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ABOUT THIS DOCUMENT

This is **Volume 2** of a series of documents that make up the *Mornington Peninsula Active Sports Strategy*. It contains a summary of relevant information about each of the sports identified for the purposes of this study.

This document provides a profile of sports and their related issues and recommendations. It relates to all sports reviewed as part of the *Active Sports Strategy*.

Documents that make up the Mornington Peninsula Active Sport Strategy are:

- **Volume 1:** Strategy and Actions
- **Volume 2:** Profile and Issues by Sport
- **Volume 3:** Consultation Findings.

The following consultation forums have informed the contents of this document:

- interviews, meetings and workshops with Council staff
- telephone and written surveys of sporting clubs
- telephone interviews with district, regional and state peak bodies, leagues and associations
- telephone interviews with 20 geographically selected primary and secondary school physical education and sports staff
- householder survey distributed to 3000 randomly selected households (656 responses)
- in-school survey distributed to randomly selected primary and secondary schools (320 responses).
- Sporting club updates in 2012
- Shire officer updates in 2012
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1 INTRODUCTION

1.1 Project aim

This study aims to assist the Mornington Peninsula Shire to plan for the future provision of sports and sporting infrastructure throughout the municipality.

1.2 Active Sports Strategy

This study includes an examination of:

- existing participation rates
- how the Shire's facilities are used
- whether there are areas of unmet demand
- identification of new or emerging sports.

The study also examines the future demand for sport and recommends strategies for the future provision of amenities to meet residents' needs. A key output of the strategy is a ten-year priority listing of recommended actions

1.3 Methodology

A number of tasks were undertaken to achieve the outcomes:

- a review of existing documents, strategies and reports
- an analysis of the influence of trends and participation rates/impacts
- interviews, meetings and workshops with Council staff
- a telephone and written survey of sporting clubs
- telephone interviews with district, regional and state peak bodies, leagues and associations
- telephone interviews with primary and secondary school physical education and sport staff
- a household survey distributed to 3000 randomly selected households
- an in-school survey distributed to randomly selected primary and secondary schools
- inspections of a range of the Shire's key sports sites and facilities
- four forums for key sport stakeholders and peak bodies
- identification of the key issues for resolution
- preparation of a Draft Active Sports Strategy for public display
- presentation of the Final Active Sports Strategy to Council and Councilors.
- review and update of demographic data and club data in 2011

1.4 Definitions

■ ERASS

National sports participation figures are drawn from Australia's *Participation in Exercise Recreation and Sport Survey* (ERASS)¹. According to its annual report, ERASS is a joint initiative of the Australian Sports Commission and State and Territory Departments of Sport and Recreation. Data was first collected in 2001 and continues until 2010.

ERASS 'collects information on the frequency, nature and type of activities undertaken by persons aged 15 years and over for exercise, recreation and sport during the 12 months prior to interview'. The survey is conducted quarterly throughout Australia.

Age range

ERASS covers individuals aged 15 years and over but does not represent junior sports participation. This means that, for many activities, a large number of participants are excluded and for key sporting activities, such as soccer and swimming, this may be a majority.

Participation

A survey respondent is counted as a participant in 'sport and physical activity' if he or she has engaged in as little as one activity once in the previous year. Thus, in statistics on 'participants in sport and physical activity' no distinction is made between such minimalist participants and regular participants who may participate in a range of activities hundreds of times in the course of the year. Information is gathered on frequency of participation, but the published ERASS reports do not provide further analysis of frequent and infrequent participants. Nor does 'participation' include any minimum participation time or, in the case of activities such as walking or running, a minimum distance.

Finally, it should be noted that the explanatory notes in the ERASS reports indicate that participation includes active playing, practice and training activities but does not include coaching, refereeing or spectating (although there is nothing in the wording of the questionnaire to indicate this).

Organised/non-organised

ERASS distinguishes between organised activity, that is, activity undertaken under the auspices of a 'club, association or other type of organisation' and non-organised activity.

The importance of this distinction varies from activity to activity. Throughout the following sport-by sport-summary, the terms 'organised' and 'non-organised' have been used under the above definition.

■ ABS Children's Participation in Cultural and Leisure Activities survey

This survey was conducted throughout Australia in April 2003 as part of the Australian Bureau of Statistics Monthly Population Survey (MPS). It 'provides details on participation in selected organised cultural activities and organised sports outside of school hours during the 12 months prior to interview'. It also 'provides information on participation in selected leisure activities (such as bike riding and watching television or videos) outside of school hours during the most recent two school weeks prior to interview'. It also 'presents details on computer usage by children both during and outside of school hours over the 12 month period prior to interview'.²

■ Local demand

Local demand figures are an estimate of the likely numbers of participants for a particular sport in the future. These are calculated on the basis of participation rates identified for 'top activities undertaken away from home' in the householder and school surveys undertaken for the purposes of this report, to ensure validity across both age groups. Where this data is not available, other sources of participation rates i.e. identified from 'participation in competitive sports' in the householder and school surveys has been used.

1.5 Sports summaries

The following pages contain a summary of data collected for the purposes of developing the *Mornington Peninsula Active Sports Strategy*. Sports are listed in alphabetical order and contain information on participation, structure, demand, facilities, issues, opportunities and potential for change.

¹ Standing Committee on Recreation and Sport (2010) *Participation in Exercise, Recreation and Sport: Annual Report, 2010*: Standing Committee on Recreation and Sport. ERASS 2010

² Australian Bureau of Statistics (2010) *Children's Participation in Cultural and Leisure Activities*, (Cat. No. 4901.0), Canberra: AB

2 ARCHERY

2.1 Club participation

The Mornington Peninsula Bowmen is the only affiliated club within the Shire and the only field archery club within the south-east region. The club has had grown from six members in 1996 to 50 members in 2011 - attributed to improved administration practices and affiliation with Archery Victoria. The club has recently introduced junior programs and a coach education program. It promotes family participation and membership opportunities throughout the community.

2.2 Trends

Archery Victoria predicts an increase in membership over the next five years, based on an annual participation increase of 3-5% in Victoria over the past five years. Increases have been attributed to the success of Australian athletes at World Championship events, as well as Olympic and Paralympic Games, and movies that feature archery.

2.3 Future market demand

No ERASS participation rates are available for archery. Archery is now an Olympic sport; so demand could be expected to increase due to exposure

2.4 Local demand

Archery was not highlighted in response to any of the school or household surveys.

2.5 Projected demand

As no participation rates are available, projected demand cannot be assessed.

2.6 Facilities

The club currently has a field archery range located at Long Point Reserve, Cape Schanck, which is managed and maintained by the club. The club wishes to develop an indoor target range in order to expand their program offering to members. The facility would be a 'shed style' building approximately 18m x 30m in size. Venues outside the reserve should also be considered for this facility.

2.7 Issues

The key issues for Archery in the Mornington Peninsula Shire are:

- perceived as a male-dominated sport
- lack of funding at the state level
- difficulty in attracting people with a disability to the sport at state and club level
- lack of an indoor facility

2.8 Opportunities

- development of a program for people with a disability
- hosting of the State Field Archery Championships within two years
- identify an accessible indoor facility

RECOMMENDED ACTIONS

- Assist Mornington Peninsula Bowmen to provide an accessible venue, and undertake pavilion improvements through the pavilions capital works program.
- Support Mornington Peninsula Bowmen to host state and regional events.
- Support the club through improvements at Long Point Reserve

3 ATHLETICS

3.1 Club participation

Table 1. Athletic Club membership

Membership						
Club Name	2005/06	2006/07	2007/08	2008/09	2009/10	2010/11
Western Port Little Athletics	82	78	102	139	129	150
Mornington Little Athletics	199	314	333	381	317	256
Southern Peninsula Little Athletics	125	107	129	140	123	56
TOTAL	406	499	564	660	569	393

No athletics club in the Shire caters for all age ranges. No local clubs specifically cater for athletes with disabilities, who are encouraged to participate at their local amateur club.

3.2 Trends

During the consultation process Mornington Peninsula clubs reported a decrease in membership, as did Athletics Victoria, particularly for the 30-40 year olds. It is speculated that this could be attributed to the increase in social running and organised fun run events.

A lack of running tracks in the Shire could also contribute to declining participation in this activity.

3.3 Future market demand

ERASS identified a total Victorian participation rate of 0.5% for the 15+ age group, with a 0.3% and 0.2% rate for organised and non-organised participation respectively.

The Children's Participation in Cultural and Leisure Activities identifies a national participation rate of 3.3% in the 5-14 year age group.

Based on the current membership of clubs, participation in athletics within the Shire is well under the average projected levels of participation nationally. Primary participation in athletics is at the Little Athletics level, as well as through school competitions. There is minimal participation in formal athletics programs and events from people aged over 15 years, however ERASS data indicates an increase in participation of 77% between 2001 and 2010.

3.4 Local demand

The school survey results highlighted that athletics had a participation rate of 10.0%, with slightly more males than females participating. The sports club telephone interviews identified:

- an average of 95% of junior club members reside in the Shire
- facilities required in future for athletics were lighting, storage and toilets
- major obstacles to growth over the next five years reported was the need for generally improved facilities and the difficulty of retaining members.
- the need for a synthetic athletics venue

Schools (in telephone interviews) reported that eight schools require athletic facilities for sports purposes.

In the householder survey, athletics was not highlighted as a competitive activity. However, non-competitive leisure activities (e.g. walking, jogging) were highly rated.

3.5 Projected demand

Table O2 illustrates the estimated number of participants in organised and non-organised athletics in the Mornington Peninsula Shire for the years 2006 to 2031.³ Table O3 illustrates the estimated local demand for athletics in the Mornington Peninsula Shire for the years 2006 to 2031.⁴

Table 2. Estimated demand for athletics (persons)

STATE DATA						
AGE	2006	2011	2016	2021	2026	2031
Under 15	601	614	636	648	662	681
15+	484	508	513	525	539	553
TOTAL ESTIMATED DEMAND	1085	11122	1149	1173	1201	1234
MARKET DEMAND	1,126	1,198	1,255	1,306	1,356	1,406
TOTAL PROJECTED RANGE	1,126-1085	1,198-1122	1,255-1149	1,306-1173	1,356-1201	1,406-1234

Table 3. Estimated local demand for athletics (persons)

AGE	2006	2011	2016	2021	2026	2031
Under 15	747	763	790	806	823	846
15+	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
TOTAL ESTIMATED DEMAND	747	763	790	806	823	846

³ Calculated by applying participation rates from Children's Participation in Cultural and Leisure Activities, Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS), 2010 and Exercise, Recreation And Sport Survey, Standing Committee on Recreation and Sport (SCORS), 2010 against population projections from Mornington Peninsula Shire Council Forecasts, .id consulting Pty Ltd, 2011.

Assumes that participation rates do not fluctuate in future years and as such, projections should be used as potential figures only. Market demand is estimated based on ERASS organised participation rate.

⁴ Calculated by applying participation rates obtained from school and householder against population projections from Mornington Peninsula Shire Council Forecasts, .id consulting Pty Ltd, 2011. Assumes that participation rates do not fluctuate in future years and as such, projections should be used as potential figures only.

3.6 Facilities

All athletic facilities provided in the Shire are grass tracks provided on local sports ovals and school grounds located at:

- Trueman's Road, Rosebud
- Western Port Secondary College, Hastings
- Mace Oval, Mt Martha.

There is no synthetic athletics track located in the Shire. The closest is located in Frankston at Ballam Park. Ballam Park is approximately 25 minutes by car from Dromana (assuming Dromana is the geographic centre of the Shire).

A feasibility study should be undertaken to determine demand and possible venues for use by schools, clubs, training for other activities and regional events.

3.7 Issues

The key issues for athletics in the Mornington Peninsula Shire are:

- lack of good facilities
- lack of access to quality school playing fields for little athletics competitions
- maintenance of grass running tracks
- retention of athletes and volunteers.

3.8 Opportunities

- development of links with clubs to include athletics as cross training for other sports
- target masters and school aged groups for participation
- clubs to establish links with fun run/social athletics programs
- develop all-weather track
- develop track around reserves as part of master plans

RECOMMENDED ACTIONS

- Retain existing grass tracks and continue to perform routine maintenance and mowing throughout the athletics season.
- Plan for a 6-8 lane synthetic (all-weather) track, assuming the current local junior participation rate of 10% can be sustained.
- Develop good running tracks around reserve ovals within the long term master plan program, and consider the development of an 'icon' track like "The Tan" in South Yarra.
- Undertake a feasibility study to determine best sites, and costs of new all weather track(s).
- Install distance markers on existing well used running tracks throughout the Shire

4 AQUATICS/SWIMMING/DIVING

4.1 Club participation

The Mornington Peninsula has over 13 aquatic facilities in the Shire, two of which are managed by the Shire. There are two major swimming clubs within the Shire but no diving clubs. There is a diving pool at Toorak College in Mornington..

4.2 Trends

Whilst swimming and diving are in the top five physical activities in 2010, participation rates have decreased by 6% between 2001 and 2010.⁵

Diving Australia reported a decrease in membership during the 2010-2011⁶ year with a total membership of 2,199 from 2,377 for the 2009-2010 year. Diving Victoria's club membership reached a plateau while participation has grown significantly over the year.⁷

Representatives from diving indicated that diving was popular at the school level within the Shire and the southern metropolitan region. Divers tended to migrate from other sports such as gymnastics.

Diving as a sport has greatly advanced due to equipment such as trampolines and dive boards with harnesses over foam pits or port-a-pits. Dryland training assists divers perfect specific diving skills, reduces fear when attempting a new dive, reduces demand for pool time and enables training throughout winter seasons.⁸ Dry training is provided via foam pits at gymnastics centres, however none of the Peninsulas three gymnastics centres currently have a foam pit.

4.3 Future market demand

ERASS identified a total Victorian participation rate of 13.5% for swimming in the 15+ age group, with a 1.5% and 12.6% rate for organised and non-organised participation respectively.

The Children's Participation in Cultural and Leisure Activities identifies a national participation rate of 18.5% in the 5-14 year age group, with a 17.2% and 19.8% participation rate for males and females respectively.

Both ERASS and The Children's Participation in Cultural and Leisure Activities incorporate diving participation into the swimming rates.

4.4 Projected demand

Table 4. Estimated market demand numbers for swimming

STATE DATA						
Age	2006	2011	2016	2021	2026	2031
Under 15	3370	3441	3563	3633	3713	3817
15+	14565	15372	15942	16494	17080	17668
Total estimated demand	17935	18813	19505	20127	20793	21485

4.5 Facilities

An indoor pool feasibility study was undertaken in 2000 and investigated the needs for aquatic facilities for Mornington Peninsula residents. Hastings, Rosebud and Mornington were identified as the key locations for Council development of new aquatic facilities. The Pelican Park Hasting pool was completed and opened in 2003. Planning is underway for an aquatics facility in Rosebud, which is the second development priority, with Mornington third. More recent projected population growth analysis confirms these development priorities. One centrally located facility was not considered viable given the widespread population and large geographic area of the municipality.

⁵ Exercise, Recreation And Sport Survey (ERASS), Standing Committee on Recreation and Sport (SCORS), 2010

⁶ Diving Australia, 2009-2010 Annual Report

⁷ Diving Australia, 2010-2011 Annual Report

⁸ The Benefits of Dryland Training in Diving, <http://diving.isport.com/>

Table 5. List of facilities and clubs

Facility	Location	Pool size - metres	Shire managed/private/school	Clubs	Casual/General/Public access
Crib Point Pool	Crib Point	25m	Shire		Yes
Pelican Park	Hastings	25m	Shire		Yes
Kings Swim School	Mornington	17.5m, 7m x 2m	Private		No
YMCA Somerville Health & Aquatic Centre	Somerville	25m	Private		Yes
Kiddiesswim	Mt Martha	17m	Private		Yes-some
Peninsula Swimming and Aquatic Centre	Rosebud	25m	Private	Rosebud Swimming Club	Yes
HMAS Cerberus	Crib Point	50m	Private		No
Tyabb Fly Inn	Tyabb	15m	Private		No
Kankama Adult training Centre - Hydrotherapy pool	Mornington	10m	Private		Yes
Red Hill Consolidated	Red Hill	18m	School		No
Mornington Secondary College	Mornington	25m	School	Mornington Peninsula Flyers Swimming Club	Yes-some
Toorak College	Mt Eliza	25m	School		No
The Peninsula School	Mt Eliza	25m	School		No

Note that the 12 metre Balaka Street pool in Rosebud has now closed.

4.6 Issues

The key issues for aquatics in the Mornington Peninsula Shire are:

- lack of high quality larger, publicly accessible facilities
- lack of access to quality facilities for elite competition

4.7 Opportunities

- new aquatics facilities in Rosebud and Mornington areas

RECOMMENDED ACTIONS

- Continue and complete planning for the Rosebud aquatics centre
- Complete the preliminary site options analysis and recommendations (underway in 2012) for the proposed Mornington aquatics centre
- Undertake a feasibility study (consistent with the directions of 2001 Study which includes a functional brief and detailed needs assessment) for the proposed Mornington Public Pool in the medium term
- Foster swimming sports development within the Shire
- Continue to foster swim club development
- Provide detailed information about aquatics opportunities, including all facilities on the Shire website and in other information

5 AUSTRALIAN RULES FOOTBALL

5.1 Club participation

There are nine junior and ten senior football clubs in the Shire. The Mornington Peninsula Nepean Football League (MPNFL) administers senior football clubs in the Shire.

Senior Football clubs indicated an overall increase in participation, mainly in the under 17/18 age group. Junior football clubs reported an increase in participation, attributed mostly to attendance at organised programs such as Auskick, rather than as competition players.

Football Victoria has also reported their biggest growth in the sport in 2004, an increase of approximately 5,000 players at the community club level. Junior players (18 and under) account for approximately 76% of registered players (129,500).

Table 6. Junior Football Club membership

Membership				
Club name	Junior female	Junior male	TOTAL	Total teams
Balnarring JFC				4
Beleura JFC				9
Crib Point JFC				6
Dromana JFC			n/a	7
Hastings JFC				5
Mt Martha JFC			n/a	12
Mt Eliza JFC		380	380	14
Rosebud JFC			n/a	n/a
Red Hill JFC			n/a	6
Rye JFC		120	120	7
Sth Mornington JFC		200	200	8
Somerville JFC			n/a	11
Sorrento JFC				5
Tyabb JFC				4
TOTAL		700		26

Table 7. Senior Football Club membership

Membership				
Club Name	Senior Female	Senior Male	TOTAL	Senior Male 2010
Crib Point FC			n/a	n/a
Dromana FC		93	92	93
Hastings FC		65	70	65
Mornington FC		75	120	75
Mt Eliza FC		80	n/a	80
Peninsula Raiders FC			n/a	n/a
Somerville FC		100	105	100
Red Hill FC		65	85	65
Rosebud FC		70	120	70
Rye FC		75	70	75
Sorrento FC		60	90	60
Tyabb FC		60	n/a	60
TOTAL	0	752	752	743

The average club size is 74 members, enough players to sustain three teams.

