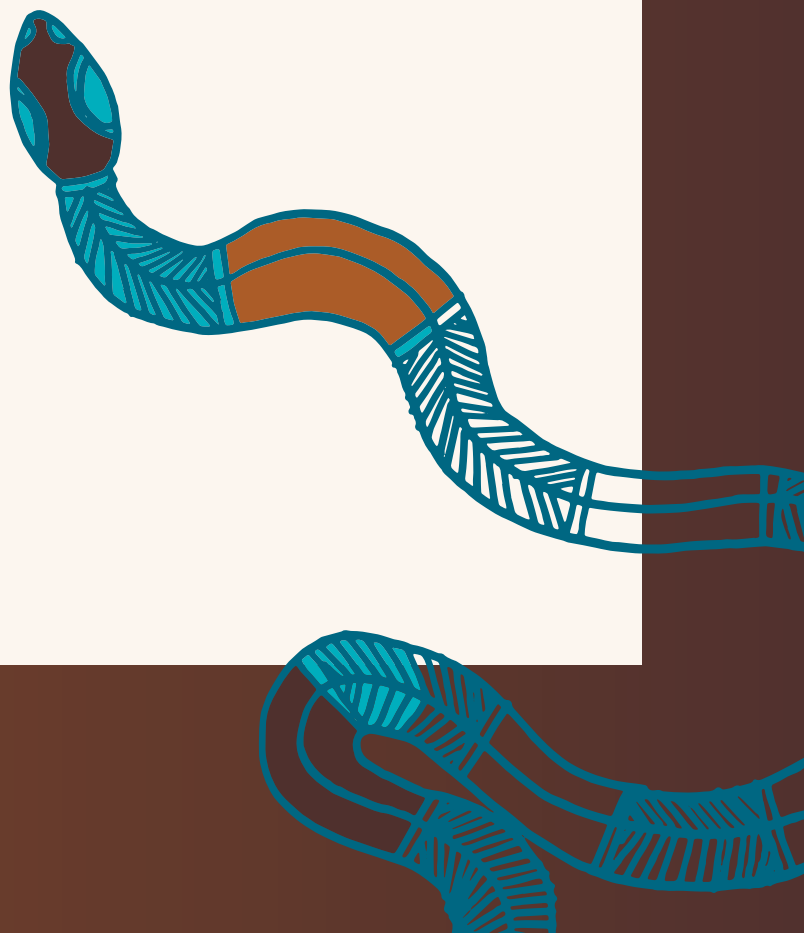
Sport and recreation generates personal and community health, social interaction and mental health benefits. In Roper Gulf communities there is a strong connection between sport and recreation, cultural festivals and intergenerational connection.

Sport and recreation manifests in different ways including traditional activities (hunting, fishing, bush tucker & bush medicine etc), sports (AFL, basketball etc) and music and dance. Roper Gulf Active & Connected supports any activity which keeps people physically active and socially connected.

## METHODOLOGY

**To determine future needs of the Roper Gulf Regional Council area, development of Roper Gulf Active & Connected included the following activities:**

- Review of Local, Territory and Federal Government policies;
- Review of current trends;
- Audit of all Council owned facilities and sporting fields in the LGA;
- Review of current supply of facilities in the LGA;
- Review of forecasted demand over the next ten years; and
- Comprehensive stakeholder engagement process over 3 months.





## VISION

The vision was informed by the stakeholder engagement process. It aligns with the Roper Gulf Regional Council Strategic Plan 2022–2027 and contributes to the Key Outcome Area of “Wellbeing”. The vision is as follows:

**Roper Gulf  
Active and Connected**





## THEMES

**Roper Gulf Active & Connected has three themes: people, place, and participation.**

People refers to the people who make sport and recreation possible in Roper Gulf.

Place refers to to places and spaces where sport and recreation can occur.

Participation refers to people remaining active, engaged and connected.

## STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT OUTCOMES

**Stakeholder engagement occurred over three months.**

This involved visits to all communities, workshops with key stakeholders, structured interviews with sporting organisations, internal Council workshops and a number of presentations to seek feedback.





## INTRODUCTION

### Roper Gulf is one of the Northern Territory's largest local governments.

Recent community consultation confirms the importance that the community puts on the value of sport and recreation facilities and services. It also confirms the expectation that the community has on Council to provide these facilities and deliver services.

Sport and recreation have immense value to individuals, communities, and societies. On an individual level, participation in sport and recreation activities can provide physical and mental health benefits, improve self-esteem, reduce stress, and foster a sense of belonging. At the community level, sport and recreation can help to build social cohesion and promote inclusion.

At a community level, sport and recreation can contribute to economic development through job creation, tourism promotion, infrastructure development, and increased consumer spending.

The concept of sport and recreation is evolving with a growing focus on the importance of health outcomes and informal activities to complement traditionally formalised sport and recreation. This is an aligned view at all levels of government and is now entrenched in policy settings in both sports and health institutions.

Sport and recreation includes a range of activities from the community level through to those involving elite sports people at national and international levels. Sport and recreation are key to the physical and mental health of individuals and communities. Planning to ensure everyone in the community can easily access affordable places and programs to participate is essential to stop the declining health and wellbeing of our communities.



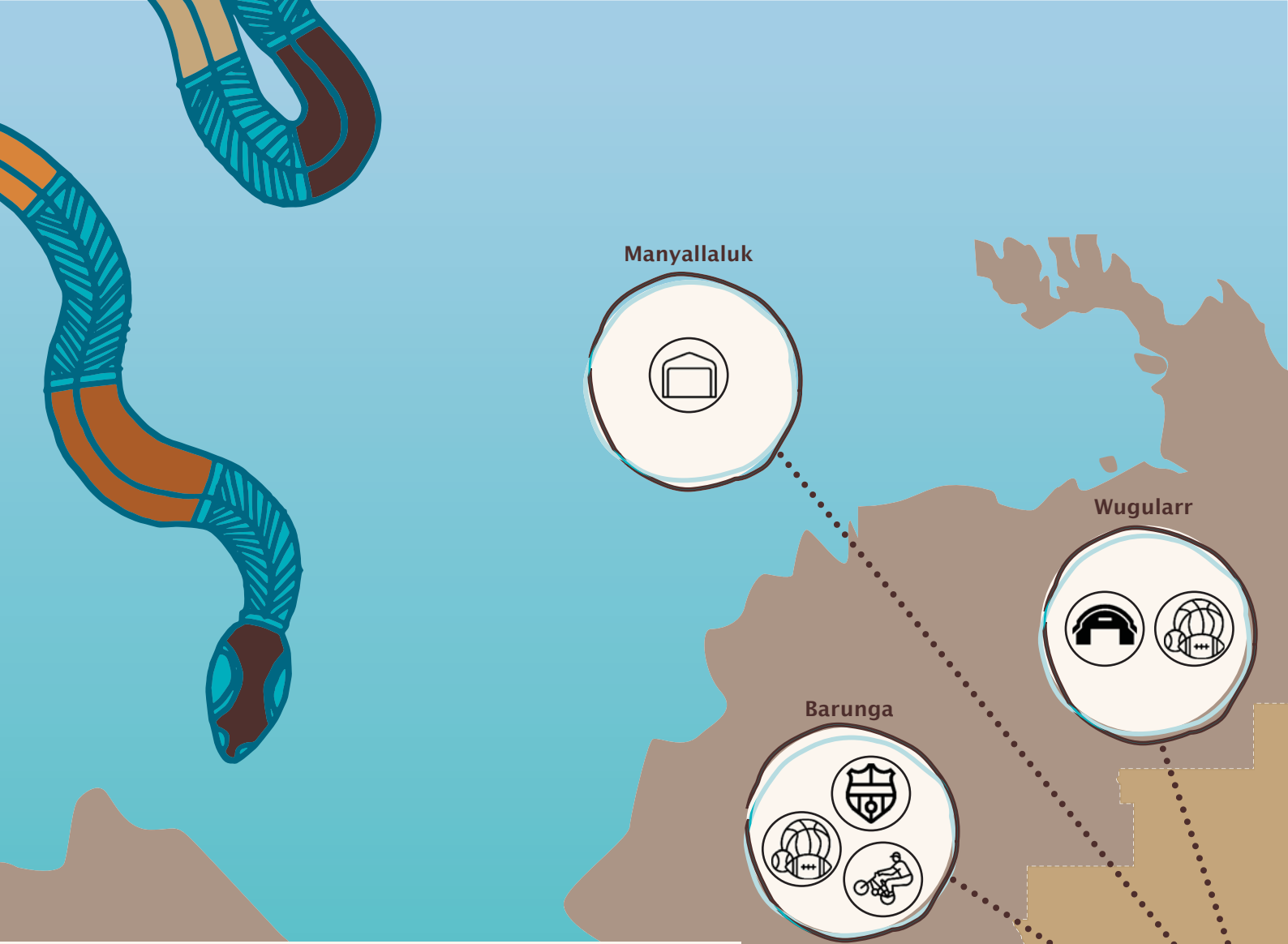
Roper Gulf Active & Connected has been developed to provide clear strategic and operational guidance for the provision of services and investment in sport and recreation facilities for the short (1–3 years), medium (4–7 years), and long (8–10 years) term. Its development has considered the following:

