



**HUON VALLEY  
COUNCIL**



# **Summary of Community Engagement**

## **Franklin Master Plan Stage 3 Sporting Precinct**

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## 1 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This community engagement was conducted at the “Consult Level” in accordance with Council’s Community Engagement Framework.

For the purposes of the engagement, feedback on the proposed project was invited from the community for a period of three weeks (5 May 2020 to 24 May 2020).

Due to the current COVID-19 restrictions, Council was unable to provide hard copy surveys or have an on-site meeting, however signage and posters were displayed in the Franklin area.

Community received notification via email and the Council eNewsletter. A total of 1,148 recipients received the eNewsletter over the three-week period.

This report summarises feedback received throughout the engagement period. A total of 89 responses to the request for feedback were received and 3 submissions were received via Council email. Copies of each of the responses received are included in Appendix 1 of this report.

## 2. BACKGROUND

The Franklin foreshore area has been a focal point for rowing, cricket, football, cycling and other sports since the 1800’s and is strongly linked with the early history of Franklin’s settlement and the development of the Huon Valley.

This master plan will allow Council to plan for future development of the area and will be able to seek funding when available.

The purpose of this project is to:

- promote the use of the Franklin foreshore area and support measures to increase community access to the foreshore and create a sporting precinct that can be enjoyed by the community, recognising the history of the area.
- improve pedestrian access from the existing walking track to the Franklin Oval.
- Provide improved sports facilities including cricket training nets, handball court and tennis rebound wall.

Community members were invited to share their feedback about the proposed master plan, their use of the area, their age bracket and what other elements they would like to see in the future. The survey also provided community members with an opportunity to be kept ‘up-to-date’ on this project by including their email address.

Engagement Technique	Date	Reach
Huon Valley Council Website - Community Engagement 'Have Your Say' page	01 May 2020 – 24 May 2020	602 page views
Survey Monkey	01 May 2020 – 24 May 2020	89 online surveys completed
Facebook	01 May 2020 – 24 May 2020	6,052 People Reached 339 Engaged with post
Council eNewsletter	Emailed on: 1 May 2020 8 May 2020	Emailed to: 567 581
Paid advertising	06/05/2020 13/05/2020 20/05/2020	
Huon FM Radio	Included in the Mayors weekly radio interview	

### 3. ENGAGEMENT FEEDBACK

Community members have volunteered considerable time to consider the project and provide feedback. It is acknowledged that due to opposing and diverse community views, there will be some community members who will disagree with the project design.

Key stakeholder groups were identified prior to the consultation process, with targeted engagement undertaken with:

- Southern Tigers Cricket Club
- Franklin Bowls Club

#### Survey

The online consultation asked the following questions:

- Do you support the Draft Franklin Master Plan Stage 3 – Sporting Precinct?
  - Comments
- The draft plan includes a walkway from the boat ramp to the rowing club. Which do you prefer?
  - Gravel walkway with defined edges and landscaping; or
  - Formal Exposed aggregate walkway with landscaping.
- The draft plan includes the following elements. (Please rate 1 – 6 with 1 being the lowest and 6 being the highest)
  - Beautification/landscaping
  - Cricket training nets
  - Tennis rebound wall
  - Handball court
  - Interpretive history signage
  - Seating and shelter

- Are there any other additional elements or changes you would like to see included in the Draft Franklin Master Plan Stage 3 – Sporting Precinct?
  - Comments
- Tell us about yourself, do you use the area for:
  - Water activities
  - Tourism purposes
  - Recreation purposes (i.e.; bike riding, walking etc)
  - Dog exercise
  - Sport
  - Other (please specify)
- Age range.
  - Under 18
  - 18-45
  - 46-65
  - Over 65
- Are you a resident?
  - Yes – please supply suburb
  - No
- Are you a visitor?
  - Yes – please supply postcode
  - No
- If you would like to keep up to date with this project, please complete your details.
  - Name
  - Email

As indicated in the Summary to this Report a total of 89 responses via the survey and 3 emailed submissions to the request for feedback were received during the engagement period. A copy of the survey responses is included as Appendix 1.