5.2 Trends

Local sports clubs reported an increase in Under 18 participation within the MPNFL. This reflects a statewide increase at community club level and points to the potential for development of recreational/social football competitions. Football Victoria reported growth at the Auskick level for children aged 5 to 12. Locally this is estimated at 20% per annum.

5.3 Future market demand

ERASS identified a total Victorian participation rate of 5.4% for the 15+ age group, with a 4.1% and 1.7% rate for organised and non-organised participation respectively.

The Children’s Participation in Cultural and Leisure Activities identifies a national participation rate of 8.6% in the 5-14 year age group, with a 16% and 0.9% participation rate for males and females respectively.

5.4 Local demand

The household survey identified:

- 5.2% of respondents indicated football was an activity they participated in away from home
- football ranks sixth in the top ten activities for males (4.0%)
- 1.8% of respondents overall identified football as a sport ‘liked but not played’
- 6.1% of males identified football as a sport liked but not played
- factors to encourage more participation include: ‘put me in touch with club/centre offering sport my age group’, ‘put me in touch with others that have this interest/someone to play with’, ‘provide information about where I can play it’.

The school survey identified:

- football was the top-ranked activity participated away from home (9.1%)
- 14.5% of males nominated football as their top-ranked activity
- 13.8% of males participated competitively in football, but only 1.9% of females
- football was ‘liked but not participated in’ by 4.1% of students (53.8% females and 46.2% males).

The sports club telephone interviews identified:

- a majority of respondents recognised an overall increase in participation
- the majority of footballers reside in the Shire.

5.5 Projected demand

Table 08 illustrates the estimated number of participants in organised and non-organised Australian Rules football in the Mornington Peninsula Shire for the years 2006 to 2031.⁹ Table 09 illustrates the estimated local demand for AFL in the Mornington Peninsula Shire for the years 2006 to 2031.¹⁰

Table 8. Estimated market demand for Australian Rules Football (persons)

STATE DATA						
AGE	2006	2011	2016	2021	2026	2031
Under 15	1,566	1,600	1,656	1,689	1,726	1,774
15+	5203	5365	5433	5546	5704	5861
TOTAL ESTIMATED DEMAND	6769	6965	7089	7235	7430	7635
MARKET DEMAND	5,770	6,141	6,433	6,691	6,951	7,205
TOTAL PROJECTED RANGE	5,770-6769	6,141-6965	6,433-7089	6,691-7235	6,951-7430	7,205-7635

Table 9. Estimated local demand for Australian Rules Football (persons)

AGE	2006	2011	2016	2021	2026	2031
Under 15	1,658	1,693	1,753	1,787	1,826	1,877
15+	4,989	5,148	5,207	5,311	5,461	5,617
TOTAL ESTIMATED DEMAND	6,647	6,841	6,960	7,098	7287	7,494

Projections identify that the local demand provided through school and householder surveys was greater than the state participation rates, until 2011. There are some areas of growth in young families, particularly as the Peninsula Link Freeway reduces travel time for commuters (i.e. Mt Martha, Baxter, Somerville).

⁹ Calculated by applying participation rates from Children’s Participation in Cultural and Leisure Activities, Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS), 2010 and Exercise, Recreation And Sport Survey, Standing Committee on Recreation and Sport (SCORS), 2010 against population projections from Mornington Peninsula Shire Council Forecasts, .id consulting Pty Ltd, 2011. Assumes that participation rates do not fluctuate in future years and as such, projections should be used as potential figures only. Market demand is estimated based on ERASS organised participation rate.

¹⁰ Calculated by applying participation rates obtained from school and householder against population projections from Mornington Peninsula Shire Council Forecasts, .id consulting Pty Ltd, 2011. Assumes that participation rates do not fluctuate in future years and as such, projections should be used as potential figures only.

5.6 Facilities

Generally, football facilities across the Shire require some updating to accommodate uni-sex change facilities, storage, umpires rooms and changing expectations for higher standard of facilities. Clubs based along the Nepean Highway have an excellent standard of facilities. However, the majority of grounds are single oval grounds, which restrict club growth and development. Furthermore, clubs have the financial capacity to attract high calibre players to play in the League, and should therefore invest further in the facilities they use.

The majority of facilities are also co-located with cricket clubs, tennis courts, netball courts, playgrounds and in some instances, skate parks, helping to create community hubs and areas that promote social/family recreation. Further consolidation is required.

5.7 Issues

The Shire's *Open Space Strategy 2003* identified that: 'the Shire needed to work with the MPNFL to encourage a more effective integration of the management and development of junior and senior football. This would focus on:

- developing strong relationships between junior and senior football clubs
- addressing issues contributing to the decline of young people taking up senior football (i.e. club attitudes and behaviour, lack of 'family friendly environments', codes of conduct' lack of positive role models etc).'

All of the football clubs within the Shire are now football / netball clubs with netball teams. Since 2003, much of the work to create family friendly sports environments has been completed, i.e. the Victorian Code of Conduct for Community Sport has been developed, and the Good Sports Program introduced.

The school survey identified a number of reasons why respondents no longer participated, including:

- no club team provided
- team number constraints
- not good enough for selection.

Senior clubs

The senior clubs identified a number of future needs, including:

- improved shower facilities, club change/social rooms, spectator facilities and time keeper/coaches boxes.

Issues that will need to be explored in the next five years were identified as:

- ability to attract spectators
- increased insurance costs
- club management professionalism.

Junior clubs

The junior sports clubs identified a number of future needs, including:

- improved rooms, improved lighting for ovals and improved car parking
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Issues that will need to be explored in the next five years were identified as:

- increased competition from other sports
- more fund raising required
- more teams in lower age groups.
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Future obstacles for both senior and junior football were identified as:

- rising costs
- rising insurance costs
- over-regulation by statutory bodies
- introduction of localised competition – may reduce quality opposition and development
- ground and facility rental fees
- competition from other sports.

Overall club issues

Two major issues face the clubs:

- how to attract new volunteers or administrators to the sport – and retain them
- how to attract, train and retain umpires.

5.8 Opportunities

Football Victoria continues to encourage more female participation. However, constraints include the cost of replicating shower and toilet facilities and accommodating female umpires.

Shire assistance would be useful in terms of promotion, including advertising the availability of grants. Also, the standard of play in the MPNFL would warrant the provision of floodlights at selected grounds. This would also encourage participation.

Concerns over behaviour could be addressed by encouraging participation in the *Good Sports Program*,¹¹ a free program designed to assist clubs with the responsible management of alcohol.

RECOMMENDED ACTIONS

- The Shire's main focus should be to support junior Auskick programs to maximise future development and participation.
- Assist new teams to link with existing clubs to ensure future viability.
- Encourage all clubs to enroll in the *Good Sports Program* and support them to achieve higher accreditation than the base level.
- Ensure football grounds can accommodate multi-use access and can cater for other sporting codes.
- Support existing clubs to develop women's football teams – set a target to have a minimum 3 teams.
- Investigate options to replace single field reserves with multiple playing fields and migrate small playing field sports onto the smaller oval sites.

¹¹ Australian Drug Foundation: Good Sports Program (see [www. Goodsports.com.au](http://www.Goodsports.com.au))

6 BADMINTON

6.1 Club participation

The Mornington Peninsula Ladies Badminton Association runs a competition using David Collins Leisure Centre.

6.2 Trends

Badminton Victoria reports that participation levels have remained stable over the past few years, with a slight increase in member numbers.

6.3 Future market demand

ERASS identified a total Victorian participation rate of 1.4% for the 15+ age group, with a 0.6% and 0.9% rate for organised and non-organised participation respectively.

The Children's Participation in Cultural and Leisure Activities identifies a national participation rate of 0.3% in the 5-14 year age group, with a 0.3% participation rate for both males and females.

6.4 Local demand

The householder survey identified 1.1% of respondents played badminton, but lack of information about where to play was the main reason for not playing. The school survey identified 2.5% of respondents played badminton competitively.

6.5 Projected demand

Table 16 shows the estimated number of participants in organised and non-organised badminton in the Mornington Peninsula Shire for the years 2006 to 2031.¹²

Table 17 illustrates the estimated local demand for badminton in the Mornington Peninsula Shire for the years 2006 to 2031.¹³

Table 10. Estimated market demand for badminton (persons)

STATE DATA						
AGE	2006	2011	2016	2021	2026	2031
Under 15	55	56	58	59	60	62
15+	1316	1359	1391	1427	1471	1516
TOTAL ESTIMATED DEMAND	1371	1415	1449	1486	1531	1578
MARKET DEMAND	563	599	628	653	678	703
TOTAL PROJECTED RANGE	563-1371	599-1415	628-1449	653-1486	678-1531	703-1578

Table 11. Estimated local demand for badminton (persons)

AGE	2006	2011	2016	2021	2026	2031
Under 15	455	465	481	491	502	516
15+	1259	1349	1420	1484	1547	1606
TOTAL ESTIMATED DEMAND	1,714	1,814	1,901	1,975	2,049	2,122

Local participation figures for the under 15 year age group indicate that badminton potentially has a higher demand locally than the national rate.

6.6 Facilities

Badminton generally requires multi-use indoor sports facilities, which in the Shire, are dominated by use for higher demand sports such as basketball. An increase in facilities line marked for badminton is predicted, however use of court space for badminton will be affected by participation levels in other indoor sports (e.g. basketball, netball, volleyball and soccer).

It is not expected that the Mornington Peninsula Shire provide any purpose built facilities for badminton. However consideration should be given to catering for badminton in any newly developed or extended indoor court space.

¹² Calculated by applying participation rates from Children's Participation in Cultural and Leisure Activities, Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS), 2010 and Exercise, Recreation And Sport Survey, Standing Committee on Recreation and Sport (SCORS), 2010 against population projections from Mornington Peninsula Shire Council Forecasts, .id consulting Pty Ltd, 2011. Assumes that participation rates do not fluctuate in future years and as such, projections should be used as potential figures only. Market demand is estimated based on ERASS organised participation rate.

¹³ Calculated by applying participation rates obtained from school and householder against population projections from Mornington Peninsula Shire Council Forecasts, .id consulting Pty Ltd, 2011. Assumes that participation rates do not fluctuate in future years and as such, projections should be used as potential figures only.

6.7 Issues

- Increase in growth of other indoor court sports such as basketball, is restricting access to multi-purpose courts.
- Competition from other sports.

6.8 Opportunities

More affordable insurance has been identified as a key factor contributing to increases in participation. Other opportunities include:

- using the schools network to promote the sport
- capitalising on the likely Commonwealth Games legacy
- a large potential population base for an adult and seniors competition.

RECOMMENDED ACTIONS

- Monitor court usage time at Council operated indoor sports courts for all sports to determine badminton allocation needs.
- Ensure badminton clubs and associations are allocated reasonable access to indoor leisure centres.
- Assist clubs and schools to provide opportunities for school based and older adult badminton programs.

7 BASEBALL

7.1 Club participation

The two baseball clubs based in the Mornington Peninsula Shire play in the Dandenong Baseball Association (DBA) winter league competition. The DBA is an affiliated association of Baseball Victoria. There was previously a club based in Tyabb but it has since ceased operations.

Table 12. Baseball club membership

Membership			
Club Name	Total Female	Total Male	TOTAL
Boneo Braves BC	2	35	37
Mornington BC	3	83	86
TOTAL	5	118	123

7.2 Trends

Clubs consulted indicated that although national participation rates have remained stable over the past three years, there has been recent growth in junior participation.

7.3 Future market demand

ERASS identified a total Victorian participation rate of 0.3% for the 15+ age group, with a 0.2% and 0.1% rate for organised and non-organised participation respectively.

The Children's Participation in Cultural and Leisure Activities identifies a national participation rate of 0.4% in the 5-14 year age group, with a 0.6% and 0.2% participation rate for males and females respectively.

7.4 Local demand

No significant local demand was identified. The sports club telephone interviews identified that junior baseball participation is increasing and senior baseball participation is steady. The school telephone interviews identified that two schools currently use baseball facilities outside the school.

7.5 Projected demand

The following table illustrates the possible number of participants in organised and non-organised baseball in the Shire for the years 2006 to 2031.¹⁴ 2031

Table 13. Estimated market demand for baseball (persons)

STATE DATA						
AGE	2006	2011	2016	2021	2026	2031
Under 15	73	74	77	79	80	83
15+	189	195	198	201	206	212
TOTAL ESTIMATED DEMAND	262	269	275	280	286	295
MARKET DEMAND	281	300	314	326	339	351
TOTAL PROJECTED RANGE	281-262	300-269	314-275	326-280	339-286	351-295

7.6 Facilities

Clubs operate out of two locations, which are co-located with other sports clubs: Olympic Park, Rosebud and CB Wilson Reserve, Mornington.

7.7 Issues

- Facilities, including playing surfaces, lighting and provision for side and back nets, will need to be improved in future
- No programs have been implemented for female participation in baseball
- Major obstacles for the next five years were identified as constraints of facilities, rising costs of delivering the sport and possibly declining participation.

7.8 Opportunities

Frankston City Council has conducted a feasibility study into the development of a regional baseball/softball facility at the existing Frankston Softball Association site on Robinson Road, Frankston, resulting in the direction of relocation of the Frankston Baseball Club to Robinson Reserve to co-locate with Frankston Softball Association, in order to allow development of a regional softball / baseball facility at the reserve.

¹⁴ Calculated by applying participation rates from Children's Participation in Cultural and Leisure Activities, Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS), 2010 and Exercise, Recreation And Sport Survey, Standing Committee on Recreation and Sport (SCORS), 2010 against population projections from Mornington Peninsula Shire Council Forecasts, .id consulting Pty Ltd, 2011. Assumes that participation rates do not fluctuate in future years and as such, projections should be used as potential figures only. Market demand is estimated based on ERASS organised participation rate.

RECOMMENDED ACTIONS

- There is no medium-term demand identified for a regional or district level baseball facility in the Shire. The Shire should support the regional development of baseball if demand is apparent
- Support local facility improvements, club development initiatives and regional player pathway development if demand is apparent
- Facilitate a baseball/softball forum with local clubs and schools to determine extent on local unmet demand or oversupply of facilities and to assist sharing of baseball/softball facilities.

8 BASKETBALL

8.1 Club participation

Three basketball associations operate within the Shire, with competition played under both the Basketball Victoria Metropolitan and Country regions. There is one private operator, Gateway Basketball.

- **Southern Peninsula Basketball Association (SPBA).** The SPBA had 1708 registered players in 2011 and provided for teams from under 9 years through to senior level (male, female and mixed).
- **Mornington District Basketball Association (MDBA).** The MDBA had 105 junior teams (71 male and 34 female), 48 senior teams (32 male and 16 female), 8 male masters teams and 14 mixed teams in the 2011 season. Membership was estimated at 1600 registered members in 2011
- **Western Port Basketball Association (WBA).** The WBA has 1019 registered players in 100 domestic competition teams, 185 players in 20 representative teams, a schools competition with 50 plus teams, 5 teams participating in an all abilities competition, a Big V men's team and men's and women's CBC (Country Basketball Conference) teams.
- **Gateway Basketball.** Operate using David Collins Leisure Centre, Mornington, with junior, senior, men's, women's and mixed teams.

8.2 Trends

Victorian and national participation rates in basketball have remained relatively constant between 2001 and 2010. Victorian participation rates are slightly above the national average, compared to national participation (ERASS). Participation rates are expected to remain static.

8.3 Future market demand

ERASS identified a total Victorian participation rate of 4.8% for the 15+ age group, with a 3.4% and 1.8% rate for organised and non-organised participation respectively.

The Children's Participation in Cultural and Leisure Activities identifies a national participation rate of 7.4% in the 5-14 year age group, with a 8.5% and 6.3% participation rate for males and females respectively.

8.4 Local demand

The school survey results identified that:

- basketball had the highest participation rate of any team sports played by respondents (22.2%)
- basketball had a participation rate of 15.0% for female respondents – 3.2% greater than netball
- basketball ranked 3rd (behind surfing and soccer) in terms of 'sports liked, but not played' (9.1%), with a high rate of response by females (66.7%)
- reasons for not continuing to participate included the 'influence of other sports', 'respondent's ability' and 'no available team'.

The household survey results identified:

- basketball was the 4th ranked team sport participated in, but 17th as an activity that respondents participated in away from home
- 2.1% of respondents indicated that they would 'like to play but do not' (after tennis, golf, swimming, lawn bowls and squash).

8.5 Projected demand

Table 12 below shows the estimated number of participants in organised and non-organised basketball in the Mornington Peninsula Shire for the years 2006 to 2031.¹⁵ Table 13 illustrates the estimated local demand for basketball in the Mornington Peninsula Shire for the years 2006 to 2031.¹⁶

¹⁵ Calculated by applying participation rates from Children's Participation in Cultural and Leisure Activities, Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS), 2010 and Exercise, Recreation And Sport Survey, Standing Committee on Recreation and Sport (SCORS), 2010 against population projections from Mornington Peninsula Shire Council Forecasts, .id consulting Pty Ltd, 2011. Assumes that participation rates do not fluctuate in future years and as such, projections should be used as potential figures only. Market demand is estimated based on ERASS organised participation rate.

¹⁶ Calculated by applying participation rates obtained from school and householder against population projections from Mornington Peninsula Shire Council Forecasts, .id consulting Pty Ltd, 2011. Assumes that participation rates do not fluctuate in future years and as such, projections should be used as potential figures only.

Table 14. Estimated market demand for basketball (persons)

STATE DATA						
AGE	2006	2011	2016	2021	2026	2031
Under 15	1,348	1,376	1,425	1,453	1,485	1,527
15+	4583	4743	4799	4901	5040	5181
TOTAL ESTIMATED DEMAND	5931	6119	6224	6354	6525	6708
MARKET DEMAND	5,629	5,991	6,277	6,528	6,781	7,029
TOTAL PROJECTED RANGE	5,629-5931	5,991-6119	6,277-6224	6,528-6354	6,781-6525	7,029-6708

Table 15. Estimated local demand for basketball (persons)

AGE	2006	2011	2016	2021	2026	2031
Under 15	2,678	2,734	2,831	2,887	2,950	3,033
15+	2,864	2,964	3,000	3,063	3,150	3,238
TOTAL ESTIMATED DEMAND	5,542	5,698	5,831	5,950	6,100	6,271

The draft Southern Peninsula and Western Port Basketball feasibility studies provide details about demand and supply issues for basketball associations

8.6 Facilities

The three basketball associations use the following facilities.