- The remaining useful life of legacy infrastructure;
- Sustainable facility management cost;
- The suitability of current facilities to meet population growth projections;
- Opportunities for new investment in facilities to meet population growth projections, including the identification of current and future grant funding opportunities for refurbishment and/or development of facilities;
- Opportunities for new sport and recreation programmes based on demonstrated community needs;
- Reducing facility and programme duplication across different community provider sectors;
- Realistic project targets for infrastructure refurbishments, upgrades, and builds; and
- Potential income stream opportunities to support the running costs associated with the sport and recreation infrastructure and facilities.









The development of the vision, themes and outcomes is the consolidation of engagement with key stakeholders (workshops, community visits etc) and the research conducted in the development of this strategy.








# LGA Wide Strategic Investment Plan

-  Improved Sport & Recreation Hall
-  New Sport & Recreation Hall
-  New Basketball Infrastructure
-  Playing Field Improvements
-  BMX Infrastructure
-  New Skateboard Elements
-  New Sport Clubhouse
-  Strategic Services Support

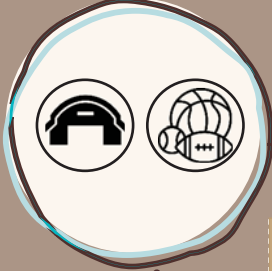
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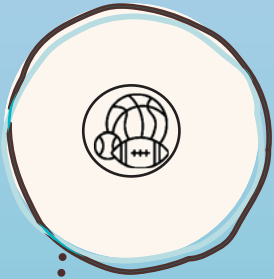


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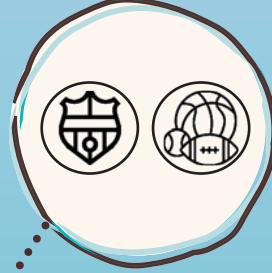
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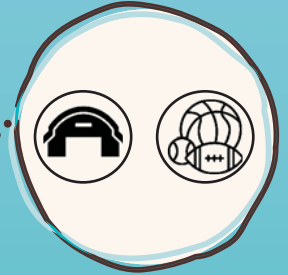
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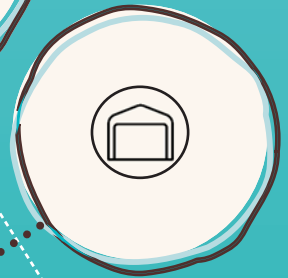
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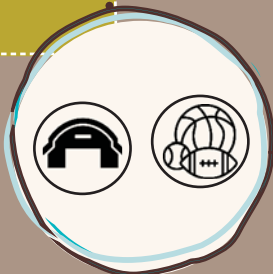
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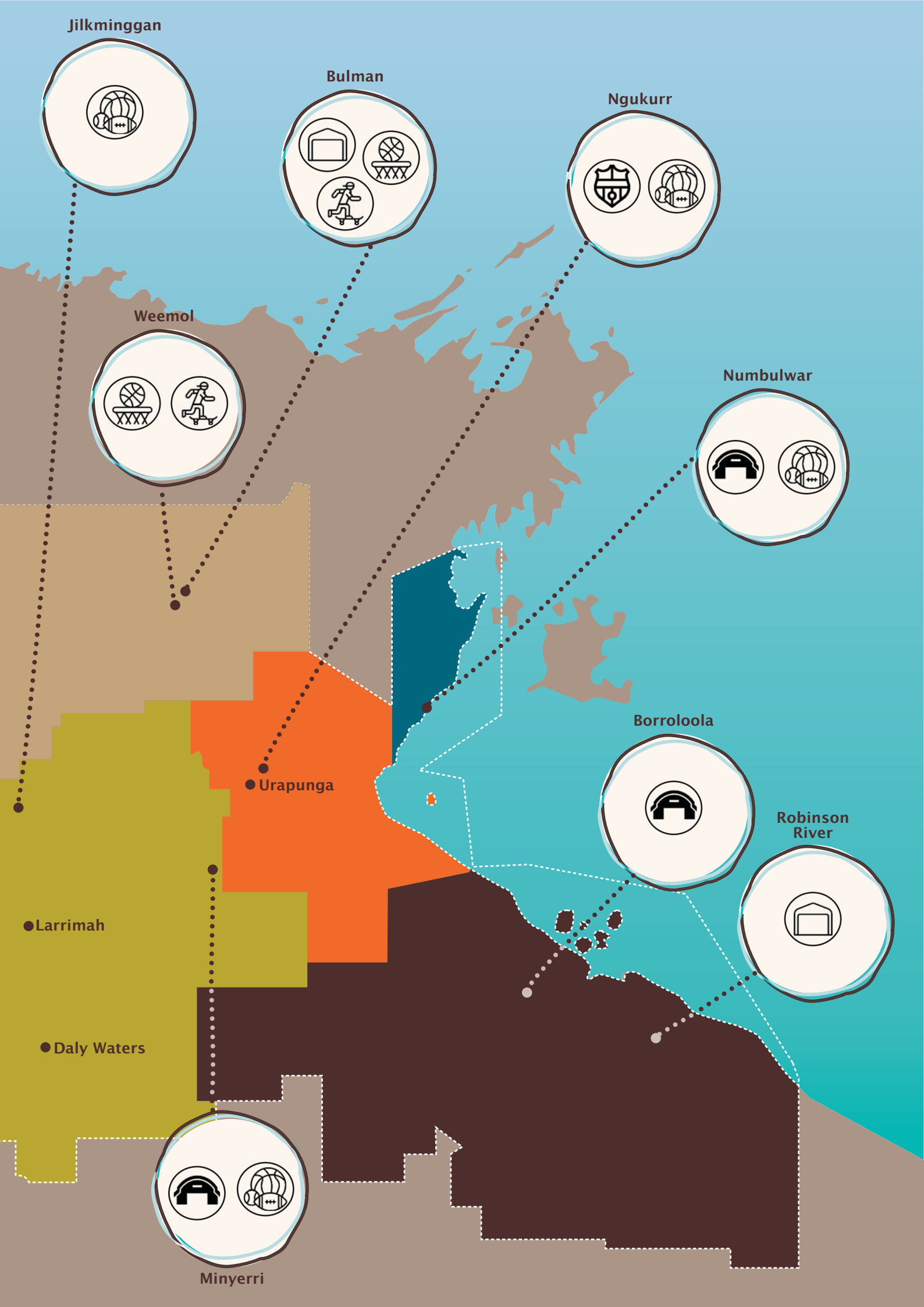
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Daly Waters



Minyerri



# People

# Places

# Participation

**We build the capacity of people who make sport and recreation possible and empower individuals to make healthy choices.**

That local authority and community have greater involvement in service delivery, asset management and capital delivery.

That more indigenous community members gain training and education associated with sport and recreation due to the transferrable skills and benefits.

That clubs continue to grow in maturity, improve governance and build independence.

That appropriate incentives are in place to attract high quality sport and recreation staff.

Continue to support partnerships and service delivery with peak sporting bodies.

**We provide places that foster sport and recreation, for maximum social benefit.**

That all community members have access to at least the minimum level of sport and recreation infrastructure (based on population, remoteness and access).

That appropriate investment be made in strategic projects where significant infrastructure gaps exist.