The following key themes where noted throughout the consultation:

#### Location of cricket nets

Council consulted with the Southern Tigers Cricket Club regarding a location for new cricket training nets. It was agreed that consideration would be given to the direction of the ball and sun direction and the location as per point 4 on the draft plan was identified.

- Direction of ball - this location would allow for the ball to be hit back into the oval and would not interfere with pedestrians and vehicles within the immediate area.
- Direction of sun – cricket training nets should have a north-south orientation, or a maximum of 30 degrees east or west of north (for practice pitches only). The latter requirement is particularly important for the safety of players as training is usually conducted in the later afternoon or evening when the sun is setting. (*Community Cricket Guidelines Australia*)

### Asbestos

Concerns were raised regarding the site of the old clubrooms and the possible contamination of the area. There have been two independent reports by suitably qualified person on this site regarding asbestos, and both confirmed there is no threat to the public from asbestos. The site however does continue to be a source of public concern.

The cricket nets were identified as an element to be included in this plan following ongoing discussions with the cricket club to upgrade the nets. Having the cricket nets and the handball court covering the site would help alleviate community concerns. The site was rehabilitated as per the recommendations to cap the site with gravel and install a barrier that would eliminate vehicles passing over the site both of these measures were adopted at the time.

### Velodrome

It is noted a number of responses raised the concern with the removal of the velodrome.

The velodrome has been in place since Franklin Athletic Club was formed in 1946. An active sprint cycling club has not existed in the Huon Valley since 1974-75. The current condition of velodrome is poor and whilst it is recognised the velodrome has had some interest of late from a local group of riders the condition of the velodrome requires considerable, and cost estimates to repair the velodrome to a minimum standard have been prepared.

The costs to repair are estimated to be in the range of \$250,000 to \$500,000. These are indicative costs and have not been fully scoped. Council would need to undertake a tender process to complete this work.

The concept plan does not propose to remove the velodrome slope but it does propose a cutting of the velodrome of approx. 5 metres in length to enable the cricket nets to be constructed beside the ground and the bowlers run up to be from the oval, removal of the remaining seal and replacing with grass. The construction of the nets whilst it will interrupt the track, casual riders will still be able to ride around the oval with the ability to drop down onto the flatter area and decline to the slope once past the nets. It could be proposed that the net cut in could be the start and stop section of the track.

The concept plan proposes the removal of the sealed material however it will be subject to funding to replace the seal with a grassed velodrome area as seen at Ranelagh Recreation Ground. This grassed area also provides a welcoming viewing point for cricket and football spectators.



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### Walking Track

The engagement survey included a specific question requesting feedback on the preferred construction material for the walking track; Gravel or formal exposed aggregate concrete. As can be seen by the survey results in appendix 1 there was 40 responses who preferred gravel material and 49 responses who preferred the exposed aggregate concrete.

Due to the funding available to implement the plan, and to ensure as many elements of the plan can be implemented, it will be recommended that given the close number of responses received, a gravel path be included in the revised plan. This will enable other elements that were a higher priority to be completed.

### Public Art

It has been recommended by the community that installation of public art would be a benefit to the site and celebrate the rich sporting history of the area. This would be subject to future grant funding but will be considered as part of the implementation plan.

### Interpretive history signage – History timeline

Franklin township has a rich history and already celebrates this through the Franklin Historic Walk which incorporates interpretative signage along the foreshore. A suggestion included in the feedback included a timeline history of Franklin be engraved onto the timber bollards along the foreshore. This will be a consideration of the implementation plan and will involve engagement with the Franklin History Group and the Arts and Culture Committee.

### Seating and shade

It is noted throughout this consultation that there are community desires for more seating and shade. This will be incorporated into the final designs and implementation plan.