Table 16. Basketball – facilities in use

Assn.	Facility	Courts	Use Agreement
SPBA	Dromana Basketball Centre, Dromana	3 indoor	Joint use agreement ¹⁷
SPBA	Hillview Stadium, Rosebud	2 indoor	Joint use agreement ¹⁸
SPBA	Red Hill Consolidated School	1 indoor	n/a
SPBA	Dromana Primary School	1 indoor	n/a
MDBA	Mornington Secondary College	3 indoor	Hourly hire (+ 2 other courts with no public access)
MDBA	Padua College	2 indoor	Hourly hire
MDBA	Osborne Primary School	1 indoor	Hourly hire
MDBA	Mount Eliza Secondary College	1 indoor	Hourly hire
MDBA / WPBA	Peninsula School, Mount Eliza	2 indoor	Hourly hire
MDBA	Mount Martha Primary School	1 indoor	Hourly hire
WPBA	Somerville Recreation & Community Centre	2 indoor	Hourly hire of courts & hire office space
WPBA	Somerville Secondary College	1 indoor	n/a
WPBA	Bittern Memorial Centre	1 indoor	Hourly hire
WPBA	Flinders Christian College	n/a	n/s
WPBA & MDBA	David Collings Leisure Centre	2 indoor	n/a
WPBA	Hastings Hub	1 indoor	Hourly hire
WPBA	St Judes Parish Primary School, Langwarrin	1 indoor	Hourly hire
n/a	Western Port Secondary College	1 indoor	Hourly hire

¹⁷ with Dromana Secondary College

¹⁸ with Rosebud Secondary College

The Sorrento Youth and Community Centre has an indoor basketball court, but it is not full-size and inappropriate for senior competition. This may be an additional resource for junior basketball programs/training in future.

8.7 Issues

Constraints on growth

- need for additional court space to enable more development and representative squad/team training and coaching clinics
- some lack of available court space during peak times, further rescheduling required
- no indoor facility in the Shire with more than three courts.

Costs

- high annual expense of court hire for associations
- high player insurance costs
- perceived as being more expensive than other sports (e.g. football, cricket)
- lack of resources to pay administrators for competition administration and stadium management

Volunteers

- lack of volunteers and personnel (coaching, managers, scorers, administration and committee members) and, in particular, referees
- low volunteer and staff retention at the association level.

8.8 Opportunities

The key opportunities (to be coordinated by all partners and stakeholders) for basketball in the Mornington Peninsula Shire are to:

- expand competition and training through a large scale schools visitation program
- expand the OZ Ball Clinics (5-9 years) within the region
- seek funding for coach education and hold coaching clinics for volunteers
- seek promotion and sponsorship assistance for senior teams in The Big V
- promote, fund and facilitate referee development
- capitalise on the current growth in participation – need to cater for junior players to move into senior competition
- utilise Western Port's grounding in basketball for participants in wheelchairs and with an intellectual disability and incorporate this market into the Peninsula Goodwill Cup program.

RECOMMENDED ACTIONS

- Implement recommendations of draft feasibility studies for WPBA and SPBA.
- Improve Council's existing indoor sports centres that provide for basketball in smaller townships and population pockets to act as secondary or support venues for major centres. Where possible, utilise schools to provide any new indoor sports facilities and ensure they cater for a full range of indoor sports.
- Assist associations to develop existing programs and competitions (including the Peninsula Goodwill Cup) to include teams with players with a disability.
- Assist associations to further develop and expand player numbers, competition and activities, and report player numbers.
- Assist associations to further promote female, mixed gender and social competitions.
- Assist associations to become more professional and to introduce more paid administrative support.

9 BOCCE / PETANQUE

9.1 Club participation

The Southern Peninsula Italian Social Club and Italian and Ethnic Senior Citizens Club both offer social competition as part of their club services. Various wineries and vineyards in the region also offer bocce as a social activity for visitors and patrons.

9.2 Trends

The BFA reports that participation is decreasing at the club level, but has recently identified increases in social participation. The BFA predict a further decrease in membership due to the aging of current members, but predicts an increase in social participation over the next five years.

9.3 Future market demand

There was no accurate information available from ERASS Reports and it was not highlighted in response to either the school or household surveys, therefore demand is not possible to estimated.

9.4 Facilities

Table 17. Bocce / Petanque facilities in Mornington

Facility	Bocce or Petanque
Trumans Road Recreation Reserve	Bocce
Somers, Garden Square	Petanque
Flinders Recreation Reserve	Petanque
Dromana Recreation Reserve	Bocce
Percy Cerutti Reserve, Portsea	Petanque
Red Hill, Beauford Road	Petanque

9.5 Issues

- Clubs offering the sport as a service are not perceived as being open club environments.
- Lack of understanding of the sport, also known as Petanque or Boules.
- Low ethnic population base to sustain future demand.

9.6 Opportunities

Potential for growth could be exploited by:

- promoting the activity to people with a disability
- recognising its relatively low cost in terms of outdoor facility development
- recognising the relatively low skill level required for social participation and its capacity to allow many to participate at the same time
- developing facilities in conjunction with schools
- working closely with local tourism operators to promote the sport through vineyards.

RECOMMENDED ACTIONS

- Provide basic facilities in key visitor areas for social play within vicinity of picnic areas and playgrounds.
- Provide activities and programs for older adults by:
 - working with local and regional disability service providers
 - working with the BFA to implement ‘come and try days’
- promoting the social elements of the sport through seniors and other community groups
- promoting social Bocce through the local tourism network.
- Detailing locations of courts on the website

10 CRICKET

10.1 Club participation

The Mornington Peninsula Cricket Association administers cricket competition within the Shire, throughout Frankston and some suburbs within the City of Casey, with 35 clubs affiliated to the association: 160 men's teams, 161 junior teams and one women's team competing.

Table 18. Cricket club membership 2010/11

Membership				
Club Name	Junior Male	Senior Male	Senior Female	TOTAL
Balnarring CC	84	48		132
Boneo CC	50	60		110
Crib Point CC	35	50		85
Dromana CC	25	55		80
Flinders CC	25	50		75
Hastings CC	55	58		113
Main Ridge CC	50	60		110
Mornington CC	90	125	33	248
Mt Martha CC	165	70		235
Mt Eliza CC	165	105		270
POB CC	No new figures			
Red Hill CC	35	42		77
Rosebud CC	55	80		135
Rye CC	45	50		95
Somerville CC	160	120		280
Sorrento CC	54	30		84
Tyabb CC	30	70		100
Tootgarook CC	48	40		88
TOTAL	1,006	1,043	33	2,082

The average number of members per club is 130.

10.2 Trends

Clubs consulted indicated that there was an overall decline in junior cricket participation, particularly under 17's and 15's, with less of a decline in the under 10 and 12 age groups, mostly because of the popularity of Cricket Victoria's Milo cricket.

10.3 Future market demand

ERASS identified a total Victorian participation rate of 3.5% for the 15+ age group, with a 2.6% and 1% rate for organised and non-organised participation respectively.

The Children's Participation in Cultural and Leisure Activities identifies a national participation rate of 5.2% in the 5-14 year age group, with a 9.7% and 0.5% participation rate for males and females respectively.

10.4 Local demand

The household survey identified:

- 2.0% of respondents participated in competitive cricket
- 2.1% said they played cricket away from home as a leisure activity
- 1.4% of male respondents wanted to play cricket, but did not currently – this was 6th of the list of sports not played, behind; tennis, golf, lawn bowls, football and squash
- only 2 female respondents wanted to play cricket, but did not currently.

The school survey identified:

- 15.3% of respondents played cricket competitively (12.8% male, 2.5% female)
- 7.5% of respondents played cricket as a leisure activity away from home
- 3.4% of respondents said they wanted to play cricket, but currently did not.

The sport club telephone interviews identified:

- that more than 85% of cricket participants are from Peninsula townships
- facilities required in the future for cricket were 'bigger rooms/facilities', 'improved ground drainage', 'improved pitch/new pitch' and 'indoor training centre'.

Anticipated problems for cricket over the next five years include:

- escalating costs
- getting juniors involved and retaining them.
- Growth from Milo Cricket program

10.5 Projected demand

Table 19 below illustrates the estimated number of participants in organised and non-organised cricket in the Mornington Peninsula Shire for the years 2006 to 2031.¹⁹

Table 20 illustrates the estimated local demand for cricket in the Mornington Peninsula Shire for the years 2006 to 2031.²⁰

Table 19. Estimated market demand for cricket (persons)

STATE DATA						
AGE	2006	2011	2016	2021	2026	2031
Under 15	947	967	1,001	1,021	1,044	1,073
15+	3391	3508	3571	3654	3764	3878
TOTAL ESTIMATED DEMAND	4338	4475	4572	4675	4808	4951
MARKET DEMAND	4,363	4,643	4,864	5,059	5,255	5,448
TOTAL PROJECTED RANGE	4,363-4338	4,643-4475	4,864-4572	5,059-4675	5,255-4808	5,448-4951

Table 20. Estimated local demand for cricket (persons)

AGE	2006	2011	2016	2021	2026	2031
Under 15	1,366	1,395	1,444	1,473	1,505	1,547
15+	2,034	2,105	2,143	2,192	2,258	2,327
TOTAL ESTIMATED DEMAND	3,400	3,500	3,587	3,665	3,763	3,874

10.6 Facilities

The MPCA competition is a synthetic wicket competition. There are two turf wickets in the Shire. Generally, grounds and playing surfaces in the Mornington Peninsula are considered by Council, the majority of clubs and the MPCA to be of a good quality. Most clubs believe that facilities are adequate for junior competition, but they are not of a sufficient standard to cater for the majority of senior competition. More than 50% of clubs said their clubrooms and supporting amenities needed improvement.

10.7 Issues

A major issue is ensuring an adequate number of cricket ovals available for all competitions. Other issues include:

- demand for better ground maintenance
- demand for better practice wicket maintenance
- loss of players following the Under 14 age group
- limited future population base at main growth levels (8 to 12 year olds)
- limited opportunities on the Peninsula to develop Milo cricket
- no premier level cricket team or competition
- cost of ground rental.

10.8 Opportunities

Further modification of the game would help to keep juniors interested and:

- support for clubs with funding applications to grant making bodies for better playing pitch and practice wicket surfaces and improved shade areas
- seek sponsorship for a veterans competition organised by the MPCA for the 35+ years (either an 8 a-side or a 20/20 game).

¹⁹ Calculated by applying participation rates from Children's Participation in Cultural and Leisure Activities, Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS), 2010 and Exercise, Recreation And Sport Survey, Standing Committee on Recreation and Sport (SCORS), 2010 against population projections from Mornington Peninsula Shire Council Forecasts, .id consulting Pty Ltd, 2011.

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RECOMMENDED ACTIONS

- Work with MPCA and Cricket Victoria to develop junior programs and promote a women's/girls and a veterans based competition (e.g. make Shire facilities available free of charge for females come and try days or cricket exhibition events).
- Ensure that facilities at clubs where female teams are developed are improved to meet their needs.
- Facilitate a cricket club planning session with MPCA and Cricket Victoria South East Country Region representatives to help generate club development initiatives (e.g. assistance with funding submissions, coaching certificates, education and training of volunteers and officials).
- Prepare for possible decline in demand (over next 20 years) by ensuring facilities and grounds can cater for a range of sporting codes.
- Continue to maintain local cricket grounds and facilities to meet demands of minimum levels of competition. Ensure that facilities at clubs where female teams are developed are improved to meet their needs.
- Consider establishment of a sports development position within Recreation & Leisure.

11 CYCLING

11.1 Club participation

There are a number of formal cycling clubs based within the Shire; Southern Veterans, Peninsula Peddlers, Mornington Cycling Club, Red Hill Riders (MTB – 120 members). A variety of Bicycle User Groups (BUGS) also visit the Shire. The Chelsea Cycling Club also visit the Shire.

11.2 Trends

Bicycle Victoria indicated that membership has increased, reflecting the increasing popularity of the sport in general: road riding, mountain bike riding, people riding to work and weekends away using rail trails. This is attributable to a number of factors, including: increases in the confidence of women cyclists; introduction of cycling lanes across Victoria; the success of competitive cyclists; concern for health/fitness issues and the rail trail development occurring all over the state. As well, Bicycle Victoria’s “Around the Bay in a day” is growing in participation and the “Hell Ride” often ventures south into the Shire. Bikes have also become generally cheaper and have improved technology. Cadel Evans win of the 2011 Tour De France may also positively influence participation.

11.3 Future market demand

ERASS identified a Victorian participation rate of 12.7% for the 15+ age group, with a 1.6% and 12.1% rate for organised and non-organised participation respectively.

Between 2001 and 2010 cycling participation has increased 46%.

The Children’s Participation in Cultural and Leisure Activities identifies a national participation rate of 0.3% in the 5-14 year age group, with a 0.5% and 0.2% participation rate for males and females, respectively.

MTB is steady at a national level but the local club is growing rapidly.

11.4 Local demand

The household survey identified cycling as:

- the 4th highest activity undertaken away from home (18.1%)
- the 4th highest female (7.9%) and 3rd highest male activity (10.2%)

- participated in by 4.2% of residents (75% socially and 25% competitively)
- residents in Somerville and Tuerong liked cycling but did not participate.

The schools survey identified:

- cycling as the top recreation activity participated in away from home (16.9%)
- cycling as the top activity for females (22.2%)
- 13% of students rode competitively (6.6% females, 5.9% males).

11.5 Projected demand

Table 21 shows the estimated number of participants in organised and non-organised cycling in the Mornington Peninsula Shire for the years 2006 to 2031.²¹

Table 22 illustrates the estimated local demand for cycling in the Mornington Peninsula Shire for the years 2006 to 2031.²²

Table 21. Estimated market demand for cycling (persons)

STATE DATA						
AGE	2006	2011	2016	2021	2026	2031
Under 15	55	56	58	59	60	62
15+	13540	14179	14600	15027	15518	16034
TOTAL ESTIMATED DEMAND	13595	14235	14658	15086	15578	16096
MARKET DEMAND	2,111	2,247	2,354	2,448	2,543	2,636
TOTAL PROJECTED RANGE	2,111-13595	2,247-14,235	2,354-14,658	2,448-15,086	2,543-15,578	2,636-16,096

Table 22. Estimated market demand for cycling (persons)

AGE	2006	2011	2016	2021	2026	2031
Under 15	3,078	3,143	3,255	3,319	3,391	3,487
15+	19,291	20,207	20,808	21,416	22,117	22,852
TOTAL ESTIMATED DEMAND	22,369	23,350	24,063	24,735	25,508	26,339

²¹ Calculated by applying participation rates from Children’s Participation in Cultural and Leisure Activities, Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS), 2010 and Exercise, Recreation And Sport Survey, Standing Committee on Recreation and Sport (SCORS), 2010 against population projections from Mornington Peninsula Shire Council Forecasts, .id consulting Pty Ltd, 2011.

Assumes that participation rates do not fluctuate in future years and as such, projections should be used as potential figures only. Market demand is estimated based on ERASS organised participation rate.

²² Calculated by applying participation rates obtained from school and householder survey against population projections from Mornington Peninsula Shire Council Forecasts, .id consulting Pty Ltd, 2011. Assumes that participation rates do not fluctuate in future years and as such, projections should be used as potential figures only.

11.6 Facilities

There is no formal criterium, velodrome or other competition racing circuit located within the Shire. There is however, the Red Hill to Merricks Rail Trail and over 250 kilometres of shared-use road side trails (mostly unsealed single tracks). The Bicycle Strategy (2010) detailed actions for improving the on-road bicycle network and roads used for racing events.

11.7 Issues

- Lack of both training and competition facilities for road and track cyclists.
- Roads are rough and uneven with few sealed shoulders
- MTB trails in roadsides are not well-maintained or known
- Gaps in trail network

11.8 Opportunities

Cycling was one of the most popular and desirable activities for residents, according to the householder survey.

RECOMMENDED ACTIONS

- Encourage and support 'day events' and recreational rides organized by local groups, or other recognised cycling body (e.g. Cycle Sports Victoria, local Bicycle User Groups).
- Support development of competition and recreational cycling facilities, where appropriate.
- Investigate feasibility of and locations for a velodrome or criterium in the Shire. The MTB/BMX "hub" at Dromana Community Reserve may be appropriate.
- Continue to implement Bicycle Strategy 2010, particularly focusing on key gaps in the network and road riding improvements.
- Foster shared-use of roads and trails – educate drivers about popular cycle routes
- Identify routes to encourage participation through better public information
- Develop a MTB Strategy in liaison with Parks Victoria and clubs
- Improve safety on roads through surface repairs, secured shoulders and better signage
- Assist club to complete the BMX race track at Dromana

12 EQUESTRIAN

12.1 Club participation

The following clubs are located within the Shire.

Table 23. Equestrian clubs within the Shire of Mornington Peninsula

Club	Location
Balnarring Pony Club	Wooley's Road, Bittern
Balnarring Equestrian Club	Wooley's Road, Bittern
Rideability Victoria	Wooley's Road, Bittern
Mornington Peninsula Pleasure Harness	Wooley's Road, Bittern
Western Port Equestrian Club	Wooley's Road, Bittern
Western Port Miniature Pony Promotional Club	Wooley's Road, Bittern
Hastings Pony Club	Emu Plains, Balnarring Racecourse
Main Ridge Pony Club	Main Ridge Equestrian Grounds, Main Ridge
Nepean Equestrian Club	Main Ridge Equestrian Grounds, Main Ridge
Merricks Pony Club	Merricks Station Reserve, Merricks
Peninsula Quarter Horse Association	Merricks Station Reserve, Merricks
Merricks Saddle Club	Merricks Station Reserve, Merricks
Southern Peninsula Pony Club	111 Browns Road, Boneo
Southern Peninsula Trail Riding Club	111 Browns Road, Boneo
Boneo Adult Riders	111 Browns Road, Boneo
Moorooduc Saddle Club	Derril Road, Moorooduc
Moorooduc Polocrosse Club	Tyabb-Mornington Rd
R.D.A. – Carriage driving for people with disabilities	Mornington Racecourse

12.2 Trends

According to clubs contacted as part of the consultation process, participation has remained stable over the past few years.