**We promote involvement in all activities that keeps people moving and engaged.**

That growth continues to occur in the following:

- popular activities like basketball and AFL.
- traditional activities such as bush medicine, hunting and fishing.
- dance and music.

That growth in community volunteering be actively supported.

That collaboration be reinforced with other service providers.

That we continue to support young kids (1-10) in sports programs but that a renewed focus occur on early teens and young adults (11-16).

That community festival delivery be supported due to the resultant sports participation, cultural exchange and social benefits.

# PEOPLE

## Outcome One

That local authority and community have greater involvement in service delivery, asset management and capital delivery.

### Measure

Number of sports programs being delivered.

Value of capital works delivered by partners.

### Actions

1. Community ISR Project Pilot – Support clubs and other organisations who seek to deliver sports programs within community. Deliver this as a pilot project and evaluate outcomes.
2. Support project delivery by aboriginal corporations and sporting clubs. Examples include club redevelopments by Arnhem Crows and Yugul Mangi Development Aboriginal Corporation.
3. Consider the impacts of the delivery of the Beetaloo Basin project in terms of population growth, economic development, housing and sport and recreation infrastructure.

## Outcome Two

That more indigenous community members gain training and education associated with sport and recreation due to the transferable skills and benefits.

### Measure

Number of people with accredited training.

### Actions

4. Sport & Recreation Certificate Program: continue to enable staff to complete Certificate III in Sport & Recreation with providers such as Charles Darwin University.

## Outcome Three

That clubs continue to grow in maturity, improve governance and build independence.

### Measure

Number of clubs in the Big Rivers League.

### Actions

5. Club Governance Project: facilitate governance training such as the Australian Sport Commission's Sport Governance Education and Training.

## Outcome Four

That appropriate incentives are in place to attract high quality sport and recreation staff.

## Outcome Five

Continue to support partnerships and service delivery with peak sporting bodies.

# PLACES

## Outcome One

That all community members have access to at least the minimum level of sport and recreation infrastructure (based on population, remoteness and access).

### Measure

Number of projects delivered.

### Actions

6. Deliver the 10-year sports infrastructure program detailed in this Masterplan.
7. Include the infrastructure program into Council's capital works program.

## Outcome Two

That appropriate investment be made in strategic projects where significant infrastructure gaps exist.

### Measure

Number of sport and recreation infrastructure projects noted in Capital Works Plan.

### Actions

8. Review of Capital Works Plan to include forecasting and future planning for delivery of identified sport and recreation infrastructure projects.





# PARTICIPATION

## Outcome One

That growth continues to occur in the following:

- popular activities like basketball and AFL;
- traditional activities such as bush medicine, hunting and fishing; and
- dance and music.

## Measure

Increased participation from critical age groups (youth and adult).

Stabilise or improve participation from child age group.

## Actions

9. Engage NTG and NIAA on funding towards Remote Sports Program delivery, local employment and partnerships.
10. Continue to broaden the scope of ISR program to include traditional activities.

## Outcome Two

That growth in community volunteering be actively supported.

## Measure

Increase in volunteering from 6% base.

## Actions

11. Volunteering Plan – Deliver Roper Gulf specific initiatives from the NT Sport Volunteer Action Plan 2023–25 and actively grow volunteering in the LGA.

## Outcome Three

That collaboration be reinforced with other service providers.

## Measure

Increase delivery in new communities

## Actions

12. Firm up existing and create new partnerships with community organisations such as JMF, AFLNT and Basketball NT.

## Outcome Four

That we continue to support young kids (1–10) in sports programs, but that a renewed focus occurs on early teens and young adults (11–16).

## Measure

Number of targeted youth-specific activities available.

## Actions

13. Youth Engagement Strategy – define a program to ensure teens stay engaged in sport and recreation.

## Outcome Five

That community festival delivery be supported due to the resultant sports participation, cultural exchange and social benefits.

## Measure

Festival program and numbers of festivals delivered and supported.

## Actions

14. Festival Program – allocate and/or source funding and other resourcing to support community festivals such as Barunga Festival and NAIDOC week



## COMMUNITY OVERVIEW

**An audit of the sport and recreation facilities in Barunga, Wugularr (Beswick), Borroloola, Bulman, Manyallaluk (Eva Valley), Jilkminggan, Mataranka, Minyerri, Ngukurr, Numbulwar, and Robinson River was undertaken.**

The intention was to define the current context and identify future opportunities for investment and infrastructure delivery. The assessment was made on the basis of condition and availability.

This Masterplan seeks to ensure a basic service level which includes the following:

- Grassed playing fields;
- Outdoor basketball court (preferably shaded);
- Recreation hall; and a
- Central informal park.

Review of services highlights a dominant trend in nearly every community where there is strong participation in programs.

Community	Project	2024-26 0-3 years	2027-29 4-7 years	2030-34 8-10 years
Borroloola	Cyclone shelter (Multi-purpose)			
Numbulwar	Cyclone shelter (Multi-purpose)			
Numbulwar	Sports field upgrade			
Wugularr*	Sport and rec hall			
Minyerri	Sport and rec hall			
Weemol	Shaded b'ball court			
Robinson River^	Shaded b'ball court			
Bulman	Shaded b'ball court			
Barunga	Clubhouse			
Ngukurr	Clubhouse and precinct			

\*Quoted cost August 2023 circa \$140,000

^Quoted cost August 2023 circa \$170,000





## MAJOR INFRASTRUCTURE

**Whilst many potential infrastructure projects have been identified, the following have been prioritised for delivery with the timeframe of Roper Gulf Active & Connected.**

These are based on the following criteria:

- Need to meet basic level of service;
- Remoteness of community; and
- Size and forecasted growth of community.



The Northern Territory Government Infrastructure Pipeline is delivered in 0–5 year cycles. These cycles include the following steps – feasibility & concept planning; business case & detailed design and finally construction. All projects listed above will be delivered using this fundamental project delivery process and at each stage funds will need to be sourced and allocated. Council’s budget process and capital works program will provide further detail on these stages.

The projects shown are considered necessary to be delivered over the next ten years to meet basis service levels.

Different organisations will have different responsibilities for each project – in most instances this is not yet defined.

Council’s role could be a combination of roles including – funding, advocating, facilitation, design, delivery, asset maintenance.

# BARUNGA

Overall, Barunga has high quality facilities. There are no gaps in facility provision, however in time it will be appropriate to deliver a new sport and recreation hall and the Arnhem Crows are looking to deliver a new club house.

## Current Facilities

- School (old outdoor court, small oval and kick around area);
- Barunga Festival grounds/Culture Park;
- Covered multi-purpose court with lights, seating and score board;
- Old outdoor court in poor condition;
- AFL oval with adjacent shelter – irrigated, well lit;
- Softball pitch with toilets and shelter (about 400 m from the AFL field); and
- Sport and Recreation Hall with kitchen and toilets.

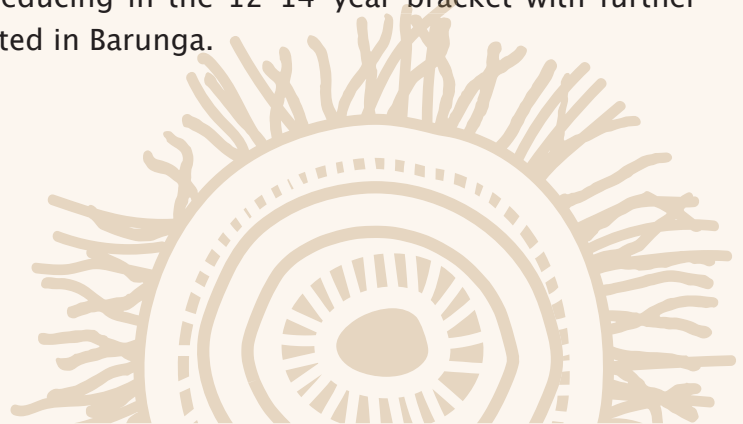
## Tenure (Section 19)

Lot 199 Sport & Recreation Hall

## Sports Program

In the second half of 2022, AFL, cooking, soccer, basketball, fishing, disco and bush tucker program activities were run in Barunga with all being evenly attended.

The dominant trend of participation reducing in the 12–14-year bracket with further reduction in 15–17 years is demonstrated in Barunga.