### Continued vehicle access to foreshore

Concerns have been raised throughout the consultation regarding the potential closure of vehicle access along the foreshore. It has been identified that access is required for rowing events and also if the Huon Highway was closed, with an opportunity for the foreshore to be used as a bypass. It is noted removable bollards will be installed along the foreshore to enable maintenance vehicles and diverted access if required.

### Relocation of Cenotaph

Comments have been noted suggesting that future consideration be given to the relocation of the Cenotaph located on the Huon Highway to a more suitable location within the oval precinct. Council agrees that this idea could be a benefit to the community and has identified it as a future project. Further consultation will be required with the community and the RSL as the key stakeholders before any decision is made on this suggestion.

### Multi-use court for basketball/handball/netball

It is noted that a number of responses have suggested the construction of a multi-use court instead of a hand-ball court. This suggestion has been adopted and is now reflected in the new revised plan with a half court incorporating a tennis rebound wall, handball court and a basketball hoop.

The emailed submissions raised the following comments:

### **The Franklin Bowls Club**

A submission was received from The Franklin Bowls Club and is included as Appendix 2. The club referred to two points as they appear on the Draft Franklin Master Plan Stage 3 – Sporting Precinct.

Point 1 “Improve the visual amenity of the area by painting elements of the club rooms facing the walking track”

*The Club has no objection to the painting of that portion of the clubrooms & shed facing the walking track and offered a suggestion that the Franklin Primary School be approached with a view to the school designing & implementing a mural on one or both walls.*

Point 2 “Improve vehicle control by defining existing car parking area around the Bowls and Tennis Club and restrict vehicle access to the foreshore”

- Parking - There should be no parking in front of the Club’s gate facing the Franklin Oval, and this area should be marked as such.
- For the parking spaces adjacent to the northern side of the Club, the Club desires a means being provided to restrict parking to ‘Bowls Club parking only’ on interclub competition days. During major rowing carnivals the Club’s members & visiting team have great difficulty in finding available parking adjacent to the Club.
- The drain behind the parking area on the northern side of the Club should be removed.
- Access to the back gate between the clubrooms & shed must be maintained.
- Parking should remain available adjacent to the back of the shed as it is closest to the back gate.

*All comments raised by the Franklin Bowls Club will be key considerations of the projects implementation plan.*

### **Resident A**

A submission was received from a local resident which raised a number of matters including the cricket net location and the asbestos. A copy is included as Appendix 3.

- Cricket Nets  
The resident is not opposed to the construction of the cricket nets but has raised concerns regarding the location on the draft plan which included the removal of a section of the velodrome.

*The Southern Tigers Cricket Club identified the need for suitable training nets and asked Council for assistance in addressing this important issue. Having suitable practice wickets will allow the Club to provide intensive training for batting, bowling and wicket keeping, which the Club cannot do solely from centre wicket drills. The Council has been engaging with the club to support the upgrade of the cricket facilities at the Franklin Oval for a number of years, this includes lodging grant applications for the work. The proposed site is considered to be the only suitable location for training nets, that meet the Cricket Association Guidelines.*

## Asbestos

The resident raised concerns regarding the site of the former clubrooms and contamination of the area.

*There have been two independent reports by suitably qualified people on this site regarding asbestos, and both confirmed there is no threat to the public from asbestos. The site however does continue to be a source of public concern.*

*The cricket nets were identified as an element to be included in this plan following ongoing discussions with the cricket club to upgrade the nets. Having the cricket nets and the handball court covering the site would seal the area of permanently and help alleviate community concerns.*

## Public Art

The submission suggested that is an ideal site for a high-quality piece of public art.

*It was also recommended by the community that installation of some public art would benefit the site and celebrate the rich sporting history of the area. The project team will engage with the Council's Art and Culture Committee and the Franklin History Group regarding public art. It is seen that this has potential for grant funding in the future.*

## Former Clubrooms Scoreboard

It was suggested to investigate the use of the former scoreboard in an historic interpretation of the site.