12.3 Future market demand

ERASS identified a total Victorian participation rate of 0.8% for the 15+ age group, with a 0.4% and 0.7% rate for organised and non-organised participation respectively.

The Children's Participation in Cultural and Leisure Activities identifies a national participation rate of 1.3% in the 5-14 year age group, with a 0.3% and 2.4% participation rate for males and females respectively.

12.4 Local demand

The household survey identified that 1.4% of respondents participated in horse riding and 0.4% of females liked horse riding but do not participate. Of respondents to the school survey, 3.1% (2.5% female, 0.6% male) participated in equestrian sports.

12.5 Projected demand

Table 24 shows the estimated number of participants in organised and non-organised equestrian sports in the Mornington Peninsula Shire for the years 2006 to 2031.²³

Table 25 illustrates the estimated local demand for equestrian sport in the Mornington Peninsula Shire for the years 2006 to 2031.²⁴

²³ Calculated by applying participation rates from Children's Participation in Cultural and Leisure Activities, Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS), 2010 and Exercise, Recreation And Sport Survey, Standing Committee on Recreation and Sport (SCORS), 2010 against population projections from Mornington Peninsula Shire Council Forecasts, .id consulting Pty Ltd, 2011. Assumes that participation rates do not fluctuate in future years and as such, projections should be used as potential figures only. Market demand is estimated based on ERASS organised participation rate.

²⁴ Calculated by applying participation rates obtained from school and householder survey against population projections from Mornington Peninsula Shire Council Forecasts, .id consulting Pty Ltd, 2011. Assumes that participation rates do not fluctuate in future years and as such, projections should be used as potential figures only.

Table 24. Estimated market demand for equestrian (persons)

STATE DATA						
AGE	2006	2011	2016	2021	2026	2031
Under 15	237	242	250	255	261	268
15+	820	853	865	883	907	934
TOTAL ESTIMATED DEMAND	1057	1095	1115	1138	1168	1202
MARKET DEMAND	704	749	785	816	848	879
TOTAL PROJECTED RANGE	704-1057	749-1095	785-1115	816-1138	848-1168	879-1202

Table 25. Estimated local demand for equestrian (persons)

AGE	2006	2011	2016	2021	2026	2031
Under 15	565	577	597	609	622	640
15+	3,279	3,410	3,460	3,531	3,629	3,737
TOTAL ESTIMATED DEMAND	2,844	3,987	4,057	4,140	4,251	4,377

12.6 Facilities

Trails that cater for horse riders are located throughout the Shire and are shared with pedestrians and cyclists. They can be along unused roads, in the roadside and are usually single track. Shire managed reserves where equestrian activities take place are Woolleys Reserve Bittern, Main Ridge Bushland Reserve and Merricks Station Ground Reserve. The Shire is committee of management for DSE at the grounds used by the Moorooduc Saddle Club.

12.7 Issues

- Displacement of riding opportunities with urban residential development
- Environmental degradation through horse riding activities including spread of weeds and water borne soil pathogens such as phytothora cinnamomi
- Safety of riding beside fast moving traffic and road crossings
- Lack of casual access to equestrian grounds for informal riding

RECOMMENDED ACTIONS

- Implement actions of the Draft Roadside and Equestrian Trails Strategy when adopted Develop management / master plans for all reserves where equestrian activities take place , and update plans every 3-5 years
- Identify other appropriate locations for equestrian activities through Council's open space planning
- In conjunction with the regional equestrian body (South East Victorian Equine Network – SEVEN), investigate the need for regionally significant facilities over the next 20 years
- Publish information about shared-use trail behaviour (to educate all users) and sign designated trails
- Continue to improve riders' knowledge and understanding of minimal impact activity practice and environmental care
- Maintain general public access to reserves where equestrian activities take place through clear signage and access to public facilities such as toilets, picnic areas, trails for walking / cycling.
- Ensure roadside equestrian / MTB trails are not developed into concrete bike paths, displacing equestrian activity, without thorough investigation of all options
- Actively manage commercial horse tour operator use of road side and other equestrian trails

13 GOLF

13.1 Club participation

There are 17 golf courses in Mornington Peninsula, with a mixture of public and private.

13.2 Trends

According to the VGA:

- 11,000 registered members have been lost over the past decade.
- more people are choosing to pay green fees and play at a variety of venues
- in the past 5 years, 14 new courses have opened and another 16 are either planned or under construction in Victoria.

13.3 Future market demand

ERASS identified a total Victorian participation rate of 7.3% for the 15+ age group.

The Children’s Participation in Cultural and Leisure Activities identifies a national participation rate of 0.7% in the 5-14 year age group, with a 1.1% and 0.1% participation rate for males and females respectively.

13.4 Local demand

The householder survey identified golf as:

- the 3rd highest activity undertaken away from home (19.2%)
- the 2nd highest male activity (12.7%) and 5th highest female activity (6.6%)
- the highest sport participation rate (21.8%)
- mostly played within the Shire (71.4%)
- the 2nd highest sport ‘liked but not played’ overall (9.6%)
- the 2nd highest sport ‘liked but not played’ by males (13.7%) and females (16.8%)

Factors that would encourage participation in golf include:

- ‘reduce the cost of sport’
- ‘suitable programs/ classes/ time to learn’
- ‘provide more opportunities to play socially’

The schools survey identified:

- 8.1% student participate in competitive golf (2.2% female, 5.6% male)
- 2.8% of students like golf but do not participate (33.3% female, 66.7% male).

13.5 Projected demand

Table 26 shows the estimated number of participants in organised and non-organised golf in the Mornington Peninsula Shire for the years 2006 to 2031.²⁵

Table 27 illustrates the estimated local demand for golf in the Mornington Peninsula Shire for the years 2006 to 2031.²⁶

Table 26. Estimated market demand for golf (persons)

STATE DATA						
AGE	2006	2011	2016	2021	2026	2031
Under 15	128	130	135	137	140	144
15+	8972	9739	10359	10898	11399	11861
TOTAL ESTIMATED DEMAND	9100	9869	10494	11035	11539	12005
MARKET DEMAND	4,363	4,643	4,864	5,059	5,255	5,448
TOTAL PROJECTED RANGE	4,363-9100	4,643-9869	4,864-10494	5,059-11035	5,255-11539	5,448-12005

²⁵ Calculated by applying participation rates from Children’s Participation in Cultural and Leisure Activities, Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS), 2010 and Exercise, Recreation And Sport Survey, Standing Committee on Recreation and Sport (SCORS), 2010 against population projections from Mornington Peninsula Shire Council Forecasts, .id consulting Pty Ltd, 2011.

Assumes that participation rates do not fluctuate in future years and as such, projections should be used as potential figures only. Market demand is estimated based on ERASS organised participation rate.

²⁶ Calculated by applying participation rates obtained from school and householder survey against population projections from Mornington Peninsula Shire Council Forecasts, .id consulting Pty Ltd, 2011. Assumes that participation rates do not fluctuate in future years and as such, projections should be used as potential figures only.

Table 27. Estimated local demand for golf (persons)

AGE	2006	2011	2016	2021	2026	2031
Under 15	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
15+	23,598	25,614	27,247	28,664	29,980	31,196
TOTAL ESTIMATED DEMAND	23,598	25,614	27,247	28,664	29,980	31,196

Local demand identified through household and school surveys is greater than statewide projections. Through the same consultation, a high level of unmet demand was also identified across a wide range of ages. Based on the predicted Shire's population trends and projections, the demand for golf is expected to continue to grow over the next 20 years.

13.6 Facilities

Council owns and manages one golf course in the Shire: the Mt Martha 18 hole golf course that caters particularly for beginners and intermediate golfers. Facilities at the course include a pro shop and kiosk. Mt Martha golf course provides affordable opportunities to play golf in the Shire. This price is competitive with equivalent standard 'green fees' throughout Victoria. The Devil Bend Club is on DSE managed land with the Shire as Committee of Management.

There are 17 privately owned and operated golf courses situated on the Peninsula that are of generally good to excellent quality, catering for the average to the higher level golfer. The courses host a range of golf tournaments, including the Australian Open at Moonah Links providing excellent tourism and marketing opportunities for the peninsula region. A golf driving range is also situated at Civic Reserve in Mornington.

Table 28. Privately owned golf courses in the Mornington Peninsula Shire

Course	Town	Course Type
Bembridge Golf course	Somerville	9 holes
Cape Schank Resort	Cape Schanck	18 holes
Carrington Park, Rosebud	Rosebud	18 holes
Cerberus Golf Club Inc	Crib Point	9 Greens/18 Tees
Devilbend Golf Club Inc	Moorooduc	18 holes
The Dunes Golf Links	Rye	27 Holes
Eagle Ridge Golf Course	Rosebud	18 holes
Flinders Golf Club	Flinders	18 holes
Moonah Links	Fingal	18 holes
Mornington Golf Club	Mornington	18 holes
Mornington Golf Complex	Mornington	Driving range
RACV National Golf Club	Cape Schanck	54 holes
Portsea Golf Club	Portsea	18 holes
Rosebud Country Club-Golf Course	Rosebud	36 holes
Safety Beach Country Club	Safety Beach	18 holes
Sorrento Golf Club	Sorrento	18 holes
St Andrews	St Andrews	18 holes
Village Glen (retirement village)	Rosebud	9 holes

13.7 Issues

The major issue for golf courses is the effect of the drought. Lack of water and other environmental issues make it increasingly expensive to maintain courses, resulting in increased playing costs. Other issues include:

- the increased focus on the region as a haven for golf
- the over-abundance of peninsula courses aimed at the higher end of the market and relative lack of affordable opportunities.

13.8 Opportunities

There are many opportunities to enhance participation in this popular sport if all golf stakeholders and partners work together:

- attract new players through school programs and golf introduction programs/clinics (Dromana Secondary School currently conducts a successful golf program)
- attract a larger proportion of participants from outside the Shire and encourage longer stays to assist the hospitality and tourist industries
- attract more spectators from outside the Shire for internationally recognized events (e.g. the Australian Open).

There is an opportunity to keep the existing driving range in Mornington open, while seeking a more suitable site. Its current location could be used for alternative sporting facilities and the reserve promoted as an entire sporting precinct.

RECOMMENDED ACTIONS

- Should the development of Civic Reserve (Mornington) for other sports require the moving of the golf driving range, seek an alternative site with private providers for a similar facility.
- Initiate dialogue with golf clubs and leisure centres to develop partnership opportunities to run programs and coaching classes. Utilise short duration opportunities such as golf driving ranges to develop opportunities for beginners.
- Subsidise (or create more affordable opportunities) participation for community groups, schools and other key target groups to develop skills in golf.
- Ensure appropriate development of golf courses within the Shire meets Municipal Strategic Statement objective and adheres to the Mornington Peninsula planning scheme.
- Assist in promoting Shire golf courses throughout promotional and tourism networks.
- Continue to support the hosting of the Australian Open (and any other major events) on the Peninsula e.g. Moonah Links

14 GYMNASTICS

14.1 Club participation

There are currently three gymnastics clubs in the Shire. One is the Mornington Youth Club in Wilsons Road, which reports a membership base of 700, with a further 300 on a waiting list to access programs. Western Port Gymnastics Club, at the recently redeveloped Hastings Hub in Frankston-Flinders Road has 140 members and no waiting list. Peninsula Gymnastics is a privately operated club currently located in the industrial estate in Boneo Road, Rosebud. They have 500 members and over 100 on a waiting list.

14.2 Trends

- Clubs reported a slight increase over the past few years in terms of overall participants and clubs and Rosebud Club has reported a significant increase since 2009.
- Gymnastics Victoria expects membership to rise, due to the rise in alternative gymnastics disciplines such as acrobatics, cheerleading and aerobics in their scope of sports, which are more appealing to older females. Gymnastics is increasingly being seen and used as a foundation skill development sport for other sport and recreation activities (such as skate boarding, horse riding, ball sports and diving etc) teaching and building fitness, agility, balance and strength.
- Gymnastics Australia has developed a 'Fundamentals for Life' program, targeted at under 10 year olds which is expected to further foster participation through programs such as KinderGym, GymMix and GymAbility. The activities within these programs foster physical and mental agility and development

14.3 Future market demand

ERASS identified a total Victorian participation rate of 0.2% for the 15+ age group, with a 0.1% and 0.2% rate for organised and non-organised participation respectively.

The Children's Participation in Cultural and Leisure Activities identifies a national participation rate of 4.6% in the 5-14 year age group, with a 1.7% and 7.6% participation rate for males and females respectively.

14.4 Local demand

Of the respondents to the school survey, 5.6% (3.8% female and 1.3% male) participated in competitive gymnastics.

All three local clubs provide entry and development level program pathways (Kinder Gym 2-5 years, Gym For All 6-10 years, and Gym All-Stars 11-16 years).

Currently Mornington Youth Club is the only site that provides State / National level competitive training programs for both boys and girls.

Local clubs report strong demand, particularly for non-competitive programs.

14.5 Projected demand

Table 29 shows the estimated number of participants in organised and non-organised gymnastics in the Shire for the years 2006 to 2031.²⁷ Table 30 illustrates the estimated local demand for gymnastics in the Mornington Peninsula Shire for the years 2006 to 2031.²⁸

Table 29. Estimated market demand for gymnastics (persons)

NATIONAL DATA						
AGE	2006	2011	2016	2021	2026	2031
Under 15	838	856	886	903	923	949
15+	244	261	272	284	296	307
TOTAL ESTIMATED DEMAND	1,082	1,117	1,158	1,187	1,219	1,256
MARKET DEMAND	281	300	314	326	339	351
TOTAL PROJECTED RANGE	281-1,082	300-1,117	314-1,158	326-1,187	339-1,219	351-1,256

²⁷ Calculated by applying participation rates from Children's Participation in Cultural and Leisure Activities, Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS), 2010 and Exercise, Recreation And Sport Survey, Standing Committee on Recreation and Sport (SCORS), 2010 against population projections from Mornington Peninsula Shire Council Forecasts, .id consulting Pty Ltd, 2011.

Assumes that participation rates do not fluctuate in future years and as such, projections should be used as potential figures only. Market demand is estimated based on ERASS organised participation rate.

²⁸ Calculated by applying participation rates obtained from school and householder survey against population projections from Mornington Peninsula Shire Council Forecasts, .id consulting Pty Ltd, 2011. Assumes that participation rates do not fluctuate in future years and as such, projections should be used as potential figures only.

Table 30. Estimated local demand for gymnastics (persons)

AGE	2006	2011	2016	2021	2026	2031
Under 15	1020	1042	1079	1100	1124	1155
15+	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
TOTAL ESTIMATED DEMAND	1020	1042	1079	1100	1124	1155

Estimated current demand in school-aged children from the school survey appears to match participation levels reported by local gymnastics clubs. However, levels are below the state participation levels and there is an unmet demand demonstrated by the waiting lists for programs identified by Peninsula clubs.

14.6 Facilities

A new gymnastics facility is proposed as part of the David Collins Leisure Centre redevelopment at Civic Reserve, Mornington, the club currently operates at Wilsons Road. School facilities are also used to conduct gymnastics activities. The Hastings Hub facility was refurbished in 2010/11. The Rosebud facility is currently a private one operating from a small factory in the industrial estate. A larger, ideally purpose built facility is required to support growth of the club and local participation.

Table 31. Gymnastic disciplines in Mornington

CLUB	DISCIPLINE								
	Women's Gymnastics	Men's Gymnastics	Rhythmic Gymnastics	Trampoline Sports	Sport Aerobics	Gymnastics for All	Sports Acrobatics	Cheer leading	Other
Western Port Hastings						✓			
Mornington	✓	✓							Kinda Gym Adult Gym
Peninsula Gymnastics, Rosebud	✓	✓				✓			

14.7 Issues

- High demand by young people, but lack of facilities to accommodate.
- Lack of geographical representation for gymnastics throughout the Shire.
- Lack of provision for some gymnastics disciplines (cheerleading, trampoline sports, sports acrobatics, sport aerobics, rhythmic gymnastics). Clubs have difficulty sourcing skilled staff to teach different disciplines.

14.8 Opportunities

- Improve facility provision in Rosebud and Mornington to better accommodate demand
- Extend range of disciplines offered by clubs through program and facility support and other measures

RECOMMENDED ACTIONS

- Commence detailed design for the proposed new facility at Mornington based on the adopted concept plant. .
- To maintain equity of provision of infrastructure for gymnastics across the Shire, investigate options for planning and building a new facility for the southern Peninsula (Rosebud area), similar to that provided of Hastings and Mornington. As required, refer preferred options to Shire budget processes.
- Support gymnastics operators to provide programs and opportunities for example by:
 - Proving assistance with finding a new site, and/ or assistance with Shire planning processes for constructing a new facility in Rosebud
 - Support measures to increase provision and reduce waiting lists where possible
 - Support growing links between gymnastics and diving to provide a 'dry' training area for local and regional divers. Provide foam pit and trampolines at one or more venues where practicable or possible.
- Continue to provide information about gymnastics opportunities on the Peninsula on the Shires website and in other information.

15 HOCKEY

15.1 Club participation

There are around 15,000 members from 460 senior men's teams, 160 senior women's teams, 331 junior teams in Melbourne and 340 country teams.

15.2 Trends

Clubs consulted indicated that many people are returning to the sport after being absent for some time and interest is increasing among juniors and families.

15.3 Future market demand

ERASS identified a total Victorian participation rate of 0.7% for the 15+ age group, with a 0.6% and 0.1% rate for organised and non-organised participation respectively.

The Children's Participation in Cultural and Leisure Activities identifies a national participation rate of 2.1% in the 5-14 year age group, with a 1.8% and 2.4% participation rate for males and females respectively.

15.4 Local demand

The household survey identified that 2.2% of males and 4.4% of females like hockey but do not participate. Factors that would encourage more participation include:

- 'facilities closer to home', 'information about them' and 'better quality facilities'
- reduced routine commitment required to play the sport
- information about clubs/centres offering sport to peer age groups

Hockey was 'liked but not participated in' in Balnarring, Balnarring Beach, Bittern, Somers and Tyabb townships. Of note is that these townships are a substantial drive time from the regional hockey centre based in Frankston and from local private schools that offer the sport on their curriculum.

The schools survey identified that 4.4% (0.3% female and 3.8% male) of all respondents participated in competitive hockey. One school reported using off-campus hockey facilities.