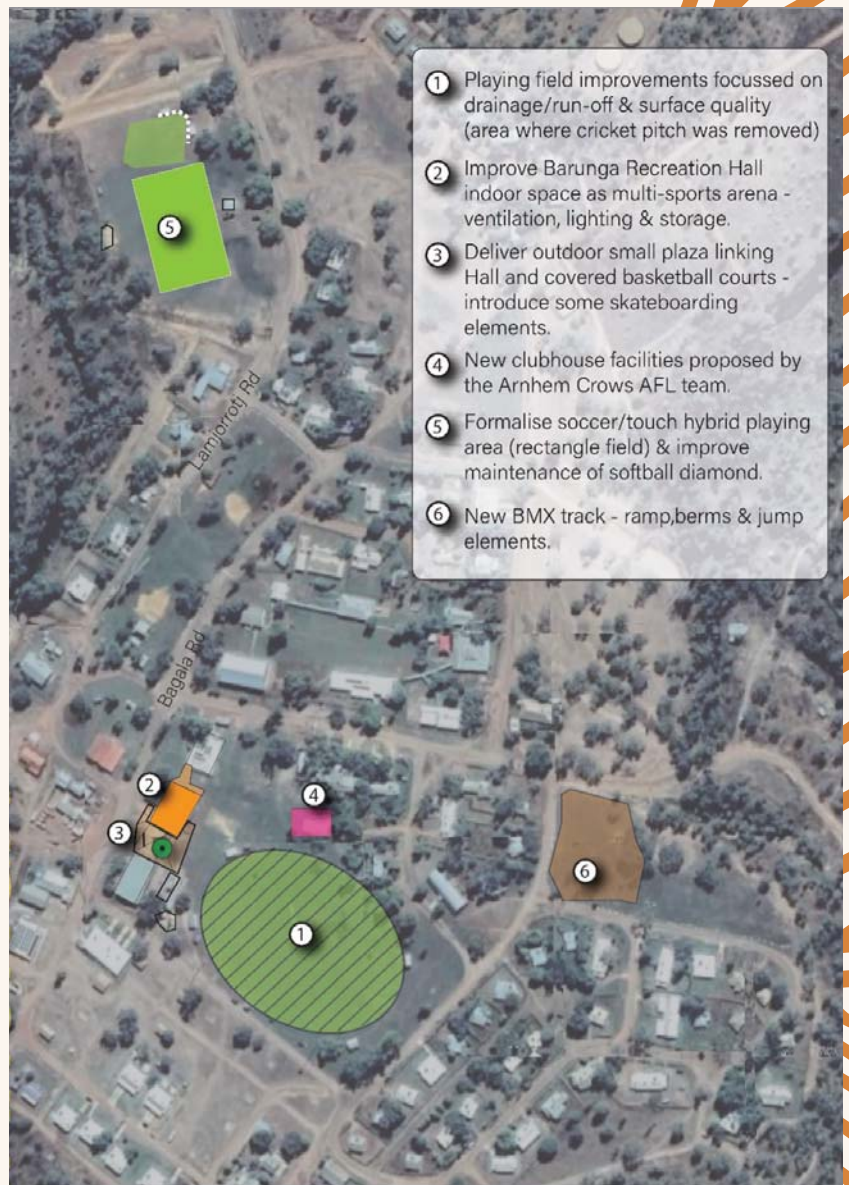
## Current Assets

1. Sport and recreation hall.
2. Covered basket ball court.
3. AFL playing field.
4. Softball playing field.
5. Small playground.
6. Fitness equipment area.
7. Public toilet blocks.



## Future Opportunities

1. Playing field improvements focused on drainage/ run-off & surface quality.
2. Improve Barunga Recreation Hall indoor space as multi-sports arena- ventilation, lighting and storage.
3. Deliver outdoor small plaza linking Hall and covered basketball courts- introduce some skateboarding elements.
4. New clubhouse facilities proposed by the Arnhem Crows AFL team.
5. Formalise soccer/ touch hybrid playing area (rectangle field) & improve maintenance of softball diamond.
6. New BMX track- ramp, berms and jump elements.



# WUGULARR

Wugularr (Beswick) has been developed in two parts with the old section lower which is where the sports fields and basketball court is placed. On the higher ground in the newer area is the multi-purpose covered court. For the size of the population there is a need for a sport and recreation hall.

## Current Facilities

- Sports oval (spectator stands, width insufficient for Senior AFL, no toilets);
- Recreation Area (playground, outdoor sports court);
- Recreation room (old school classroom);
- Central parkland and community space adjacent to Social Club - will be upgraded to include BBQs, Playground and Toilet;
- Social Club;
- Men's Shed;
- Arts Centre;
- Covered multi-use sports court (at new subdivision and includes lights, stands, + adjacent play area, will also include toilet and shower block and will be near new shops);
- School - small AFL oval; and
- School - covered multi-purpose sports court (no lights).

## Tenure (Section 19)

Lot 191 Basketball Courts

## Sports Program

In the second half of 2022, AFL, basketball and handball program activities were run in Wugularr with basketball and AFL best attended.

The dominant trend of participation reducing in the 12-14-year bracket with further reduction in 15-17 years is demonstrated in Wugularr.





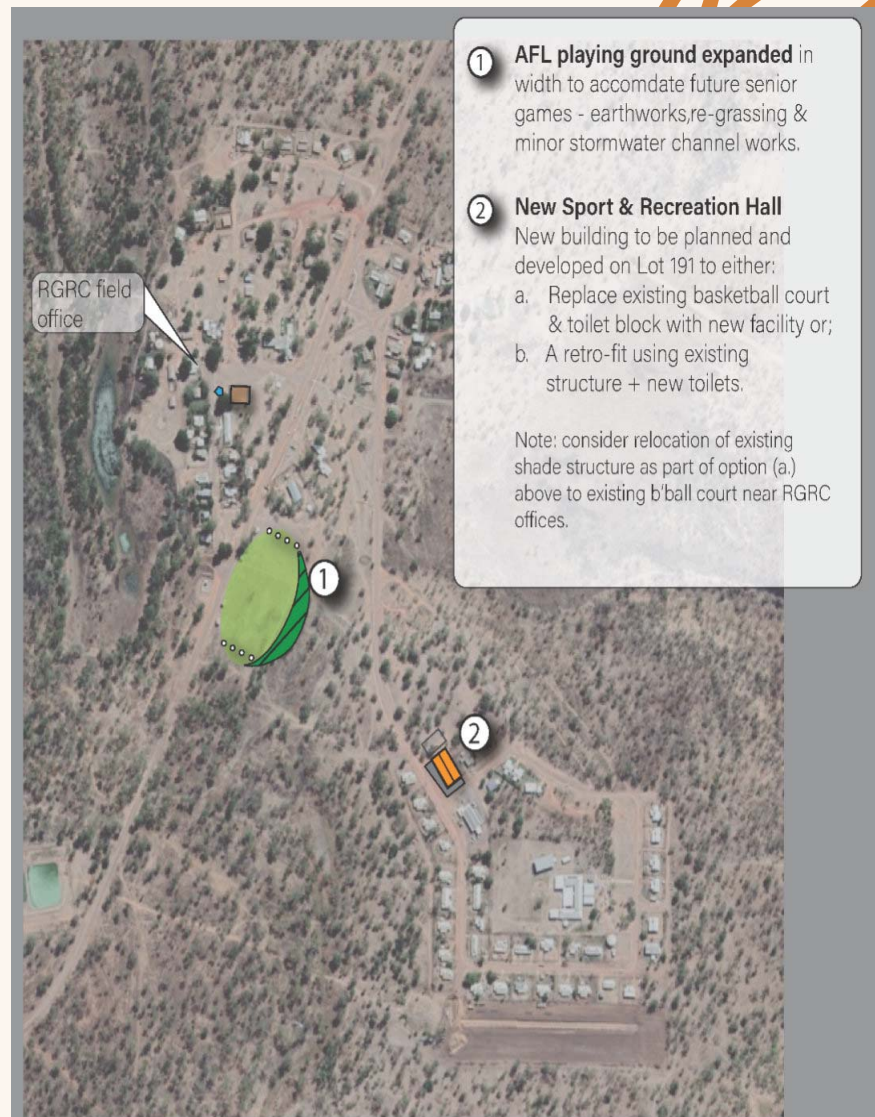


## Current Assets

1. AFL playing field.
2. Outdoor covered basketball hardcourt and playground.
3. Covered basketball court, toilet block and playground.