*The project team will engage with the Council's Art and Culture Committee and the Franklin History Group regarding public art. It is seen that this has potential for grant funding in the future.*

## Other Elements

1. Painting of rear of Bowls Club - no objection but should be a matter for that Club
2. Vehicle access – should remain along the foreshore. However, access across the former club rooms site (i.e east of the Bowls Club) should be prevented.
3. Car parking and road and gutter treatments should remain informal.
4. Removal of boundary fence and section of velodrome – oppose strongly.
5. Cricket nets (see above)
6. Picnic tables, grassed areas and shade trees – support strongly
7. Walking track formalised – not needed and is a waste of money.
8. Entrance sign – strongly opposed. Interpretation panels and design of the precinct should tell the story. Sign would also be in the way of vehicle traffic.
9. Interpretation panels – strongly support but needs to be done well.
10. Rowing Statue and panels – no objection but should be a matter for the rowing club to pursue.
11. Asphalt removal – I note that Southern Pedals previously proposed to fund an upgrade the surface of the track but Council preferred the track to degrade. However, the track is beyond retrieving and I reluctantly support the asphalt removal. However, the historic banking must be retained in its entirety.

12. Handball court – there should be a range of sports and games provided but the focus should not be just to concrete over the contaminated site. Could include public exercise equipment, etc.

*All comments raised by the resident will be taken into consideration during the implementation plan.*

### **Franklin Progress Association (FPA)**

A submission was received from the Franklin Progress Association which raised several matters. A copy is included as Appendix 3.

#### **Cricket Nets**

There is broad agreement on the provision of upgraded cricket nets although the FPA does not have an agreed preferred location. However, in addition to the proposed site it is requested that Council also consider other locations for the nets including:

- 1 the north-east corner of the oval and
2. immediately adjacent to the existing tennis court.

It is further requested that Council provides an in-house cost/benefit analysis to the community on each of these three sites.

*The Southern Tigers Cricket Club identified the need for suitable training nets and asked Council for assistance in addressing this important issue. Having suitable practice wickets will allow the Club to provide intensive training for batting, bowling and wicket keeping, which the Club cannot do solely from centre wicket drills.*

*The Council has been engaging with the club to support upgrade of the cricket facilities at the Franklin Oval for a number of years, this includes lodging grant applications for the work. The proposed site is considered to be the only suitable location for training nets, that meet the Cricket Association Guidelines.*

#### **Velodrome**

There is broad agreement on the requirement to remove the asphalt from the former velodrome. However, it is our preference that the entirety of the velodrome banking is retained.

*It is noted a number of responses raised the concern with the removal of the velodrome.*

*The velodrome has been in place since Franklin Athletic Club was formed in 1946. An active sprint cycling club has not existed in the Huon Valley since 1974-75. The current condition of velodrome is poor and whilst it is recognised the velodrome has had some interest of late from a local group of riders the condition of the velodrome requires considerable, and cost estimates to repair the velodrome to a minimum standard have been prepared.*

*The costs to repair are estimated to be in the range of \$250,000 to \$500,000. These are indicative costs and have not been fully scoped. Council would need to undertake a tender process to complete this work.*

*The concept plan does not propose to remove the velodrome slope but it does propose a cutting of the velodrome of approx. 5 metres in length to enable the cricket nets to be constructed beside the ground and the bowlers run up to be from the oval, removal of the remaining seal and replacing with*

grass. The construction of the nets whilst it will interrupt the track, casual riders will still be able to ride around the oval with the ability to drop down onto the flatter area and decline to the slope once past the nets. It could be proposed that the net cut in could be the start and stop section of the track.

The concept plan proposes the removal of the sealed material however it will be subject to funding to replace the seal with a grassed velodrome area as seen at Ranelagh Recreation Ground. This grassed area also provides a welcoming viewing point for cricket and football spectators.