15.5 Projected demand

Table 32 illustrates the estimated number of participants in organised and non-organised hockey in the Mornington Peninsula Shire for the years 2006 to 2031.²⁹ Table 33 illustrates the estimated local demand for hockey in the Mornington Peninsula Shire for the years 2006 to 2031.³⁰

Table 32. Estimated market demand for hockey (persons)

NATIONAL DATA						
AGE	2006	2011	2016	2021	2026	2031
Under 15	383	391	404	412	421	433
15+	683	712	722	738	759	781
TOTAL ESTIMATED DEMAND	1066	1103	1126	1150	1180	1214
MARKET DEMAND	1,267	1,348	1,412	1,469	1,526	1,582
TOTAL PROJECTED RANGE	1,267-1066	1,348-1103	1,412-1126	1,466-1150	1,506-1180	1,549-1214

Table 33. Estimated local demand for hockey (persons)

AGE	2006	2011	2016	2021	2026	2031
Under 15	801	818	847	864	883	908
15+	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
TOTAL ESTIMATED DEMAND	801	818	847	864	883	908

15.6 Facilities

The Shire contributed funds to the building of the Regional Hockey Centre, Frankston.

15.7 Issues

Clubs need a synthetic hockey facility for skill development and access to training facilities throughout the winter hockey season.

²⁹ Calculated by applying participation rates from Children's Participation in Cultural and Leisure Activities, Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS), 2010 and Exercise, Recreation And Sport Survey, Standing Committee on Recreation and Sport (SCORS), 2009 against population projections from Mornington Peninsula Shire Council Forecasts, .id consulting Pty Ltd, 2011. Assumes that participation rates do not fluctuate in future years and as such, projections should be used as potential figures only. Market demand is estimated based on ERASS organised participation rate.

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15.8 Opportunities

The amalgamation of the three Victorian associations will result in a change in how the sport is delivered and developed. Some decentralisation may occur. Also:

- umpiring and skill development is centred around schools
- running a competition at Frankston targeted at Shire residents may encourage local club participation.

RECOMMENDED ACTIONS

- Continue shared-use arrangements with Frankston
- Seek an appropriate site for a synthetic sports surface within 10 years. Should there be express demand from a school, consider construction of a multi-sport pitch in partnership. The Port Phillip Bay township would be serviced by the hockey centre in Frankston, consider this development in the Southern Peninsula or Westernport areas.
- Support school and club links to develop opportunities for girls, women's and veteran competitions and events.

16 LACROSSE

16.1 Club participation

There appears to be no clubs within the Shire. The closest club playing in the Victorian Lacrosse League is based in Knox. The majority of competition is based in the eastern metropolitan area.

16.2 Trends

According to Lacrosse Victoria there is an increase in participation amongst females and junior males. There is also an increase in the number of school competitions.

16.3 Demand

There was no accurate information available on local, projected or likely market demand.

16.4 Facilities

Most development of facilities is through the schools network. Outdoor lacrosse often shares grounds and is compatible with sports such as cricket, soccer, hockey and football.

16.5 Issues

The biggest obstacles the sport faces are rising costs and insurance. Retaining juniors, or senior players, is also an issue.

16.6 Opportunities

Women's participation is the biggest opportunity for growth. Introduction of a modified-indoor game that can be played at leisure centres, (assuming there is an area of 50m x 25m with some run-offs) could boost the sport. Various roller hockey areas are also adequate and compatible in size.

RECOMMENDED ACTIONS

- Consult with the Victorian Lacrosse Association about sports development opportunities and assist league and competition through schools by providing access to appropriate facilities.
- Support the dual use and sharing of fields and facilities where there is expressed demand.

17 LAWN BOWLS

17.1 Club participation

Mornington Peninsula clubs are administered under the RVBA's Country Group 7: Yarra Valley-Nepean. Two associations administer clubs within the Shire: the Mornington Peninsula Bowls Association and the Flinders Bowls Association.

The VLBA administers Country Group 9: Flinders District Ladies Bowls Association.

Table 34. Bowls club membership (persons)

Membership							
Club Name	Junior Fem	Junior Male	Senior Fem	Senior Male	Vet Fem	Vet Male	TOTAL
Balnarring (FBA)	10		50	96			156
Dromana (FBA)	1	2	80	100	20	40	243
Flinders							n/a
Hastings (PBA)							126
Carrington Park, Rosebud							n/a
Main Ridge (FBA)			22	35			57
Mornington (PBA)			60	80			140
Mornington Civic (PBA)	2		80	160			242
Mount Eliza (PBA)	2		53	102	24	11	182
Mount Martha (FBA)			50	150			200
Rosebud (FBA)							n/a
Rye (FBA)			59	113			172
Sommerville (FBA)			51	51			102
Sorrento (FBA)							n/a
Village Glen, Rosebud							n/a
West Rosebud (FBA)							n/a
TOTAL	15	2	505	887	44	51	1,620

Responses were not received from some clubs on membership data. Based on the above figures, the average lawn bowls club size is estimated to be 162 members. Using the average club size, an estimated 2,106 people are currently playing bowls in the Shire.

17.2 Trends

Clubs consulted indicated that:

- more young people (40 and under) are playing
- greens are opened during winter, which means that the sport is now being played all year round.
- an influx of younger people playing and the ageing population, has reduced the relative proportion of elderly players
- increasing casual and social bowls (barefoot bowls) – 18-25 years
- a 'blurring of gender lines' with more male/female participation together.

17.3 Future market demand

ERASS identified a total Victorian participation rate of 1.8% for the 15+ age group, with a 1.7% and 0.4% rate for organised and non-organised participation respectively.

No children's participation data is available.

17.4 Local demand

Of respondents to the household survey, 5.9% participated in lawn bowls. This is relatively high but may reflect a higher response rate from older residents.

Club participation data gathered indicates that there are approximately 2,100 bowls club members in Mornington Peninsula clubs. Using the household survey data, we have assumed a participation rate of 3.8%.

More male household survey respondents (7.1%) identified lawn bowls as an activity that they would like to undertake, but do not. This demonstrates unmet demand for lawn bowls in the Shire.

The sports clubs telephone interviews identified:

- overall decline in participation
- increase in the participation of young members
- facilities were available for casual hire.

17.5 Projected demand

Table 35 shows the estimated number of participants in organised and non-organised lawn bowls in the Mornington Peninsula Shire for the years 2006 to 2031.³¹ Table 36 illustrates the estimated local demand for lawn bowls in the Mornington Peninsula Shire for the years 2006 to 2031.³²

Table 35. Estimated market demand for lawn bowls (persons)

STATE DATA						
AGE	2006	2011	2016	2021	2026	2031
Under 15	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
15+	2707	3070	3409	3686	3930	4134
TOTAL ESTIMATED DEMAND	2707	3070	3409	3686	3930	4134
MARKET DEMAND	2,815	2,995	3,138	3,264	3,391	3,515
TOTAL PROJECTED RANGE	2,815-2707	2,995-3070	3,138-3409	3,264-3686	3,391-3930	3,515-4134

Table 36. Table 36: Estimated local demand for lawn bowls (persons)

AGE	2006	2011	2016	2021	2026	2031
Under 15	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
15+	7,820	8,868	9,849	10,649	11,352	11,942
TOTAL ESTIMATED DEMAND	7,820	8,860	9,849	10,649	11,352	11,942

With the aging nature of the Shire's population and the expected increase in population in the 50+ age group, there is likely to be some maintenance of demand. However, retiring baby boomers are interested in, and have available a wide range of sports and activities. The challenge for bowls will be to actively attract their interest and participation.

³¹ B Calculated by applying participation rates from Children's Participation in Cultural and Leisure Activities, Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS), 2010 and Exercise, Recreation And Sport Survey, Standing Committee on Recreation and Sport (SCORS), 2010 against population projections from Mornington Peninsula Shire Council Forecasts, .id consulting Pty Ltd, 2011.

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17.6 Facilities

Lawn bowls facilities provided by the Shire are illustrated in the following table.

Table 37. Lawn bowls facilities provided by Mornington Peninsula Shire

Club	No. of greens	Surface
Balnarring	2	Natural turf
Dromana	2	Synthetic
Flinders	1	n/a
Hastings	2	Synthetic
Carrington Park, Rosebud	2	Synthetic
Main Ridge	1	Natural turf
Mornington	2	Natural turf
Mornington Civic	4	Natural turf
Mt Eliza	2	Natural turf
Mt Martha	3	Natural turf
Rosebud	2	Natural turf
Rye	2	Natural turf
Somerville	2	Synthetic
Sorrento	2	Natural turf
Village Glen, Rosebud	1	Natural turf
West Rosebud	3	Natural turf
TOTAL	32	

Bowls club facilities, according to respondents to the householder survey are in excellent condition and adequate to meet existing training and competition demands.

Through the consultation process, no clubs expressed a need for additional bowling greens to cater for existing or to provide additional programs. However, some would like to change the surface of their greens (to synthetic or better quality natural turf).

17.7 Issues

The main issue is a desire to make bowls clubs community centres. Other issues include:

- routine maintenance obligations and financial capacity
- upgrading of accessible toilet facilities
- lack of expertise in developing club / school / community partnerships.
- declining club memberships

17.8 Opportunities

There is an opportunity to develop disability programs for people in wheelchairs, given estimates that every club is likely to have at least one player with a disability. Also:

- promotion of lawn bowls through Shire publications
- Rosebud hosting the National Wheelchair Championships
- when membership declines, re-utilise facilities

RECOMMENDED ACTIONS

- Initiate and subsidise a program of junior bowls tournaments/events involving all the local clubs and associations.
- Actively support clubs and schools to develop new partnerships and programs and to connect with other clubs and corporate bodies.
- Actively support clubs to amalgamate and consolidate facilities
- Initiate sports development opportunities and programs for the 40+ market, which will provide clubs a good membership base for their future viability.
- Assist clubs to target the visitor market for summer evening bowls events and activities. Activities could also be offered during periods of 'non-beach going' weather.
- Provide support for floodlight installation or development of all weather (synthetic) or winter (grass greens) to expand the range of competitions where demand is likely to increase (over the next 5 to 10 years).
- Utilise clubs with synthetic or winter greens to develop winter based activities.

18 LIFE SAVING

18.1 Club participation

The following table lists the Life Saving Clubs based in the Shire.

Table 38. Life Saving clubs based in Mornington Peninsula Shire

Club	Location	Members
Point Leo SLSC	Western Parade, Point Leo	959
Dromana Bay LSC	Point Nepean Road, Dromana.	182
Gunnamatta SLSC	Truman's Road, Fingal	168
Mornington LSC	Mills Beach Mornington	637
Mount Martha LSC	Esplanade, Mount Martha	995
Portsea SLSC	Back Beach Road, Portsea	492
Rosebud & McCrae LSC	Point Nepean Road, McCrae	254
Sorrento SLSC	Ocean Beach road, Sorrento	520

Note: There are significant discrepancies in membership numbers due to a range of memberships available at some Clubs, including social and family memberships (e.g. of the 1,810 Portsea members only approximately 600 are considered active participants, the Dromana Bay figure is for active participants only).

18.2 Trends

Life Saving Victoria's Marketing Plan indicated that the sport is seen as catering for elite level participants and required greater opportunities for social participation.

18.3 Future market demand

There was no accurate information available from ERASS Reports regarding life saving sports.

18.4 Local demand

The school survey identified that 3.4% of students participated in life saving competitively (2.5% males).

18.5 Projected demand

As no life saving participation rates are available, an assessment of projected demand cannot be done.

18.6 Facilities

The Shire has some ownership or management responsibilities in terms of life saving club facilities. As all are based on foreshore areas, the Department of Sustainability and Environment is the responsible management agency and in some cases the Shire is Committee of Management.

18.7 Issues

The biggest obstacles facing the sport, apart from retaining volunteers and members, are competition with other leisure activities, concern for environmental issues/exposure (the effect that the competitions has on the environment, exposure to the sun) and struggling to capture juniors/schools.

There was recognition of the need to improve the timing of their events to fit in with people's recreation time.

Facility renewal is also a challenge. Current facilities are not meeting needs and further funds are required.

18.8 Opportunities

Life Saving Victoria's Marketing Plan identified the following opportunities for local councils and clubs to improve participation levels:

- encourage linkages with Life Saving Victoria and their programs, including School Surf League
- encourage life guards at Council-owned and operated swim centres to participate in LSV pool life guard competitions
- provide support and resources for Life Saving clubs to host local, district and regional carnivals
- assist in establishing links between Life Saving Victoria and minority groups including people with disabilities and people from CLD backgrounds

RECOMMENDED ACTIONS

- Assist in establishing links between life saving clubs and other sports clubs and promote the benefits of cross training between sports.
- Work with Life Saving Victoria to educate Clubs about attracting members from minority groups and schools.
- Assist clubs to seek funding for building renewal.

19 MOUNTAIN BIKING

Mountain Bike Australia (MTB) provided the following information through the consultation process.

There are 18 formal mountain bike clubs operating within Victoria, with 430 members (including 365 seniors (19 and over), 59 juniors and 6-non competitive members).

Participation figures in Victoria are unavailable. Australia-wide, there is an estimated 17,616 participants (2003/4). The Red Hill Riders is a rapidly growing local club with 150 members.

Participation is reported by MTBA as increasing, which could be attributed to the sport being viewed as an outlet for youth, generation X, Y and Baby Boomers. It appeals to both males and females.

A significant number of mountain bike trails and single-track courses are being developed across Victoria. Facilities are notably popular within areas of high tourism and visitation. The emergence of mountain cross-country will see an increase in the number of facilities being developed.

Local governments should look into developing facilities with more technical features, which would have a broader appeal. Access to trail networks and potential mountain bike areas managed by Parks Victoria, DSE and other agencies is important for developing a linked trail network, and for collaborative facility development. Ongoing consultation between agencies is required.

The demand for more urban setting 'single' track courses is increasing. An example of this is the development of an urban mountain bike track in East Burwood Reserve, City of Whitehorse, and the MTB park at Lysterfield.

The Shire does not as yet, provide any public information about single track and shared track MTB opportunities, however, there is a vast network of trails in roadsides which are shared with horse riders, walkers and dog walkers (estimated at over 250 kilometres).

Parks Victoria is working with local clubs and riders to identify opportunities in the Arthurs Seat area. There are some trails around the perimeter of reserves such as Greens Bush. The Merricks to Red Hill trail is also popular amongst mountain bikers of all ages.

RECOMMENDED ACTIONS

- Develop a MTB strategy that considers sports and informal mountain bikers in liaison with Parks Victoria and other agencies
- Publish information about trails.
- Work with groups such as the Red Hill Riders to investigate further opportunities / trails.
- Develop a shared use trail code and information about minimal impact riding.
- Investigate through open space planning, opportunities for development of a Mornington Peninsula Mountain Bike Park catering for riders of all abilities.
- Enhance opportunities in the BMX / MTB "hub" of Dromana Community Reserve and surround with appropriate facilities.
- Implement recommendations of the Draft Roadside and Equestrian Trails Strategy

20 NETBALL

20.1 Club participation

Netball Victoria regional figures indicate that 'Two Bays' District has the smallest participation base in the Central East Zone. However, the Mornington Peninsula Netball Association had three times the number of players as the other associations within Mornington Peninsula.

Table 39. Table 38: Netball club/association membership 2008 (persons)

2008 Membership							
Club Name	Junior Female	Junior Male	Senior Female	Total Female	Veterans Female	Veterans Male	TOTAL
Balnarring Netball Club	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Mornington Peninsula Assoc.	786	-	469	-	-	-	1,255
Mt Eliza Netball Club	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Mt Martha Netball Club	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nepean Netball Association	128	-	238	-	-	-	366
Somerville Netball Club	-	-	-	392	-	-	392
Sorrento Netball Club	42	-	-	-	-	-	42
Western Port Netball Association	136	-	142	278	-	-	278

Table 40. Netball club/association membership 2011 (persons)

2011 Membership							
Club Name	Junior Female	Junior Male	Senior Female	Total Female	Veterans Female	Veterans Male	TOTAL
Balnarring Netball Club	152	-	40	-	-	-	192
Mornington Peninsula Assoc.	950	-	469	-	-	-	1,415
Mt Eliza Netball Club	160	-	30	-	-	-	190
Mt Martha Netball Club	-	-	-	-	-	-	160
Nepean Netball Association	338	-	158	-	-	-	496
Somerville Netball Club	-	-	-	320	-	-	320
Sorrento Netball Club	-	-	-	80	-	-	80
Western Port Netball Association	136	-	142	-	-	-	358

Table 41. Netball club/association membership change 2008 - 2011

2008 - 2011 Membership Change		
Club Name	Change 2008-2011 (number)	Change 2008-2011 (%)
Balnarring Netball Club	+192	-
Mornington Peninsula Assoc.	+160	+13%
Mt Eliza Netball Club	+190	-
Mt Martha Netball Club	+160	-
Nepean Netball Association	+130	+36%
Somerville Netball Club	-72	-18%
Sorrento Netball Club	+38	+90%
Western Port Netball Association	+80	+29%

20.2 Trends

Netball Victoria indicated that the biggest area of growth in participation has been with juniors. However there has been growth in male participation and participation by people with a disability. Also:

- people playing mixed and social competitions has increased and people taking up alternative membership options (i.e. single game vouchers and per team season payments)
- more people are playing at indoor facilities.
- the Mornington Peninsula Netball Football League now includes netball. Clubs are seeking to develop new netball courts at Tyabb, Hastings, Mt Eliza, Rosebud and Mount Martha, funded by club contributions and grants from SRV.

Clubs consulted indicated that seniors' numbers fluctuate, but are fairly stable. Indoor senior competitions (night comp) is at full capacity.

20.3 Future market demand

ERASS identified a total Victorian participation rate of 3.8% for the 15+ age group, with a 3.3% and 0.9% rate for organised and non-organised participation respectively.

The Children's Participation in Cultural and Leisure Activities identifies a national participation rate of 8.4% in the 5-14 year age group, with a 0.3% and 17% participation rate for males and females respectively.

20.4 Local demand

The household surveys identified that:

- 2.4% of respondents participate in netball away from home
- netball is the 10th highest activity participated in by females (2.3%)
- 3.4% residents participate in netball
- 2.1% residents identified netball as a sport 'liked but not played'
- 6.2% females identified netball as a sport 'liked but not played'.

Factors that would encourage more participation include:

- more information about where to play

- being put in touch with club/ centre offering sport in peer age group
- looking after a family member requiring care
- suitable classes and development programs
- better courts with acrylic surfaces and lighting
- indoor facilities.