## Future Opportunities

1. AFL playing ground expanded in width to accommodate future senior games – earthworks, re-grassing, and minor storm water channel works.
2. New sport and recreation hall. New building to be planned and developed on Lot 191 to either:
  - Replace existing basketball court and toilet block with new facility; or
  - A retro-fit using existing structure and new toilets.



# BORROLOOLA

Borroloola's sport infrastructure is very spread out although the main precinct hosting the school sports fields, multipurpose court and new cyclone shelter are quite integrated. There may be opportunity to formalise community access to the school sports field.

## Current Facilities

- Showgrounds including oval sports field, covered club meeting/hospitality area; demountable toilets; sheds and storage; (softball diamond being developed) (recent investment of \$500,000 on power and water);
- Community pool (25m x 6 lane, splash play pool) Change sheds, office, kiosk space, and A/C gym area. Located between high and primary school campuses;
- School sports field (in-ground irrigation- adjacent to the pool);
- Rodeo Grounds (managed by club);
- Riverside picnic area;
- Tamarind Park near Air strip;
- Each of the town camp estates has a central park with playground; and
- Cyclone shelter under construction.

## Tenure (Section 19)

Lot 784 Show ground

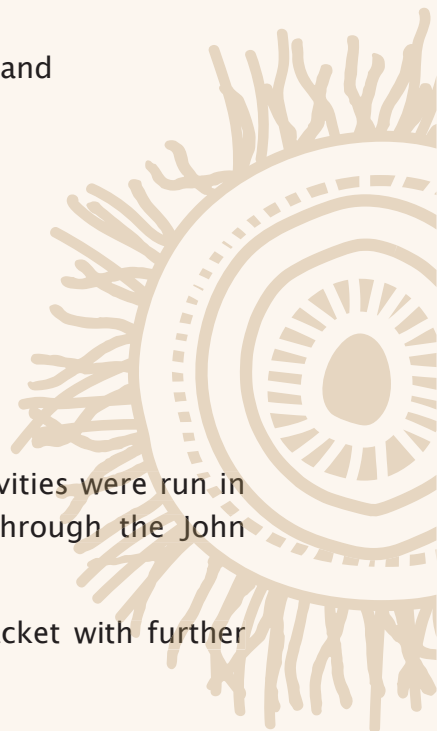
Lot 645 Swimming pool complex

Lot 644 Youth, sport and recreation

## Sports Program

In the second half of 2022, soccer, basketball and pool program activities were run in Borroloola with all well attended. Soccer programs are delivered through the John Moriarty Foundation.

The dominant trend of participation reducing in the 12-14-year bracket with further reduction in 15-17 years is demonstrated in Borroloola.





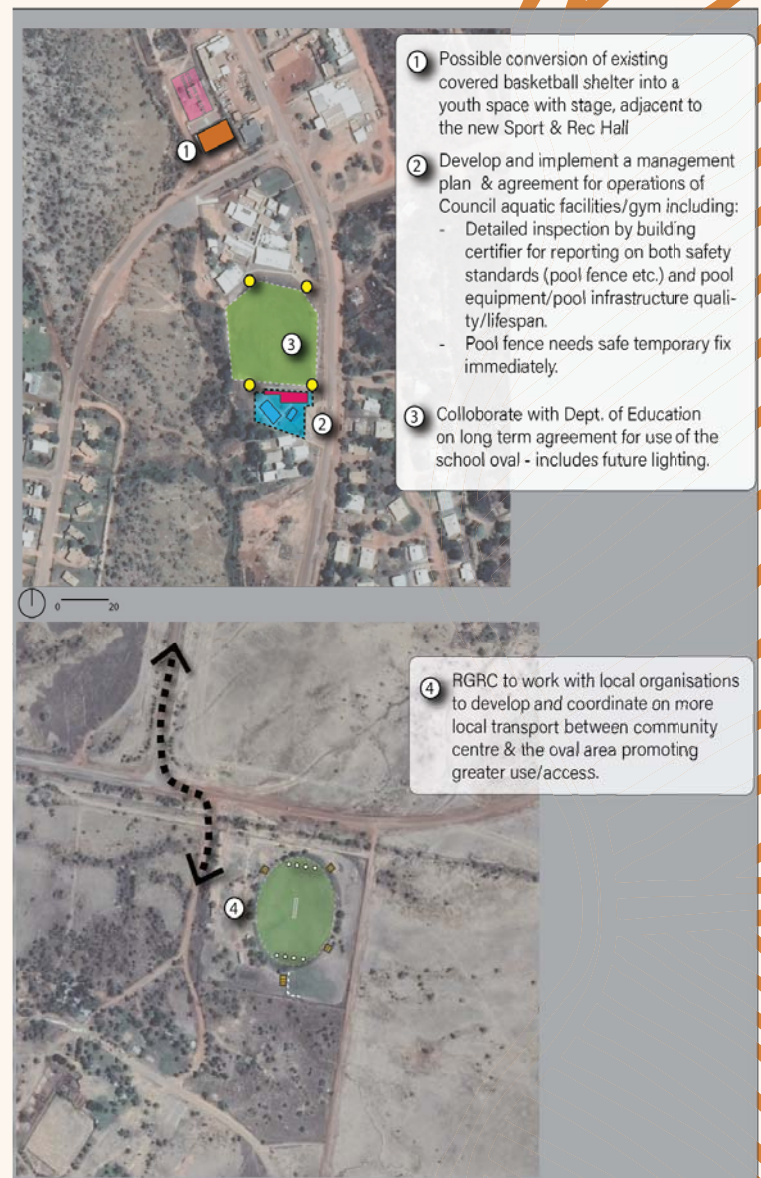


## Current Assets

1. Covered basketball court.
2. Under construction cyclone shelter.
3. Aquatic centre, gym and storage.
4. Playing field – school
5. AFL playing oval and softball diamond.
6. Event and camping area in show ground.

## Future Opportunities

1. Possible conversion of existing covered basketball shelter into a youth space with stage, adjacent to the new Sport & Rec hall.
2. Develop and implement a management plan & agreement for operations of Council aquatic facilities / gym including a detailed inspection by building certifier for reporting on both safety standards (pool fence etc.) and pool equipment/ pool infrastructure quality/ lifespan.
3. Collaborate with department of education on long term agreement for use of the school oval- includes future lighting.
4. RGRC to work with local organisations to develop and coordinate on more local transport between community center & the oval area promoting greater use/ access.



# BULMAN

Bulman is relatively well serviced in terms of sports infrastructure although there is need for provision of an outdoor multipurpose court which could service basketball, futsal, dance, and other social activities. Whilst there is a covered court, this is constrained by having to be opened by a staff member.

## Current Facilities

- Sport and Rec Hall (multi-purpose court concrete surface, small stage, kitchen, toilets, showers);
- Old outdoor court not functional;
- Sports oval – adjacent to the sports hall (playing surface poor– some lighting) set up for AFL;
- Centre Rd park with playground and tables;
- BBQ park with large playground;
- School – covered full size sports court; and
- School – small oval/ kick about area.

## Tenure (Section 19)

Lot 69 Sport and recreation hall

## Sports Program

In the second half of 2022, basketball, hit and run, cooking, rippa tag, frisbee, disco, craft, soccer, and cricket program activities were run in Bulman and were evenly attended.

The dominant trend of participation reducing in the 12–14-year bracket with further reduction in 15–17 years is demonstrated in Bulman.



## Current Assets

1. AFL playing field.
2. Sport and recreation hall.
3. Fitness equipment area.
4. Covered play ground.



## Future Opportunities

1. New outdoor half-court basketball hard courts and skateboard elements.
2. Improved ventilation and climate control inside hall.



# MANYALLALUK

Whilst there is no sport and recreation hall, the population of Manyallaluk (Eva Valley) is quite small and the covered multi-purpose court appears to meet current demand.

## Current Facilities

- Covered multi-purpose sports court with lights and stage adjacent (site is fenced and adjacent to the school);
- Parkland with playground and tables;
- Recreation area with swimming hole (constructed), tables and BBQs;
- Sport and Rec building near council office with covered deck and a/c demountable;
- Informal open space along the creek; and
- School has small kick about area.