### Asbestos

There is a high degree of concern over the treatment of the asbestos presence. It is our view that prior to any works that all contaminated materials be removed and disposed of properly and the site be fully rehabilitated. If Council chooses not to do this then we request that it provides an in-house cost/benefit analysis of both options to the community.

*There have been two independent reports by suitably qualified personal on this site regarding asbestos, and both confirmed there is no threat to the public from asbestos. The site however does continue to be a source of public concern. The cricket nets were identified as an element to be included in this plan following ongoing discussions with the cricket club to upgrade the nets. Having the cricket nets and the handball court covering the site would help alleviate community concerns. The site was rehabilitated as per the recommendations –cap the site with gravel and install a barrier that would eliminate vehicles passing over the site both of these measures were adopted at the time.*

*Comment noted regarding cost analysis*

### Other Elements

- There is strong support for the provision of shade trees, benches and tables and of softening the surfaces in this precinct. It is noted that public art could also be included.
- There is strong support for the addition of interpretation panel(s).
- We note the limited use of the public toilets adjacent to the change rooms and recommend the provision of improved signage.
- We do not support the removal of access for vehicles along the foreshore.
- We do not support the provision of an Overhead Gateway Sign.

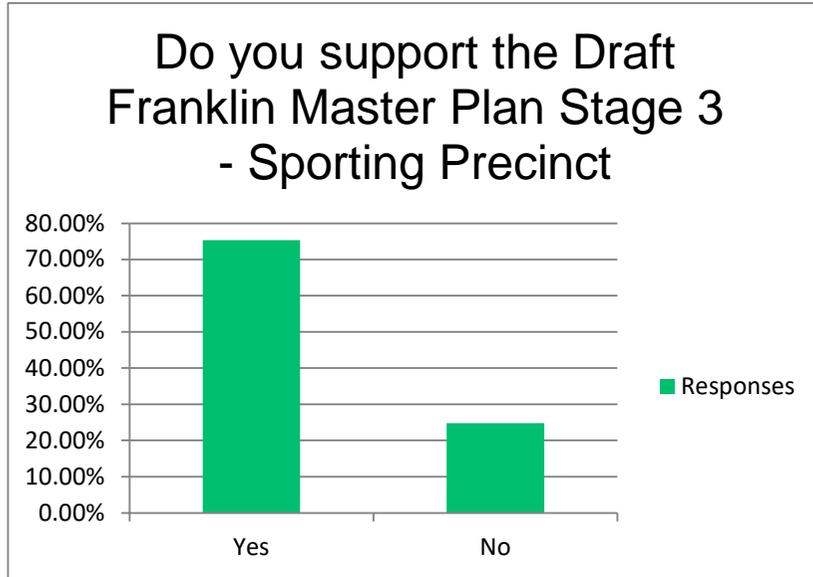
*All comments raised by the Franklin Progress Association will be taken into consideration during the implementation plan.*

## **4. RECOMMENDATION**

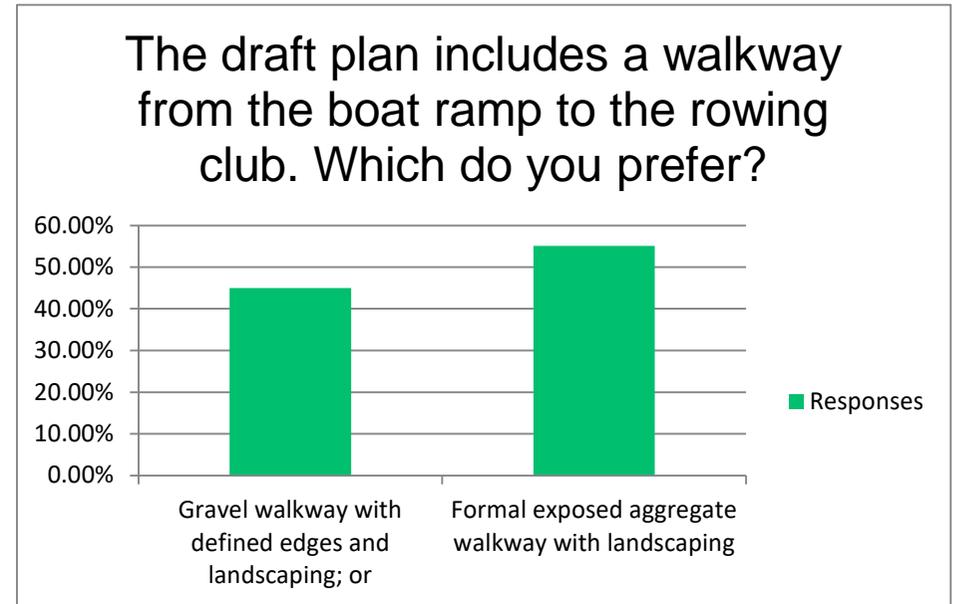
Based on the feedback and suggestions received, amendments have been made to the Draft Master Plan as follows:

- a) Gravel walking track (6)
- b) Removable bollards to replace gateway (7)
- c) Raised garden bed with landscaping, picnic tables and seating to replace handball court (11)
- d) Handball court be included in multi-use court with tennis rebound wall and basketball hoop (12)

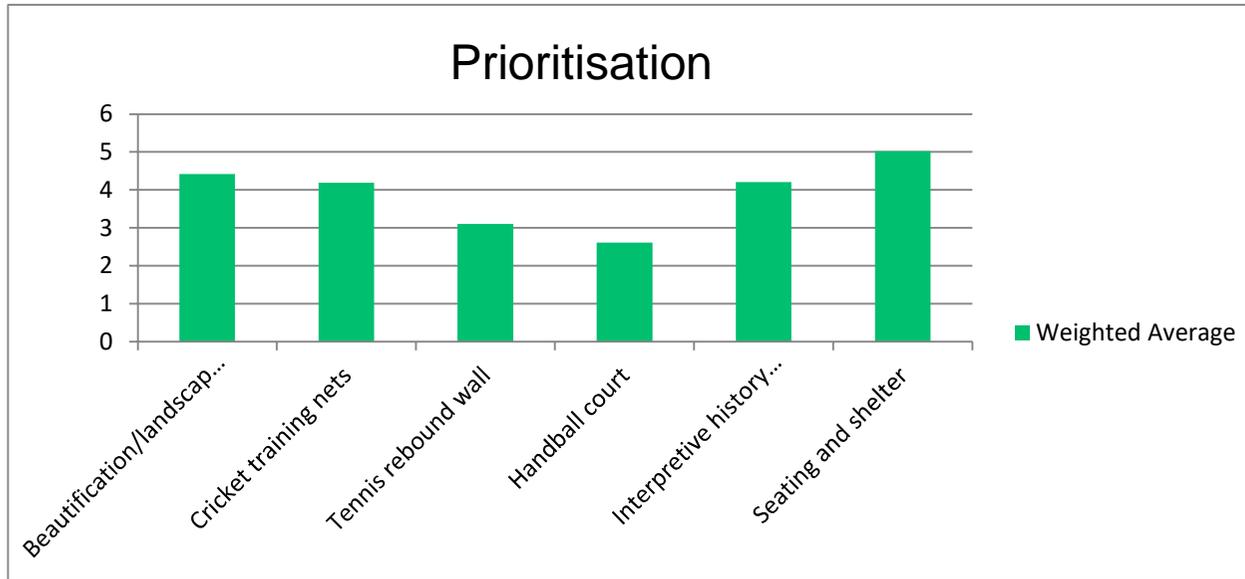
## Appendix 1 – Survey Results



Answer Choices	Responses	
Yes	75.28%	67
No	24.72%	22
Comments		37
	Answered	89
	Skipped	0