The schools surveys identified:

- 6.3% of students preferred netball as an activity away from home
- netball ranked as the 5th most popular activity for females (11.8%)
- 10% of students participate in netball competitively (9.1% females)
- 5% of students like netball but do not participate (all females)
- 'too expensive', 'no club team provided' and 'time constraints' are the reasons for non participation in netball

20.5 Projected demand

Table 41 illustrates the estimated number of participants in organised and non-organised netball in the Mornington Peninsula Shire for the years 2006 to 2031.³³

Table 42 illustrates the estimated local demand for netball in the Mornington Peninsula Shire for the years 2006 to 2031.³⁴

Table 42. Estimated market demand for netball (persons)

STATE DATA						
AGE	2006	2011	2016	2021	2026	2031
Under 15	1,530	1,562	1,618	1,650	1,686	1,733
15+	3586	3691	3736	3809	3916	4025
TOTAL ESTIMATED DEMAND	5116	5253	5354	5459	5602	5761
MARKET DEMAND	6,052	6,440	6,747	7,017	7,290	7,556
TOTAL PROJECTED RANGE	6,052-5116	6,440-5253	6,747-5354	7,017-5459	7,290-5602	7,556-5761

³³ Calculated by applying participation rates from Children's Participation in Cultural and Leisure Activities, Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS), 2010 and Exercise, Recreation And Sport Survey, Standing Committee on Recreation and Sport (SCORS), 2010 against population projections from Mornington Peninsula Shire Council Forecasts, .id consulting Pty Ltd, 2011. Assumes that participation rates do not fluctuate in future years and as such, projections should be used as potential figures only. Market demand is estimated based on ERASS organised participation rate.

³⁴ Calculated by applying participation rates obtained from school and householder survey against population projections from Mornington Peninsula Shire Council Forecasts, .id consulting Pty Ltd, 2011. Assumes that participation rates do not fluctuate in future years and as such, projections should be used as potential figures only.

Table 43. Estimated local demand for netball (persons)

AGE	2006	2011	2016	2021	2026	2031
Under 15	1,148	1,172	1,213	1,237	1,264	1,300
15+	2,265	2,331	2,360	2,406	2,473	2,544
TOTAL ESTIMATED DEMAND	3,413	3,503	3,573	3,643	3,737	3,844

The age range of netball players is generally larger than many other physical team sports, with the majority of participants being aged between 5 and 35. Based on the relatively high population base for netball, of considerable note is the level to which the local demand is under the state based participate rates. Therefore, there is significant scope to increase participation in netball throughout the Shire.

20.6 Facilities

Netball courts are fairly well serviced in the Shire (43 courts). Many are co-located in sports reserves with other sport and community facilities. Continual maintenance and upgrading of playing surfaces and floodlighting will be required over time. Co-location and sharing of facilities is encouraged.

The Mornington Peninsula Football Netball League is looking to expand facilities at reserves where they operate. Additional netball courts are proposed at reserves in Crib Point, Balnarring, Hastings and in other areas.

20.7 Issues

Telephone interviews with clubs identified the poor state of some facilities (particularly outdoor facilities) as a major barrier to participation. Other issues included:

- umpires are at a great shortage (this is a trend all over Melbourne), but courses are expensive and extend over two days
- rising costs of insurance –up every year (\$40 seniors, \$20 juniors)
- need for assistance with administration and competition management
- not enough tourists/visitors encouraged to use facilities

Major obstacles over the next five years for netball, apart from upgrading the condition of outdoor facilities and rising costs, will be

- lack of volunteers
- size constraints, no room to grow
- associations not keeping pace with demand

- future move by players to indoor facilities.

20.8 Opportunities

Netball should have higher participation than identified as per state participation data.

- football clubs want to combine with netball clubs to share facilities and support growth; an ideal situation whereby a key determinant to participation is poor facilities.

RECOMMENDED ACTIONS

- Continue to undertake a netball court rehabilitation program for existing outdoor courts.
- Monitor the use of Council's indoor sports courts and ensure netball clubs and associations are afforded reasonable access to courts
- Assist netball associations to develop new and improve existing mixed netball competitions.
- Conduct a club development and management workshop with all clubs and associations, in conjunction with Netball Victoria to improve competition management practices.
- Ensure that any new indoor facilities constructed in the Shire cater for minimum standard netball court requirements and are shared use.
- Investigate demand and supply to determine future facility needs and options for shared facilities with other sports such as badminton, football and basketball.
- Audit courts to determine condition and levels of deferred maintenance

21 RUGBY UNION

21.1 Club participation

No information was available.

21.2 Future market demand

ERASS identified a total Victorian participation rate of 0.1% for the 15+ age group, with a 0.1% and 0% rate for organised and non-organised participation respectively.

The Children's Participation in Cultural and Leisure Activities identifies a national participation rate of 2% in the 5-14 year age group, with a 3.8% and 0.1% participation rate for males and females respectively.

21.3 Local demand

The household surveys identified that 1.1% of males liked rugby but do not participate.

The school surveys identified that 1.3% of students participated in competitive rugby (0.9% male) and 2.8% of students liked rugby but did not participate (100% males).

21.4 Projected demand

Table 43 shows the estimated number of participants in organised and non-organised rugby union in the Shire for the years 2006 to 2031.³⁵ Table 44 illustrates the estimated local demand for rugby union in the Mornington Peninsula Shire for the years 2006 to 2031.³⁶

Table 44. Estimated market demand for rugby union (persons)

STATE DATA						
AGE	2006	2011	2016	2021	2026	2031
Under 15	364	372	385	393	401	413
15+	98	102	103	106	109	113
TOTAL ESTIMATED DEMAND	462	474	488	499	510	526
MARKET DEMAND	281	300	314	326	339	351
TOTAL PROJECTED RANGE	281-462	300-474	314-488	326-499	339-510	351-526

Table 45. Estimated local demand for rugby union (persons)

AGE	2006	2011	2016	2021	2026	2031
Under 15	237	242	250	255	261	268
15+	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
TOTAL ESTIMATED DEMAND	237	242	250	255	261	268

RECOMMENDED ACTIONS

- Ensure that existing sports fields can cater for multiple uses and that if demand presents, ensure reasonable access to facilities and grounds is provided to clubs and schools.

³⁵ Calculated by applying participation rates from Children's Participation in Cultural and Leisure Activities, Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS), 2010 and Exercise, Recreation And Sport Survey, Standing Committee on Recreation and Sport (SCORS), 2010 against population projections from Mornington Peninsula Shire Council Forecasts, .id consulting Pty Ltd, 2011.

Assumes that participation rates do not fluctuate in future years and as such, projections should be used as potential figures only. Market demand is estimated based on ERASS organised participation rate.

³⁶ Calculated by applying participation rates obtained from school and householder survey against population projections from Mornington Peninsula Shire Council Forecasts, .id consulting Pty Ltd, 2011. Assumes that participation rates do not fluctuate in future years and as such, projections should be used as potential figures only.

22 SAILING

22.1 Club participation

Table 46. Sailing clubs in Mornington Peninsula Shire

Sailing Club
Mt Martha Yacht Club
Blairgowrie Yacht Squadron
Cerberus Sail Training
Flinders Yacht Club
Hastings Yacht Club
McCrae Yacht Club
Merricks Yacht Club
Mornington Yacht Club
Point Leo Boat Club
Rosebud Yacht Club
Rye Yacht Club
Safety Beach Sailing Club
Somers Yacht Club
Western Port Mariners Club
Western Port Yacht Club

Sailability, Yachting Victoria's sailing program for people with a disability is conducted through the Mornington Yacht Club.

22.2 Trends

Sailing Victoria indicated that membership figures have remained stable, but youth membership has increased.

22.3 Future market demand

ERASS identified a total Victorian participation rate of 0.7% for the 15+ age group, with a 0.5% and 0.3% rate for organised and non-organised participation respectively.

The Children's Participation in Cultural and Leisure Activities identifies a national participation rate of 0.4% in the 5-14 year age group, with a 0.3% and 0.4% participation rate for males and females respectively.

22.4 Local demand

The household surveys identified:

- sailing as 10th ranked leisure activity participated away from home (5.3%)
- 10th in top activities participated by males (3.2%)
- 7th in residents' participation (4.7%)
- sailing was 50% social and 50% competitive
- sailing was predominantly participated in once weekly
- 1.8% of respondents identified sailing as a sport 'liked but not played'

Factors that would encourage people to sail were 'reducing the cost', 'suitable programs classes to learn', 'information on club/centre offering sport' and 'opportunity to participate socially'. Mount Eliza was the only town to identify sailing as a sport 'liked but not participated in'.

The school survey identified that 2.8% of students participated in competitive sailing.

22.5 Projected demand

Table 46 illustrates the estimated number of participants in organised and non-organised sailing in the Mornington Peninsula Shire for the years 2006 to 2031.³⁷ Table 47 illustrates the estimated local demand for sailing in the Mornington Peninsula Shire for the years 2006 to 2031.³⁸

³⁷ Calculated by applying participation rates from Children's Participation in Cultural and Leisure Activities, Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS), 2010 and Exercise, Recreation And Sport Survey, Standing Committee on Recreation and Sport (SCORS), 2010 against population projections from Mornington Peninsula Shire Council Forecasts, .id consulting Pty Ltd, 2011. Assumes that participation rates do not fluctuate in future years and as such, projections should be used as potential figures only. Market demand is estimated based on ERASS organised participation rate.

³⁸ Calculated by applying participation rates obtained from school and householder survey against population projections from Mornington Peninsula Shire Council Forecasts, .id consulting Pty Ltd, 2011. Assumes that participation rates do not fluctuate in future years and as such, projections should be used as potential figures only.

Table 47. Estimated market demand for sailing (persons)

STATE DATA						
AGE	2006	2011	2016	2021	2026	2031
Under 15	73	74	77	79	80	83
15+	806	862	897	930	960	992
TOTAL ESTIMATED DEMAND	879	936	974	1009	1040	1075
MARKET DEMAND	563	599	628	653	678	703
TOTAL PROJECTED RANGE	563-879	599-936	628-974	653-1009	678-1040	703-1075

Table 48. Estimated local demand for sailing (persons)

AGE	2006	2011	2016	2021	2026	2031
Under 15	510	521	539	550	562	578
15+	6,106	6,524	6,791	7,040	7,270	7,508
TOTAL ESTIMATED DEMAND	6,616	7,045	7,330	7,590	7,832	8,086

RECOMMENDED ACTIONS

- Continue to promote sailing clubs and venues on Council's website.
- Assist Yachting Victoria and Sailability Victoria to expand the Sailability program further into Shire clubs.
- Work with other land owners (Parks Victoria and DSE) to help clubs secure foreshore areas for boat rigging and marshalling of events and competitions.
- Develop standard lease fee structure for clubs

22.6 Facilities

The Shire does not provide any facilities for Sailing Clubs. Many clubs are base on Crown land, managed by Parks Victoria and the Department of Sustainability and Environment (DSE).

22.7 Issues

The sport faces a number of obstacles including an ageing population, lack of foreshore space and competition from other sports (e.g. kite and wind surfing).

Clubs felt that local government should play a stronger role in their sport, for example in the provision of foreshore space.

22.8 Opportunities

Linking with the Sailability program would offer opportunities in terms of a new market.

23 SHOOTING

23.1 Club participation

There are 75 member clubs and services across the Shire, all affiliated with ISU (International body) – Victorian Amateur Pistol Association. There are four clubs on the Peninsula:

- The Victorian Field and Game Association (1,139 members)
- Nepean Clay Target Club (225 members)
- Peninsula Pistol Club (101 members)
- Mornington Clay Target Club (207 members, with an additional 200 visitors for competitions)

23.2 Trends

The Sporting Shooters Association indicated that although participation was increasing, particularly amongst females and juniors, there had been a fall in membership, possibly attributed to the increase in legislation and regulations, which had imposed various restrictions on club members and lack of facilities.

Clubs consulted indicated that:

- junior competition was available, but often reduces at 17/18 years (junior participation can start at 12 years old under parental supervision)
- the variety of competition was increasing.

23.3 Future market demand

ERASS identified a total Victorian participation rate of 0.6% for the 15+ age group, with a 0.2% and 0.4% rate for organised and non-organised participation respectively.

23.4 Local demand

Telephone interviews with sports clubs identified:

- participation trends are increasing, with an even distribution of members
- 'disabled access' and 'light towers' were required in the future for gun clubs
- only junior programs exist.

23.5 Projected demand

Table 48 shows the estimated number of participants in organised and non-organised shooting in the Mornington Peninsula Shire for the years 2006 to 2031.³⁹ Table 49 illustrates the estimated local demand for shooting in the Mornington Peninsula Shire for the years 2006 to 2031.⁴⁰

Table 49. Estimated market demand for shooting (persons)

NATIONAL DATA						
AGE	2006	2011	2016	2021	2026	2031
Under 15	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
15+	699	743	777	808	841	872
TOTAL ESTIMATED DEMAND	699	743	777	808	841	872
MARKET DEMAND	422	449	471	490	509	527
TOTAL PROJECTED RANGE	422-699	449-743	471-777	490-808	509-841	527-872

Table 50. Estimated local demand for shooting (persons)

AGE	2006	2011	2016	2021	2026	2031
Under 15	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
15+	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
TOTAL ESTIMATED DEMAND	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a

23.6 Facilities

Most club facilities have been built by the clubs themselves:

- Long Point Reserve, Cape Schanck
- Citation Reserve Pistol Range
- Clay Target Range, Craigie Road, Mornington
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³⁹ Calculated by applying participation rates from Children's Participation in Cultural and Leisure Activities, Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS), 2010 and Exercise, Recreation And Sport Survey, Standing Committee on Recreation and Sport (SCORS), 2010 against population projections from Mornington Peninsula Shire Council Forecasts, .id consulting Pty Ltd, 2011.

Assumes that participation rates do not fluctuate in future years and as such, projections should be used as potential figures only. Market demand is estimated based on ERASS organised participation rate.

⁴⁰ Calculated by applying participation rates obtained from school and householder survey against population projections from Mornington Peninsula Shire Council Forecasts, .id consulting Pty Ltd, 2011. Assumes that participation rates do not fluctuate in future years and as such, projections should be used as potential figures only.

23.7 Issues

State Government legislation makes it difficult to acquire and keep firearms. Licensed shooters have to shoot in competitions on a regular basis.

Clubs feel that local councils need to be more consultative with the state association. For example in Geelong, Councils in the area have come together to develop a strategy where the various local clubs work together with the Council and state associations to look at facilities, improving the clubs etc.

RECOMMENDED ACTIONS

- Help ensure clubs are not displaced from facilities due to commercial or residential development and expansion.
- Develop a management plan or master plan for Long Point Reserve to guide clubs' future development of the reserve and the protection of significant natural values.
- Assist clubs to make facilities accessible to enable participation from people with a disability (e.g. wheelchair users).
- Encourage clubs to practice better environmental protection through collection of clay target debris and lead gun shot waste. Educate clubs in minimal impact activity practice.
- Support Sport and Recreation Victoria to develop an activity standard for shooting.

24 SOCCER

24.1 Club participation

There are three soccer clubs based in the Shire. Seniors club play in the Bayside Soccer League and junior teams participate in the Victoria Soccer Federation (VSF) regional competition. A new club is proposed at Somerville.

The Bayside Soccer League runs four senior divisions and the VSF junior competition caters for age groups between 8 and 18 (boys and girls). The following table identifies the current participation level of soccer clubs in the Shire followed by membership numbers for each club.

Table 51. Soccer club membership in Mornington Peninsula Shire 2011

Club	Junior		Senior		TOTAL
	Male	Female	Male	Female	
Mornington SC	230	112	170	-	520
Rosebud SC	-	-	40	15	55
Rosebud Heart SC	115	14	-	-	129
Western Port SC	85	21	46	-	152
Mt. Eliza JSC	170	30	-	-	200

*Figures also include Goalkick and RooBall numbers.

Table 52. Change in soccer club membership 2006-2011

Club	2006	2007	2008	2009	2011	Change 2006-2011
Mornington SC	485	540	595	444	520	+35
Rosebud SC	165	225	210		55	-110
Rosebud Heart JSC	-	-	-	50	129	+129
Western Port SC	110	131	113	30	152	+42
Mt. Eliza JSC	-	-	10	-	200	+200

24.2 Trends

The Victorian Soccer Federation reported that junior participation through the Goalkick (age group) program is increasing, but this program does not exist yet on the Peninsula.

Clubs consulted indicated:

- increases in female participation at both senior and junior levels, with junior female participation growing from 18,730 in 2003 to 19,780 in 2004 and from 6,543 to 6,821 at senior level for the same period
- a potential change to provision through introduction of synthetic surfaces
- steady growth in both indoor and outdoor soccer activities.

24.3 Future market demand

ERASS identified a total Victorian participation rate of 3.5% for the 15+ age group, with a 2.2% and 1.7% rate for organised and non-organised participation respectively.

The Children's Participation in Cultural and Leisure Activities identifies a national participation rate of 13.2% in the 5-14 year age group, with a 19.9% and 6.2% participation rate for males and females respectively.

24.4 Local demand

The schools survey found:

- 50% of schools surveyed said soccer was increasing in demand
- playing competitive soccer scored a 10.3% participation response for (7th place behind basketball, Australian rules football, cricket, BMX, skateboarding and cycling)
- the male/female split in responses to playing soccer was 42% female and 58% male
- soccer ranked 2nd (behind surfing) of sports ‘liked but not played’ (9.4% of respondents).

Reasons cited for not playing soccer include competition with other sports, no club/ team provided and too expensive. The ‘no club/ team provided’ was surprising as a cross tabulation of results with respondents’ township of residence indicated that responses came from people who live in or adjacent to a township where one of the three soccer clubs are based.

Household survey results identified that:

- soccer was not in the top 27 activities undertaken away from home
- key factors to encourage participation included ‘reduce the costs for playing’, ‘providing facilities closer to home’ and ‘suitable programs and classes’ were the key things that would encourage people to play.

Sports telephone interviews identified that overall participation is increasing. Telephone interviews with schools indicated that three schools currently use off-campus soccer facilities.