## Tenure (Section 19)

Lot 34 Covered basketball court

Lot 3 grassed area adjacent to Council Office

## Sports Program

No sports program was recorded in the second half of 2022.





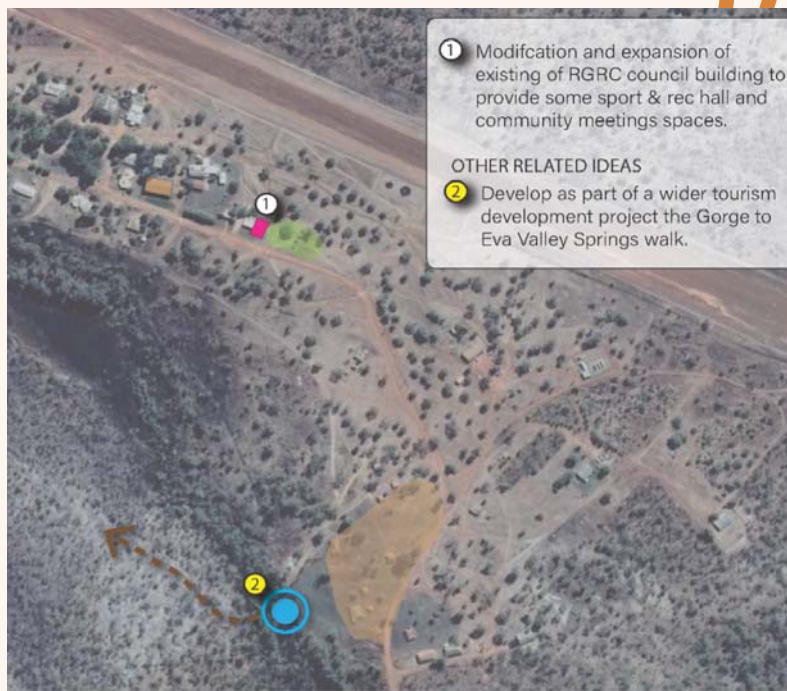
## Current Assets

1. Covered Basketball Court.
2. AFL kick area & Council field office.
3. Spring Baths & Heritage Precinct



## Future Opportunities

1. Modification and expansion of existing RGRC council building to provide some sport and recreation hall and community meeting spaces.
2. Other related ideas: develop as part of a wider tourism development project the Gorge to Eva Valley Springs walk.



# JILKMINGGAN

Jilkminggan has the basic service level of sport facilities, however the sport and recreation hall is dilapidated and not fit for purpose. Basketball court and softball diamond are not useable and require refurbishment.

## Current Facilities

- Recreation hall (repurposed agricultural shed with insufficient roof height for sport);
- Outdoor multi-purpose sports court;
- Toilet block;
- Sports oval;
- Old softball backing net on unused land over the road from oval;
- Community Park (new playground being installed); and
- Covered sports court at school (not open to community use).

## Tenure (Section 19)

Jilkminggan Community Aboriginal Corporation – Council has one year leases on Council assets.

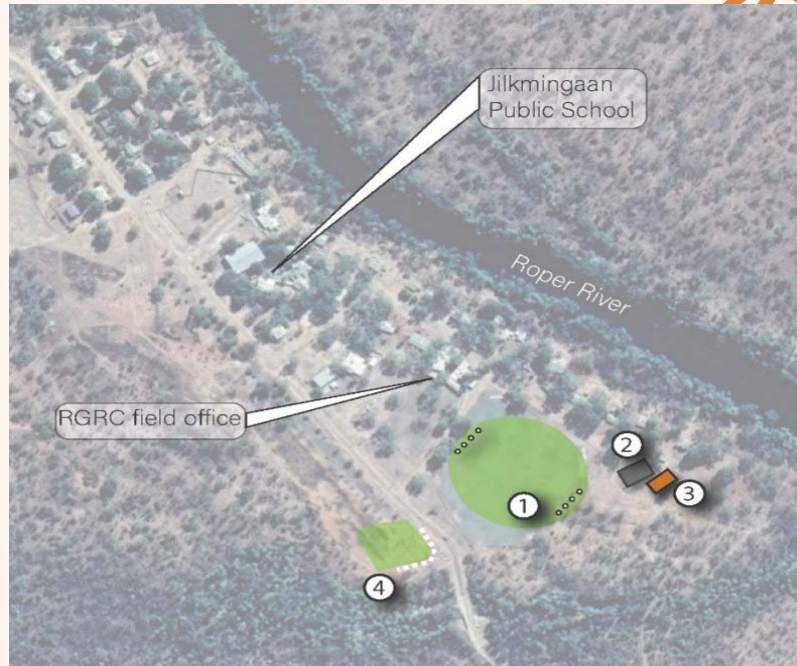
## Sports Program

In the second half of 2022, hit & run, cooking, rippa tag, musical chairs, dodgeball, disco, craft, and skateboarding program activities were run in Jilkminggan and were evenly attended.

The dominant trend of participation reducing in the 12–14-year bracket with further reduction in 15–17 years is demonstrated in Jilkminggan.

## Current Assets

1. AFL playing field.
2. Outdoor Basketball Court.
3. Sport & Recreation Hall.
4. Softball Diamond.



## Future Opportunities

1. New indoor sport & recreation hall- consider integrated change rooms for AFL games. Ensure new building is located out of low lying ground (Lot 82 as an example).
2. New lighting to AFL ground





# MATARANKA

Mataranka has the facilities it needs, much of which appears to be under-utilised. There is opportunity to regenerate the sports field playing surface so that Mataranka can play a central role in community competition in leagues such as the Big Rivers Football League.

## Current Facilities

- Large community hall with air-conditioning and kitchen;
- Playground with shade sail;
- Small youth space (skate and BMX);
- Large park and linear open space along main road;
- Thermal pools and swimming area (National Park);
- School has full sized covered court with lights; and
- School has sports oval in good condition.

## Tenure (Section 19)

Council own sporting precinct.