24.5 Projected demand

Table 52 shows the estimated number of participants in organised and non-organised outdoor soccer in the Mornington Peninsula Shire for the years 2006 to 2031.⁴¹ Table 53 illustrates the estimated local demand for soccer in the Mornington Peninsula Shire for the years 2006 to 2031.⁴²

Table 53. Estimated market demand for outdoor soccer (persons)

STATE DATA						
AGE	2006	2011	2016	2021	2026	2031
Under 15	2,404	2,455	2,542	2,592	2,649	2,723
15+	3358	3465	3505	3575	3676	3870
TOTAL ESTIMATED DEMAND	5762	5920	6047	6167	6325	6593
MARKET DEMAND	1,830	1,947	2,040	2,121	2,204	2,285
TOTAL PROJECTED RANGE	1,830-5762	1,947-5920	2,040-6047	2,121-6167	2,204-6325	2,285-6593

Table 54. Estimated local demand for outdoor soccer (persons)

AGE	2006	2011	2016	2021	2026	2031
Under 15	1,020	1,042	1,079	1,100	1,124	1,155
15+	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
TOTAL ESTIMATED DEMAND	1,020	1,042	1,079	1,100	1,124	1,155

Based on the current membership of soccer clubs within the Shire, there is a significant gap between local demand and the statewide rate. Assuming an adequate number of facilities can be provided over the next 5-10 years, there is potential demand to increase participation by up to 3,000 players.

Current usage of outdoor soccer clubs indicates an average of 70 players per field. 80-100 players per fields is considered to be an industry standard.

⁴¹ Calculated by applying participation rates from Children’s Participation in Cultural and Leisure Activities, Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS), 2010 and Exercise, Recreation And Sport Survey, Standing Committee on Recreation and Sport (SCORS), 2010 against population projections from Mornington Peninsula Shire Council Forecasts, .id consulting Pty Ltd, 2011. Assumes that participation rates do not fluctuate in future years and as such, projections should be used as potential figures only. Market demand is estimated based on ERASS organised participation rate.

⁴² Calculated by applying participation rates obtained from school and householder survey against population projections from Mornington Peninsula Shire Council Forecasts, .id consulting Pty Ltd, 2011. Assumes that participation rates do not fluctuate in future years and as such, projections should be used as potential figures only.

24.6 Facilities

The Mornington Soccer Club occupies a dedicated soccer facility at Dallas Brooks Park, directly opposite Civic Reserve. Rosebud Soccer Club plays at Olympic Park (on two dedicated soccer pitches), Rosebud Heart use Truemans Road Reserve and Western Port Soccer Clubs utilise ovals available at Western Port Secondary College and Bittern. The supply of facilities and club size appear to be strongly related.

There is also a synthetic pitch at Somerville Rise Primary School.

24.7 Issues

There is a greater need for clubs and schools to form partnerships in order to utilise school ovals for weeknight training and weekend competition. This would assist in filling fixtures and catering for the short-term demand. Additionally, using a range of facilities would alleviate over-use of main ovals. Floodlighting of main ovals may also have the opposite effect. A balance between the two is required.

The VSF anticipate that the impact of artificial surfaces and certain surfaces being approved by the international governing body (FIFA) will filter down to regional and local leagues. Funding for facilities will be a major obstacle for schools, councils, clubs and associations.

Other issues include:

- junior facilities not meeting the standards for competition
- facilities needed in the future are ‘ improved change rooms’ ‘more storage’ and ‘provide lighting’
- there are no programs set up for schools or people with a disability
- rapid junior growth in the Mornington Peninsula area
- lack of facilities to cater for growth and expected future growth
- often inadequate school facilities in terms of quality and accessibility
- ability for clubs and schools to attract funds for ground development
- demand for floodlit grounds for training
- improved social and changing facilities
- retention of volunteers
- geographic representation of clubs (could be gaps in eastern tip and south-west area)

Problems that may be faced over the next five years, apart from a lack of playing fields, unmet demand and a lack of volunteers, include increasing female participation and preventing demand from swamping clubs.

24.8 Opportunities

There are many opportunities for growth in soccer, including:

- extending and enhancing further use of school grounds through user agreements if possible
- establishing additional clubs in under-represented areas
- creating success criteria for new club development to ensure sustainability
- exploiting State-based programs and activities (i.e.. Rooball and Goalkick).

RECOMMENDED ACTIONS

- When adopted, implement recommendations of the Draft Soccer Strategy.
- Continue to maintain and monitor club use of existing soccer fields to ensure they are suitable for all levels of competition.
- Prioritise school sites for community use where demand and proximity to existing clubs is greatest (but provide a balance between school sites and floodlighting of main club grounds).
- Assist Rosebud junior soccer club and Western Port soccer club to develop 3-4 full-size soccer fields at existing sites or other locations. . Implement improvements via reserve master planning processes and other means.
- When demand warrants it, investigate options for use of existing reserves or acquisition of land in Northern Peninsula (Tyabb / Somerville [Baxter]) for soccer fields.
- Assist clubs to form partnerships local schools and become more involved in planning process with DET to ensure new or developing schools consider the growing demand for outdoor soccer and multi-use grass fields.
- Ensure that new and existing soccer facilities are developed to cater for use by a range of participants.
- Continue to work with local clubs, leagues and the Football Federation Victoria to assist the roll-out of club development initiatives and soccer development programs.
- Establish a forum for clubs to meet with Shire officers on a regular basis to discuss issues and growth options.
- Monitor player and team numbers on a seasonal basis to determine annual growth and demand.

25 SOFTBALL

25.1 Club participation

No club data was available from softball clubs. The Frankston Softball Association has four clubs and four schools involved, with 60-70 (18+ years) players.

25.2 Trends

Softball Victoria stated that their membership remains steady, but estimated a loss of around 1000 members each year (i.e. annual gain around 1000).

Clubs consulted indicated that the sport is primarily based on juniors, with the senior participation dwindling. There is reported image problem with male players.

25.3 Future market demand

ERASS identified a total Victorian participation rate of 0.2% for the 15+ age group, with a 0.2% rate for organised participation, with no non-organised participation reported.

The Children's Participation in Cultural and Leisure Activities identifies a national participation rate of 1.4% in the 5-14 year age group, with a 1.3% and 1.6% participation rate for males and females respectively.

25.4 Local demand

The household survey identified that 1.1% of males liked softball but did not participate and 2.2% of females liked softball but did not participate.

The school survey identified that 1.6% of students participated in softball competitively (1.3% are female).

25.5 Projected demand

Table 54 illustrates the estimated number of participants in organised and non-organised softball in the Mornington Peninsula Shire for the years 2006 to 2031.⁴³ Table 55 illustrates the estimated local demand for softball in the Mornington Peninsula Shire for the years 2006 to 2031.⁴⁴

Table 55. Estimated market demand for softball (persons)

STATE DATA						
AGE	2006	2011	2016	2021	2026	2031
Under 15	255	260	270	275	281	289
15+	184	190	192	195	200	206
TOTAL ESTIMATED DEMAND	439	450	462	470	481	495
MARKET DEMAND	141	150	157	163	170	176
TOTAL PROJECTED RANGE	141-439	150-450	157-462	163-470	170-481	176-495

Table 56. Estimated local demand for softball (persons)

AGE	2006	2011	2016	2021	2026	2031
Under 15	237	242	250	255	261	268
15+	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
TOTAL ESTIMATED DEMAND	237	242	250	255	261	268

⁴³ Calculated by applying participation rates from Children's Participation in Cultural and Leisure Activities, Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS), 2010 and Exercise, Recreation And Sport Survey, Standing Committee on Recreation and Sport (SCORS), 2010 against population projections from Mornington Peninsula Shire Council Forecasts, .id consulting Pty Ltd, 2011. Assumes that participation rates do not fluctuate in future years and as such, projections should be used as potential figures only. Market demand is estimated based on ERASS organised participation rate.

⁴⁴ Calculated by applying participation rates obtained from school and householder survey against population projections from Mornington Peninsula Shire Council Forecasts, .id consulting Pty Ltd, 2011. Assumes that participation rates do not fluctuate in future years and as such, projections should be used as potential figures only.

25.6 Facilities

- Local clubs and generally play out of baseball facilities or on school grounds. The Boneo Braves play out of Frankston (baseball and softball). The City of Frankston have undertaken a feasibility for developing a regional baseball / softball facility at Robinsons Reserve.

25.7 Issues

Clubs feel that local councils play a significant role in the maintenance of facilities, but developmental support of the sport is not always forthcoming.

The different-sized fields between baseball and softball causes problems, particularly in terms of maintenance. However, U12/U14 baseball can play on softball diamonds.

25.8 Opportunities

The sport is in the process of getting funding from 'Connect' to run a program for people with a disability. Developmental work with schools includes running t-ball (80)/ mod-ball (80) / softball.

RECOMMENDED ACTIONS

- Support the regional development of multi-sport facilities.
- Support local club initiatives to develop softball for people with a disability.
- Encourage greater sharing of facilities between schools and softball and baseball clubs.
- Continue to maintain grass fields where local softball competitions are played.

26 SQUASH

26.1 Club participation

The major squash association in the Mornington Peninsula region is the Mornington Peninsula Squash Rackets Association. Five clubs within the Shire are members of the association.

26.2 Future market demand

ERASS identified a total Victorian participation rate of 0.8% for the 15+ age group, with a 0.2% and 0.7% rate for organised and non-organised participation respectively.

There is no children’s participation data available.

Squash Victoria advise that competition numbers have remained fairly constant over the past 5 years, but that the largest area of growth is social squash participation. They relate this to ‘the fact that squash is an ideal sport for the time-poor, doesn’t require water and as an indoor sport, can be played year round regardless of the weather conditions’.

Squash Victoria has started a female participation program in 2012 to foster participation, and this is proving to be quite successful. The program is addressing the fun and social aspects of squash through participating with a group. They are focussing on trying to diversify the squash ‘product’ to offer a variety of ways for people to get involved rather than just competition.

The national body, Squash Australia, is in the process of developing a national junior squash program to compete alongside Auskick, Net Set GO! etc and this is intended to help build the junior squash ranks. A program for the Active After School Communities is currently in the pilot stage with the centre based program to follow they expect this to be 2013.

26.3 Local demand

The householder survey identified that squash was the 5th ranked sport ‘liked but not played’ (2.7%) overall and 5th ranked sport ‘liked but not played’ by males (6.1%).

Factors that would encourage participation in squash were:

- information on where to play
- reduced cost of playing the sport
- facilities closer to home
- being put in touch with club/ centre offering the sport
- provide more opportunities to play socially (without being a club member).

26.4 Projected demand

The following table illustrates the estimated number of participants in organised and non-organised squash in the Mornington Peninsula Shire for the years 2006 to 2031.⁴⁵

Table 57. Estimated market demand for squash (persons)

STATE DATA						
AGE	2006	2011	2016	2021	2026	2031
Under 15	55	56	58	59	60	62
15+	782	803	815	829	850	875
TOTAL ESTIMATED DEMAND	837	859	873	888	910	937
MARKET DEMAND	563	599	628	653	678	703
TOTAL PROJECTED RANGE	563-837	599-859	628-873	653-888	678-910	703-937

The projected range of demand varies greatly based on organized and non-organised participation. The ageing population may prevent future growth in competitive squash, but may promote additional social participation over the next 10-20 years.

26.5 Facilities

There are no Council-provided or operated squash courts in the Shire. Facilities are generally operated by private providers or in independent centres, schools or courts as part of larger sports centres or gymnasiums.

⁴⁵ Calculated by applying participation rates from Children’s Participation in Cultural and Leisure Activities, Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS), 2010 and Exercise, Recreation And Sport Survey, Standing Committee on Recreation and Sport (SCORS), 2010 against population projections from Mornington Peninsula Shire Council Forecasts, .id consulting Pty Ltd, 2011. Assumes that participation rates do not fluctuate in future years and as such, projections should be used as potential figures only. Market demand is estimated based on ERASS organised participation rate.

Table 58. Table 57: Squash facilities (private providers)

Club	Courts	Public use?
Rosebud International Squash Centre	4	Yes
Toorak College Mt Eliza	2	Yes
Lysaghts Squash Club	2	Yes
HMAS Cerberus	2	only competition access
Mount Eliza Family Fitness	3	Yes
Tonic Squash and Gym, Dromana	8	Yes

RECOMMENDED ACTIONS

- Use Council's website to promote locations, facilities and activities provided by local squash courts/centres.
- Facilitate relationships between local schools and centres to develop school squash competitions.
- Support new program opportunities and assist promotion of school holiday squash activities or even involve squash as an activity within Shire operated holiday programs.

27 SURFING

Worldwide, the popularity of surfing is growing with over 18 million surfers globally. Surfing is acknowledged as a significant sport and activity on the Peninsula. There are at least 3 major surf clubs in the area that provide opportunities in both competitive and recreational surfing across the ages. These local clubs include: Peninsula Surf Riders, Mornington Peninsula Body Board Club and Maladiction Longboarders. Peninsula Surf Riders in particular, holds regular competitions including hosting of events on the Surfing Victoria Events Schedule. They have over 400 members and a junior development program called 'Supergrom' with a further 200 young members. The club has tournaments throughout the year including five aggregate contests, novelty and junior contests, team titles, tag team titles, 70's Single Fin Classic and the Retro Surfing Festival. They have club rooms in Truemans Road, Fingal. They also host events for the Disabled Surfers Association, Mornington Peninsula Branch, as does the Point Leo Surf Lifesaving Club.

The Western Port and Bass Strait coasts of the Peninsula offer nine high quality surf breaks ranging from those suitable for beginners to highly experienced surfers. Six are reef breaks and three are beach breaks. There is another boat access only technical point/reef break at the tip of the Peninsula at Point Nepean. Popular surf breaks include: Point Leo, Shoreham, Flinders, Cape Schanck, Gunnamatta, Rye, St Andrews, Blairgowrie, Sorrento and Portsea (see following map)

While the ERASS data does not specifically identify surfing as a separate category, it does group surf sports together and provide participation rates for these. Surf sports include sail boarding, surfing and wind surfing but excludes surf lifesaving, which is a separate category. ERASS identified a total Victorian participation rate of 1.2% for the 15+ age group, with a 0.2% and 1.1% rate for organised and non-organised participation respectively.

There are also organised summer school holiday surfing classes at Point Leo. Facilities for surfing include car parks, boardwalk and access paths, toilets and showers and web cams usually located on surf lifesaving clubs. However, many facilities, which support surfing, are provided on Crown Land managed by local Committees of Management, or are within the Mornington Peninsula National Park. The Peninsula's surf breaks attract surfers from across Melbourne and surfing competitions attract visitors from interstate and overseas. . The corresponding map shows the location of the main surf breaks. However there are a multitude of surf breaks offering opportunities for surfers of all skill and experience levels.

RECOMMENDED ACTIONS

- Promote Peninsula surfing opportunities by providing information about the sport, breaks and key events on the Shires website. Produce a detailed map of surf breaks, facilities, access and safety information.
- Actively support competition through event funding programs
- Work with DSE, Parks Victoria, committees and other land management agencies to support provision of facilities for surfing including improved accessibility to beaches
- Support and encourage clubs to engage in coastal environmental protection and rehabilitation works



Map 1: Mornington Peninsula – Main Surf Breaks

28 TABLE TENNIS

28.1 Club participation

The Mornington Peninsula Table Tennis Association is the only association within the Shire. It operates from the David Collings Leisure Centre in Mornington and has over 400 members, with nine courts at present and a further six courts planned (four of these additional courts are subject to funding). The Association offers pennant competitions, morning older person's sessions, social competitions (10 years to 80 years) and includes members of all levels and abilities from social to state representatives.

28.2 Trends

Table Tennis Victoria stated that there has been no significant trends regarding participation, it would be best described as being steady.

However, the local club indicates that participation has doubled from 2000 to 2008, with particular growth being seen in the senior / older players.

28.3 Future market demand

ERASS identified a total Victorian participation rate of 0.8% for the 15+ age group, with a 0.4% and 0.4% rate for organised and non-organised participation respectively.

There is no children's participation data available.

28.4 Local demand

The schools survey identified that 3.1% of students participated in competitive table tennis (1.9% males).

28.5 Projected demand

Table 59 below illustrates the estimated number of participants in organised and non-organised table tennis in the Mornington Peninsula Shire for the years 2006 to 2031⁴⁶. Table 60 illustrates the estimated local demand for table tennis in the Mornington Peninsula Shire for the years 2006 to 2031.⁴⁷

Table 59. Estimated market demand for table tennis (persons)

NATIONAL DATA						
AGE	2006	2011	2016	2021	2026	2031
Under 15	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
15+	954	1027	1083	1135	1186	1233
TOTAL ESTIMATED DEMAND	954	1027	1083	1135	1186	1233
MARKET DEMAND	422	449	471	490	509	527
TOTAL PROJECTED RANGE	422-954	449-1027	471-1083	490-1135	509-1186	527-1233

Table 60. Estimated local demand for table tennis (persons)

AGE	2006	2011	2016	2021	2026	2031
Under 15	565	577	597	609	622	640
15+	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
TOTAL ESTIMATED DEMAND	565	577	597	609	622	640

⁴⁶ Calculated by applying participation rates from Children's Participation in Cultural and Leisure Activities, Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS), 2010 and Exercise, Recreation And Sport Survey, Standing Committee on Recreation and Sport (SCORS), 2010 against population projections from Mornington Peninsula Shire Council Forecasts, .id consulting Pty Ltd, 2011. Assumes that participation rates do not fluctuate in future years and as such, projections should be used as potential figures only. Market demand is estimated based on ERASS organised participation rate. Based on a stable participation rate of 0.8% and on population projections quoted from DSE's Victoria in Future (2004).

⁴⁷ Calculated by applying participation rates obtained from school and householder survey against population projections from Mornington Peninsula Shire Council Forecasts, .id consulting Pty Ltd, 2011. Assumes that participation rates do not fluctuate in future years and as such, projections should be used as potential figures only.

Whilst there is a reported decline in table tennis participation across the state, future population demographics (i.e., large volumes of the 50+ age group) of the Shire indicate that there could be a substantial future demand for table tennis within the next 10-20 years.

28.6 Facilities

The David Collings Leisure Centre provides table tennis facilities for the Mornington Peninsula Table Tennis Association. An application has been made to Council for the provision of an additional six tables at the centre. Schools reported that they utilise their own facilities and tables to conduct in school activities. Sharing these facilities would further benefit the sport.

The Master Plan for Civic Reserve has identified further table tennis facilities.

28.7 Issues

The only major obstacle identified was financial viability in terms of the capacity for clubs to keep operating and the cost of travel for participants. However, in discussion about extending the current building to host more tables, it was pointed that most players can only play certain nights and therefore additional tables were needed. One court forms an administration area and waiting area with tea and coffee (a small canteen operates).

28.8 Opportunities

Affiliated clubs could work in conjunction with schools more, so juniors are introduced to the sport. Also, additional court/ table space would assist the association to expand their activities.

RECOMMENDED ACTIONS

- Support the Mornington Peninsula Table Tennis Association to develop partnerships with schools across the Shire. First priority should be with schools local to David Collings Leisure Centre.
- In the short-term, assist schools and clubs to research and apply for external funding to purchase additional equipment and conduct table tennis programs, events and tournaments.
- Plan for the development of another table tennis venue (either in conjunction with a school, or existing or new leisure centre) in the Southern Peninsula area within the next 10-15 years.
- Support informal table tennis play through provision of outdoor tables in appropriate locations e.g. near skate parks, playgrounds, picnic tables or venues which can hire bats and balls.
- Encourage schools to share facilities with the broader public.

29 TENNIS

29.1 Club participation

There are 52 clubs from Frankston to Sorrento; 38 within the Mornington Peninsula Shire.

There are three levels of administration for tennis in the Shire: Tennis Victoria's Mornington Peninsula Region (one of 11 regional peak bodies around the state), the Peninsula Tennis Association (to which most clubs are affiliated) and the 22 tennis clubs that are based in the Shire. Refer to the Draft Tennis Strategy for facility and club participation details.

29.2 Trends

Clubs consulted indicated that:

- overall tennis participation is significantly declining
- junior tennis is stable
- mid-week ladies is holding steady
- Saturday competition holding steady, slightly increasing
- greater demand for social or non-competition tennis
- greater demand for mid-week night tennis
- formulation of 'night tennis' specific associations
- the aging nature of senior players
- high levels of juniors participating in club coaching activities
- competition play appears stagnant in demand
- clubs are struggling to maintain their facilities with falling membership revenue .

29.3 Future market demand

ERASS identified a total Victorian participation rate of 6.8% for the 15+ age group, with a 3.4% and 4.3% rate for organised and non-organised participation respectively.

The Children's Participation in Cultural and Leisure Activities identifies a national participation rate of 7.9% in the 5-14 year age group, with a 9.4% and 6.3% participation rate for males and females respectively.

29.4 Local demand

School survey results identified that the participation rate of respondents in competitive play was the same as soccer 10.3% (31% female, 69% male) and that 3.8% of respondents indicated they would like to play tennis but did not (70% female response), citing reasons for not playing as competition from other sports, cost and ability.

Householder survey results identified:

- tennis was ranked 5th in participation in sports (7.4%) which is slightly lower than the current state average of 10.5%
- 36% of respondents played tennis at a social level and the remaining 64% indicated they played at a club level
- 57% of respondents said they played tennis once or less than once per week
- 41% of respondents said they played tennis within their township, 59% said they played within the Shire.

Tennis returned the highest response (12%) of sports 'liked but not played' (23% female, 14.8% male). Reasons cited for encouraging more participation included:

- being put in touch with club/ centre offering sport in peer age group suitable programs/ classes to learn/ develop confidence in this activity information about where to play
- opportunities to play socially (without being a club member)
- being put in touch with others that have this interest/ someone to play with

29.5 Projected demand

Table 62 illustrates the estimated number of participants in organised and non-organised tennis in the Mornington Peninsula Shire for the years 2006 to 2031.⁴⁸

Table 63 illustrates the estimated local demand for tennis in the Mornington Peninsula Shire for the years 2006 to 2031.⁴⁹

⁴⁸ Calculated by applying participation rates from Children's Participation in Cultural and Leisure Activities, Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS), 2010 and Exercise, Recreation And Sport Survey, Standing Committee on Recreation and Sport (SCORS), 2010 against population projections from Mornington Peninsula Shire Council Forecasts, .id consulting Pty Ltd, 2011. Assumes that participation rates do not fluctuate in future years and as such, projections should be used as potential figures only. Market demand is estimated based on ERASS organised participation rate.

⁴⁹ Calculated by applying participation rates obtained from school and householder survey against population projections from Mornington Peninsula Shire Council Forecasts, .id consulting Pty Ltd, 2011. Assumes that participation rates do not fluctuate in future years and as such, projections should be used as potential figures only.

Table 61. Estimated market demand for tennis (persons)

STATE DATA						
AGE	2006	2011	2016	2021	2026	2031
Under 15	1,439	1,469	1,521	1,551	1,585	1,630
15+	7337	7758	8051	8337	8644	8948
TOTAL ESTIMATED DEMAND	8776	9227	9572	9888	10229	10578
MARKET DEMAND	5,066	5,392	5,649	5,875	6,103	6,326
TOTAL PROJECTED RANGE	5,066-8776	5,392-9227	5,649-9572	5,875-9888	6,103-10229	6,326-10578

Table 62. Estimated local demand for tennis (persons)

AGE	2006	2011	2016	2021	2026	2031
Under 15	1,366	1,395	1,444	1,473	1,505	1,547
15+	8,848	9,355	9,709	10,054	10,424	10,790
TOTAL ESTIMATED DEMAND	10,214	10,750	11,153	11,527	11,929	12,337

Based on available club information, the average club size is approximately 205 members, with an average number of 4.8 courts per club. This roughly equates to 20 players per court across the Shire. The most significant area of demand is Saturday morning junior tennis, and for some clubs to floodlight remaining unlit courts to cater for night tennis competition and casual play.

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29.6 Facilities

Table 63. Tennis facilities in Mornington Peninsula Shire

Hierarchy*	Court location	Total Courts	Surface	Courts with Floodlights
Major Township	Balnarring	8	En-tout-cas (4) Acrylic (2) Synthetic grass (2)	2 2 2
Major Township	Dromana	8	En-tout-cas	8
Major Township	Hastings	6	En-tout-cas (6)	4
Major Township	Mornington	9	En-tout-cas	5
Major Township	Mount Eliza	10	En-tout-cas (8) Hard court (2)	8
Major Township	Red Hill	8	Acrylic (6) Asphalt (2)	6
Major Township	Rosebud	8	En-tout-cas	8
Major Township	Rye	10	En-tout-cas	10
Major Township	Sorrento	8	Synthetic grass (8)	8
Small Township	Bittern	4	En-tout-cas	2
Small Township	Blairgowrie	4	Asphalt	-
Small Township	Boneo	4	Synthetic grass	4
Small Township	Crib Point	4	En-tout-cas (2) Acrylic (2)	2 -
Small Township	Flinders	4	Hard court	3
Small Township	Main Ridge	5	Synthetic grass	5
Small Township	Moorooduc	4	Asphalt	-
Small Township	Mt Martha	4	Synthetic grass	4
Small Township	Shoreham	4	Acrylic (2) Asphalt (2)	2 -
Small Township	Somers	4	Acrylic (2) Asphalt (1) Synthetic grass (1)	2 - 1
Small Township	Somerville	6	En-tout-cas (4) Synthetic grass (2)	4 2
Small Township	Tyabb Tennis Club	4	En-tout-cas	4
Small Township	West Rosebud / Tootgarook	4	Acrylic	4

Hierarchy*	Court location	Total Courts	Surface	Courts with Floodlights
Local	Tanti Park – Mornington	4	Asphalt	-
Local	Watson Road (Mt Martha)	2	Asphalt	-
Local	Percy Cerutti Reserve, Portsea	2	Asphalt	-
Local	Garden Square (Somers)	1	Asphalt	-
Local	Settlers Cove (Sorrento)	1	Synthetic grass	-
	TOTAL	140		98

The provision of tennis courts and clubs has evolved into a 'township' approach to provision. Each major township has a club, as do many of the other smaller towns, villages and hamlets in the Shire. Synthetic clay surfaces have become prevalent in new court construction and court resurfacing. Generally they play as well as en-tout-cas, and require no water provision or maintenance, and are now preferred over plexi-pave or rebound ace surfaces, due to its softer feel. As an average, court construction is estimated at \$30,000 per court (synthetic clay surface).

Refer to the Draft Tennis Strategy for more details about facility provision and participation rates.

29.7 Issues

Improvement of clubrooms and social facilities was consistently requested across the municipality. Other issues included:

- further floodlighting of courts required by some clubs
- falling membership and participation rates making it difficult for some clubs to maintain their courts and other infrastructure
- closure and amalgamation of smaller clubs and amalgamations of clubs unless they change their offers to their members
- transferring of coaching participants into club memberships
- some areas of high demand for court space during peak times for some clubs
- availability, cost and quality of court maintenance
- stock of existing facilities are not up to competition standard because clubs have not adequately maintained courts
- volunteer retention
- lack of business planning and sustainable management by clubs.

29.8 Opportunities

There was general recognition that clubs needed to be more proactive and should take advantage of educational programs offered by Tennis Victoria to link their clubs with a school.

Clubs stated that better communication and promotion of tennis facilities and the tennis fraternity collectively would create additional opportunities.

To consolidate the overall number of clubs in major population centres and identify and prioritise some clubs for facility development.

RECOMMENDED ACTIONS

- Implement the recommendations of the Draft Tennis Strategy when adopted
- When future demand warrants it, consider developing a tennis clubs into sub-regional level facilities to cater for additional coaching, competitions/tournaments, night tennis, school use and casual hire. Adopt appropriate management models for centres/clubs that will maximize participation, while increasing the viability of facilities.
- Consider the long-term geographic rationalisation of tennis facilities across the Shire if demand continues to fall. Support and assist local clubs to obtain external funding grants for facility and floodlighting upgrades including new court development (where demand warrants it).
- Implement the Shire's Pavilions Strategy improvement program which includes tennis pavilions
- Promote venues, costs and availability times to visitors where court hire is available.
- Maintain and improve Shire managed facilities for free public access as a priority. (improve surfaces, fences, shelters to make them more attractive for use).
- Encourage clubs to participate in the Tennis Victoria Club Health Check program and practice better business management including business planning and more sustainable fee structures.
- Support directions of reserve master plans as they relate to tennis facility provision.
- Assist clubs and coaches to adopt Tennis Victoria development programs for specific target groups.

28 VOLLEYBALL

28.1 Club participation

The Mornington Volleyball Club has 250 playing members, competing in both indoor and beach volleyball competitions, from the social to elite levels for ages 12 to 60+.

28.2 Trends

Volleyball Victoria indicated that participation is growing in both beach and indoor volleyball, as is the number of affiliates, possibly attributable to the announcement of a State Volleyball Centre (SVC), Australia winning a gold medal in beach volleyball at the Olympics and developing relationships with commercial centres.

Clubs consulted indicated that participation is growing in both beach and indoor volleyball, but growth is mostly in the south-eastern suburbs with the majority of state metropolitan competition being played at Keysborough and Dandenong.

28.3 Future market demand

ERASS identified a total Victorian participation rate of 1.2% for the 15+ age group, with a 0.8% and 0.4% rate for organised and non-organised participation respectively.

The Children's Participation in Cultural and Leisure Activities identifies a national participation rate of 0.4% in the 5-14 year age group, with a 0.2% and 0.6% participation rate for males and females respectively.

28.4 Local demand

The household surveys identified that volleyball was the 5th ranked sport 'liked but not played' by females (5.3%). Residents in Balnarring, Dromana, Red Hill and Red Hill South expressed an interest in playing the sport.

The schools surveys identified that 2.2% of students participated in competitive volleyball (1.9% females).

28.5 Projected demand

Table 65 below shows the estimated number of participants in organised and non-organised volleyball in the Shire for the years 2006 to 2031.⁵⁰ Table 66 illustrates the estimated local demand for volleyball in the Mornington Peninsula Shire for the years 2006 to 2031.⁵¹

Table 64. Estimated market demand for volleyball (persons)

STATE DATA						
AGE	2006	2011	2016	2021	2026	2031
Under 15	73	74	77	79	80	83
15+	4,954	5,100	5,183	5,297	5,455	5,618
TOTAL ESTIMATED DEMAND	5,027	5,174	5,260	5,376	5,535	5,701
MARKET DEMAND	1,126	1,198	1,255	1,306	1,356	1,406
TOTAL PROJECTED RANGE	1,126-5,027	1,198-5,174	1,255-5,260	1,306-5,376	1,356-5,535	1,406-5,701

Table 65. Estimated local demand for volleyball (persons)

AGE	2006	2011	2016	2021	2026	2031
Under 15	401	409	424	432	441	454
15+						
TOTAL ESTIMATED DEMAND	401	409	424	432	441	454

Projected participation rates identify that there could be future demand for additional volleyball activities, across a wide age range.

⁵⁰ Calculated by applying participation rates from Children's Participation in Cultural and Leisure Activities, Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS), 2010 and Exercise, Recreation And Sport Survey, Standing Committee on Recreation and Sport (SCORS), 2010 against population projections from Mornington Peninsula Shire Council Forecasts, .id consulting Pty Ltd, 2011.

Assumes that participation rates do not fluctuate in future years and as such, projections should be used as potential figures only. Market demand is estimated based on ERASS organised participation rate.

⁵¹ Calculated by applying participation rates obtained from school and householder survey against population projections from Mornington Peninsula Shire Council Forecasts, .id consulting Pty Ltd, 2011. Assumes that participation rates do not fluctuate in future years and as such, projections should be used as potential figures only.

28.6 Facilities

The construction of the State Volleyball Centre in Dandenong was completed in 2006. It is the home for Volleyball Victoria operations and act as the state training and competition centre. With the introduction of the State Volleyball Centre, is not envisaged that any competitions of regional significance would be played in the Shire. With this in mind, any major development for volleyball should not be considered.

28.7 Issues

The Mornington Volleyball Club report an increasing lack of access to public, private and school indoor sports courts, due to the growing demand for court space by basketball. The club currently uses Padua College, but this does not adequately meet their needs.

28.8 Opportunities

Volleyball Victoria reported that beach volleyball participation has grown 300% in registrations since the year 2000.

RECOMMENDED ACTIONS

- In the short-term, monitor the usage by volleyball of Council's indoor sports courts and ensure reasonable access is provided.
- Assist the Mornington Volleyball Club to locate a long-term facility from which to base their operations and programs. This could be facilitated within an existing leisure centre, school or other community facility.
- Ensure any new indoor sports courts developed within the Shire are line marked for volleyball. Furthermore, line mark (at Council venues) or encourage line marking (at non-Council venues) any existing indoor sports courts to cater for volleyball.
- Support the development of an annual beach volleyball event/competition in conjunction with volleyball clubs and Life Saving clubs during the peak summer holiday period to encourage greater participation by visitors.

29 OTHER SPORTS

Information relating to the following sports has been collected throughout the data collection and consultation phases of this project.

MARTIAL ARTS

The sport of Martial Arts includes chi kung, judo, karate, kick boxing, tae kwon do and Tai Chi. Administration of the sport is covered by Judo Victoria, Australian Karate Do Federation and Boxing Victoria.

Participation rates are at 2.3% Victoria wide with a projected increase in participation from 2737 in 2006 to 2969 in 2011. The comparison of participation rates when compared with the Shire householder survey shows a greater participation within the Shire when compared with National data. This may be due to availability, as 18 martial arts groups are running in community halls across the Shire. Larger health/fitness centres are moving into the martial arts field and a general consolidation is occurring. Gyms are offering cardio box and other forms of group "soft" martial arts training such as yoga.

Shire support of private providers of martial arts through advertising and competitive hall rental rates will continue to enable martial arts to be accessed from a range of townships within the Shire.

MODEL CARS AND AEROPLANES

Model aeroplane and car club activities take place on the Peninsula with two clubs operating regular activities. Both activities attract spectators.

The Nepean Miniature Aeroplane Club operates at the rear of the Truemans Road Reserve in Tootgarook, with a dedicated space and small club room. They fly petrol powered model planes and have approximately 45 members. Their activities include Stunt flying competitions and practice. Some informal activities take place at sporting grounds and other areas of significant open space throughout the Shire.

The Mornington Peninsula Radio Control Car Club (MPRCCC) has approximately 60 members and has been operating activities including race days on the Peninsula since 2002. They are currently based at the Somerville Primary School, leasing tennis courts two weekends a month, but will be moving to the Graham Myers Reserve, Bittern in early 2012. The model cars are electric powered so the activity is largely a 'quiet' one. Club members vary from teenagers, families, children, single parents, retired senior citizens and people with disabilities. The club is growing and is seeking permanent facilities where elevated seating for track viewing, track barriers and other equipment can be left in situ and where club rooms can be established.

Model car club activities occur in all parts of the state and a National Association supports the sport. The club's needs could be better met with a paved surface, track perimeter fencing and a small club room, with the capacity to host State and National title events.

BMX AND SKATE

The Shire's Skate and BMX Strategy was adopted in 2008. It outlines a hierarchy of facilities from 'Local' to 'District' and 'Regional'. Good siting (location) of skate parks is critical to their success in terms of appropriate user behaviour and optimal use. An SRV guideline offers optimal siting criteria. The Strategy is implemented through a capital works program of planning and then building skate parks in strategic locations upon the Peninsula. Whilst most skating activities are not 'organised' in the manner of other sports, plans are underway to develop a dedicated BMX competition course at Dromana Community Reserve. To date, skate parks have been built at Hastings, Sorrento, Mornington, Rye, Somerville and Rosebud. Construction is underway at Mt Eliza and planning is advanced for Balnarring.

MOTOR SPORTS - MOTORCYCLING

The Peninsula is popular for weekend road touring and motocross club activities. Opportunities for trail riding are limited to private land. ERASS data (2009) indicates that many more males than females participate in the sport, 2.2%, compared to 0.3% and that most participants are aged 15 to 44 (however, ERASS data does not include children aged under 15). The ERASS figures define motorcycling sports as including track, trail bike, car, motorbike, speedway, drag and go-kart.

There are two clubs offering motorcycling activities and events on the Peninsula. The Rosebud and District Motorcycle Club based at Long Point Reserve, Cape Schanck has 175 members (87 Seniors and 88 juniors). The club has a full calendar of events including practice days, 'come and try' days and race events. The grounds have two tracks; junior and senior. The Hastings Blue Light Motorcycle Club is located in Hastings and is run by the local police. Both clubs offer opportunities for skill development, competition and safe, legal off-road riding. The clubs utilise reserves removed from the main township centres.

RECOMMENDED ACTIONS

- Promote the local clubs as key places for safe off-road riding, and discourage use of shared-use trails along roadsides
- Provide information on the Shire's website about the best routes on the Peninsula for visiting motorcycle tourists

POLOCROSSE

The sport of polocrosse is a combination of polo, lacrosse and netball, played on horseback with riders using a polo stick shaft to which is attached a squash racquet type head with a loose twisted-thread net, in which the ball is carried. ERASS data includes polocrosse within horse riding and equestrian activities and the average Victorian participation rate is the same as the national average of 1%. There are 12 polocrosse clubs in Victoria, including one on the Mornington Peninsula. The Moorooduc Polocrosse Club operates from privately owned grounds in Moorooduc. The club has 50 members and plays tournaments at the Moorooduc grounds and at other clubs around the State.