## Sports Program

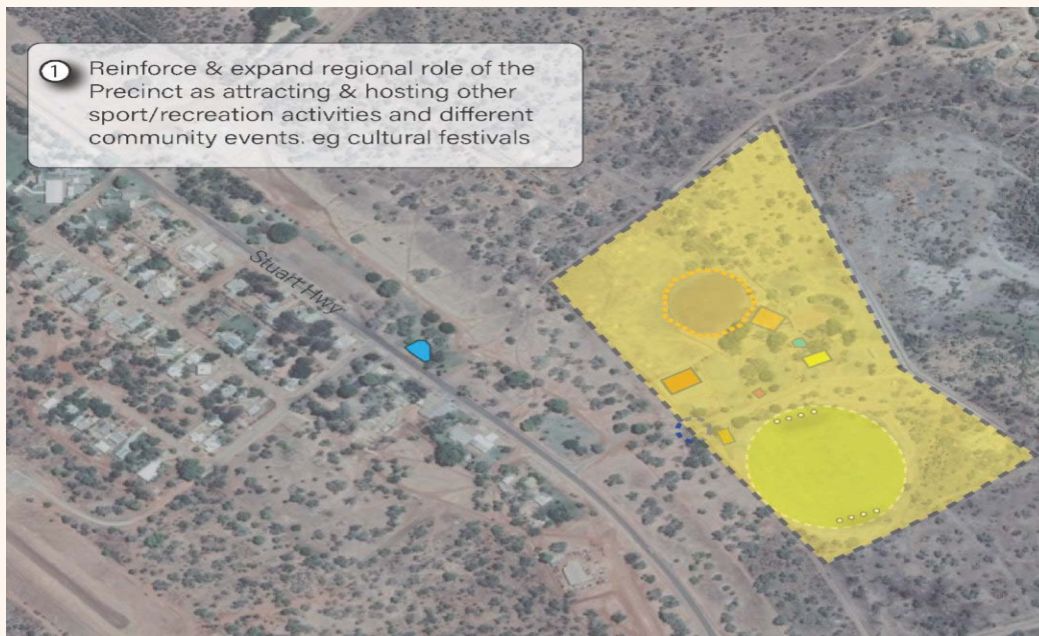
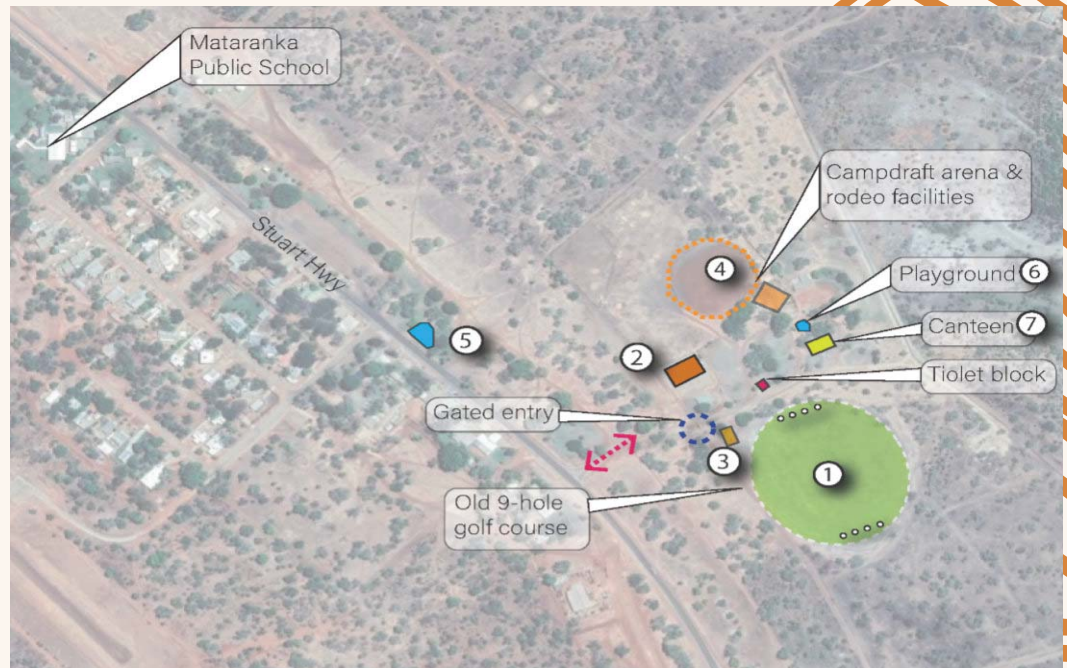
In the second half of 2022, hit & run, cooking, rippa tag, musical chairs, dodgeball, disco, craft, and skateboarding program activities were run in Mataranka and were evenly attended.





## Current Assets

1. AFL playing field.
2. Covered basketball court.
3. Cricket training nets.
4. Campdraft and rodeo facilities.
5. Skate park.
6. Playground.
7. Canteen building.



## Future Opportunities

1. Reinforce & expand regional role of the precinct as attracting & hosting other sport/ recreation activities and different community events. e.g. cultural festivals.

# MINYERRI

There is requirement for a sport and recreation hall in Minyerri based on population and the expected level of service.

## Current Facilities

- Covered sports court with lights and sport and recreation shed (toilets close to Alawa building);
- Water park (currently closed), operated by Alawa in the afternoons and weekends (free entry and supervised);
- AFL oval (irrigated) but lacking toilets and change facilities;
- Community park and playground;
- Billabong recreation area;
- School has  $\frac{3}{4}$  covered court with stage; and
- School has small kick about area.

## Tenure (Section 19)

All Section 19 land allocations are held by Alawa Aboriginal Corporation.

## Sports Program

No Council sports program is delivered in Minyerri.



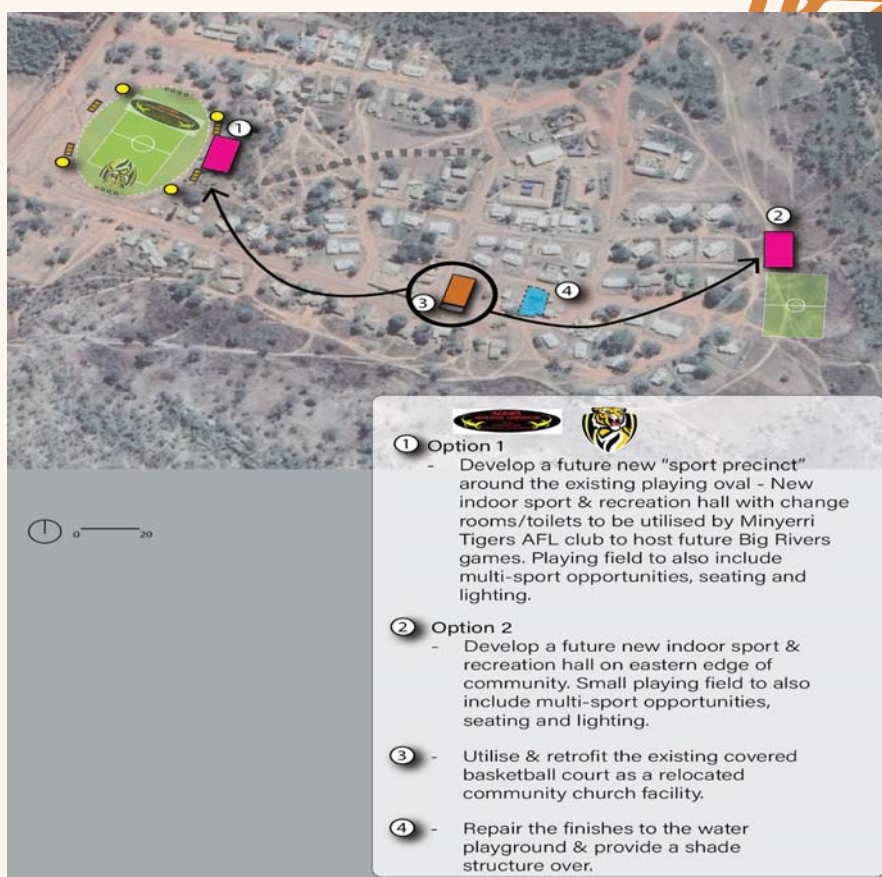
## Current Assets

1. Sports playing field.
2. Covered basketball court.
3. Water playground.



## Future Opportunities

1. Option 1: Develop a future new "sport precinct" around the existing playing oval- new indoor sport and recreation hall with change rooms/ toilets to be utilised by Minyerri Tigers AFL club to host future Big Rivers games. Playing field to also include multi-sport opportunities, seating and lighting.
2. Option 2: Develop a future new indoor sport & recreation hall on eastern edge of community. Small playing field to also include multi-sport opportunities, seating and lighting.
3. Utilise & retrofit the existing covered basketball court as a relocated community church facility.
4. Repair the finishes to the water playground & provide a shade structure over





# NGUKURR

Ngukurr has the facilities it needs and is in the process of delivering a significant masterplan within their sports precinct. The pool is an ageing asset and requires immediate attention to the safety issues associated with the fencing and ageing pool pump and chemical storage sheds.

## Current Facilities

- AFL oval (8 teams), toilet block and basic spectator facilities;
- Sports Hall with indoor court, lights and stage and storage (adjacent to community centre/kitchen; Meals on Wheels);
- Outdoor court adjacent to indoor also with some lights;
- Aquatic centre with 10 lane 25m pool and 3 smaller splash and program pools;
- Pool, sports hall and fields all in one precinct which includes playground and parkland;
- Family Centre;
- School has covered sports court with lights;
- School is refurbishing a small playing field;
- Police Lookout Park; and
- Boat ramp to river.

Yugul Mangi have just secured funding to deliver significant infrastructure within the sporting precinct. This will include a club house and basketball court as a minimum. It would be appropriate for Council to support this process.

## Tenure (Section 19)

Lot 381 Swimming pool (license to maintain).

Lot 340 Oval (Yugul Mangi have the license to maintain).

## Sports Program

In the second half of 2022, pool, basketball, rugby and football program activities were run in Ngukurr with basketball and pool sessions most popular.

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## Current Assets

1. Recreation hall;
2. Outdoor open basketball court;
3. Aquatic center;
4. Playing oval; and
5. Small covered playground & external swing set.



## Future Opportunities

1. Proposed Ngukurr Oval Sports Precinct Redevelopment:

- Developed by YMDAC on lot 340.
- Funded by NIAA and delivered by YMDAC in 2 stages after consultation.
- Stage 1: playing field improvements.
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# NUMBULWAR

Numbulwar requires development of a sport and recreation hall (which could be developed as a cyclone shelter similar to Borroloola) and a solution to the sports field surface. This should be a priority for this Masterplan.

## Current Facilities

- Outdoor sports court with lights and spectator stands (no toilets);
- Sandy sports field adjacent to sports court. Poor location, no turf and unusable in the wet season;
- Very old recreation hall. Height and size not compliant for sport. Structurally poor and of limited functionality (was an old housing shed);
- Old sports court on foreshore not useable;
- Informal grass field on foreshore which is used regularly but is undersized and constrained by sewerage manholes;
- Boat ramp and picnic area; and
- School has covered sports court with lights.

## Tenure (Section 19)

Lot 976 Sport and Recreation Hall  
Lot 130 Basketball Court

## Sports Program

In the second half of 2022, soccer, basketball, disco and golden child program activities were run in Numbulwar with basketball and golden child sessions most popular.

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## Current Assets

1. Covered basketball court.
2. Playing oval.
3. Recreation hall.
4. Foreshore parkland.
5. Foreshore open basketball court.
6. Outdoor volleyball court



## Future Opportunities

1. Playing field improvements: location impacted by periodic inundation. Council to investigate local drainage solution to help mitigate this; if this is feasible then a playing field re-build is warranted in this location
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  - New playing field;
  - New lighting at 1 end ( adjacent basketball court);
  - Move south-west end goal posts away from culturally sensitive areas ( shown as hatch).
- ② New cyclone shelter/recreation hall to replace existign covered basketball court adjacent to playing field - Note: If playing field is unviable, Alternate location options for the cyclone shelter have also been provided on Plan 2.
- ③ Refurbish existing recreation hall into youth/- cultural event space.



### Alternate Option 1

- New playing field/oval located along the broad ridgeline north of "top camp" along the existing roadway.
- collocate with **new cyclone shelter/recreation hall**.
  - located on flood free land within 500M of town centre.
  - located close to existing services ( from roadway)

### Alternate Option 2

- New playing field/oval located along the broad ridgeline north east past existing housing along the existing roadway.
- collocate with **new cyclone shelter/recreation hall**.
  - located on flood free land within 800M of town centre.
  - located close to existing services ( from roadway)

# ROBINSON RIVER

Robinson River has a dilapidated youth centre which could be refurbished, and the central basketball court would generate increased use with an open air shed covering.

## Current Facilities

- Rectangular playing field;
- Full size outdoor basketball court; and
- Small, dilapidated youth space.

## Tenure (Section 19)

All Section 19 land allocations are held by Mungoorbada Aboriginal Corporation.

## Sports Program

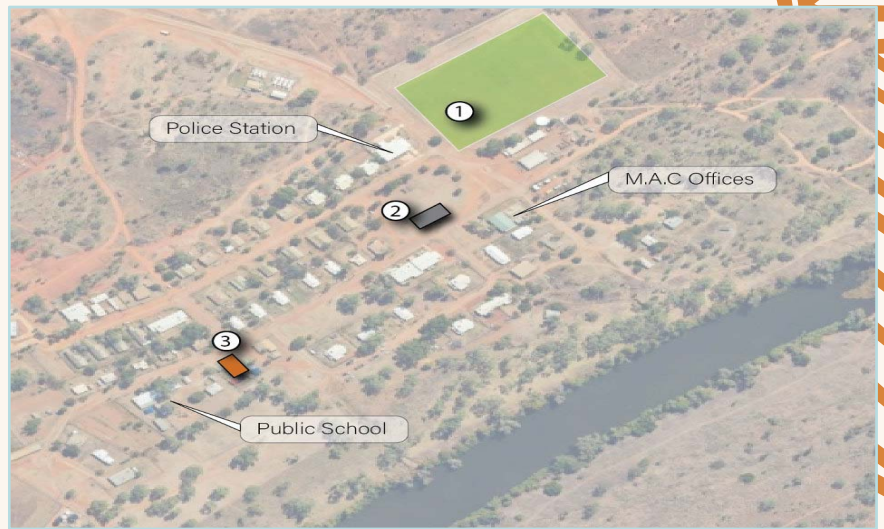
No Council sports program is delivered in Robinson River.





## Current Assets

1. Sports playing field.
2. Open basketball court.
3. Small recreation / youth space.



## Future Opportunities

1. Mungoorbada Aboriginal Corporation developing in collaboration with RGRC a new cricket pitch along with portable goals for the playing area.
2. Opportunity to refurbish the existing recreation/ youth space including upgrading the security, outdoor fire area and outdoor kitchen/ small events space.





# URAPUNGA

This community is under serviced in terms of available sport and recreation infrastructure and programs. Review of the 2019 Urapunga Masterplan should be conducted to identify opportunity for project delivery.

## Current Facilities

For the population size and remoteness, the town has an undersupply of sport and recreation infrastructure. It has a central park but does not have an available basketball court (one in school grounds but inaccessible outside of school hours), sports field or recreation hall.

## Tenure (Section 19)

Delivering sport and recreation facilities will require review of sites and tenure.

## Sports Program

No Council sports program was delivered in Urapunga, though children from Urapunga occasionally attend programs in Ngukurr.

## Current Assets

Nil.

## Future Opportunities

1. Review existing 2019 Masterplan.
2. Identify potential sites for new facilities.
3. Explore opportunity for refurbishment of existing homestead shed for sport and recreation purposes.

# WEEMOL

The sports infrastructure in Weemol is of very poor quality. At a minimum it is appropriate to replace the current half-court with a new one which could also incorporate other elements such as integrated seating.

## Current Facilities

- Unusable half-court basketball court;
- AFL kick around in poor condition; and
- Playground.

## Tenure (Section 19)

Section 19 over half-court and goal-kick area.

## Sports Program

The Council sports program for Weemol is delivered in nearby Bulman.

## Current Assets

1. AFL goal-kick area.
2. Outdoor basketball court.
3. Playground.

## Future Opportunities

Demolish and re-build a new half-court basketball court and include skateboarding elements.



# DALY WATERS

The town has some existing infrastructure which is now in disrepair. There is an opportunity to refurbish existing assets which may also align with investment with the Beetaloo Basin project.

## Community Organisations

### Daly Waters Progress Association

DWPA has recently been reinvigorated by membership from township, surrounding pastoral leases and other businesses and is planning to develop a strategic plan at the end of the year. The Hall and associated Bicentennial Park has been the centre of district activities for over 50 years however these have recently fallen into disrepair. The major event of the year is the district Christmas Party, and the Hall provides for community and private functions and meetings.

### Daly Waters Rodeo & Campdraft Association

DWRCA has been active for many years and runs at least one event per year.

### Tenure (Section 19)

Crown Lease for community purposes.

### Sports Program

NA

## Current Assets

### DWPA

1. Progress Hall.
2. Bicentennial Park.
3. Dilapidated Tennis Court.
4. Historic Police Station/Court House

### DWRCA

1. Rodeo Campdraft Arena and Grounds.

## Future Opportunities

1. Refurbishment of tennis court with basketball hoop.
2. Maintenance of bicentennial park.
3. Hall and Old Police Station refurbishment.
4. Consider potential impacts of Beetaloo Basin project.



# LARRIMAH

The town has a cricket oval which Council maintains. There is an opportunity to support local competition which may also align with investment associated with the Beetaloo Basin project.

## Community Organisations

Larrimah Progress Association

## Tenure (Section 19)

Crown Lease for community purposes.

## Sports Program

NA

## Current Assets

1. Cricket pitch (irrigated and maintained by Council).

## Future Opportunities

1. Local cricket competition.
2. Consider potential impacts of Beetaloo Basin project.











## ABBREVIATIONS

### **AFL**

Australian Football League

### **AFLNT**

Australian Football League Northern Territory

### **ISR**

Indigenous Sport & Recreation

### **JMF**

John Moriarty Foundation

### **LGA**

Local Government Area

### **NAIDOC**

National Aborigines and Islanders Day Observance Committee

### **NIAA**

National Indigenous Australians Agency

### **NT**

Northern Territory

### **NTG**

Northern Territory Government

### **RGRC**

Roper Gulf Regional Council

### **YMDAC**

Yugul Mangi Development Aboriginal Corporation





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