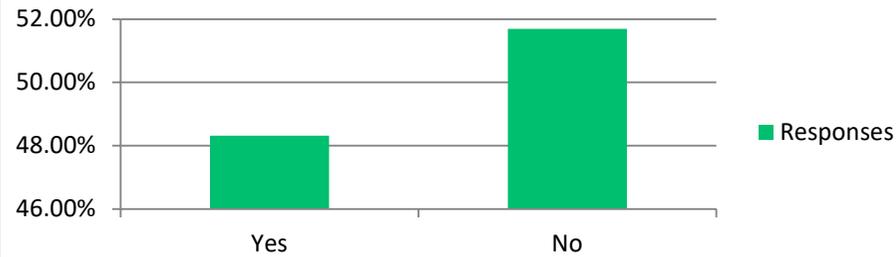
Answer Choices	Responses	
Gravel walkway with defined edges and landscaping; or	44.94%	40
Formal exposed aggregate walkway with landscaping	55.06%	49
	Answered	89
	Skipped	0



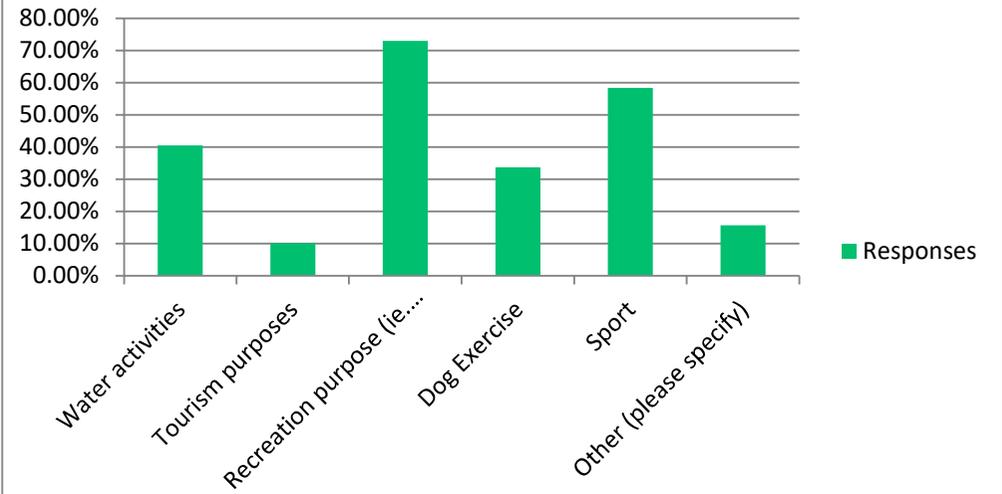
Priority	Element
1	Seating and shelter
2	Beautification and landscaping
3	Interpretive history signage
4	Cricket training nets
5	Tennis rebound wall
6	Handball court

Element	Priority												Total	Weighted Average	Ranking
	1		2		3		4		5		6				
<b>Beautification and landscaping</b>	8.99%	8	4.49%	4	16.85%	15	15.73%	14	13.48%	12	40.45%	36	89	4.42	2
<b>Cricket training nets</b>	16.85%	15	7.87%	7	14.61%	13	6.74%	6	7.87%	7	46.07%	41	89	4.19	4
<b>Tennis rebound wall</b>	23.60%	21	13.48%	12	25.84%	23	15.73%	14	8.99%	8	12.36%	11	89	3.1	5
<b>Handball court</b>	33.71%	30	14.61%	13	26.97%	24	13.48%	12	4.49%	4	6.74%	6	89	2.61	6
<b>Interpretive history signage</b>	5.62%	5	7.87%	7	15.73%	14	28.09%	25	15.73%	14	26.97%	24	89	4.21	3
<b>Seating and shelter</b>	4.49%	4	2.25%	2	8.99%	8	10.11%	9	19.10%	17	55.06%	49	89	5.02	1

Are there any other additional elements or changes you would like to see included in the Draft Franklin Master Plan Stage 3 - Sporting Precinct?

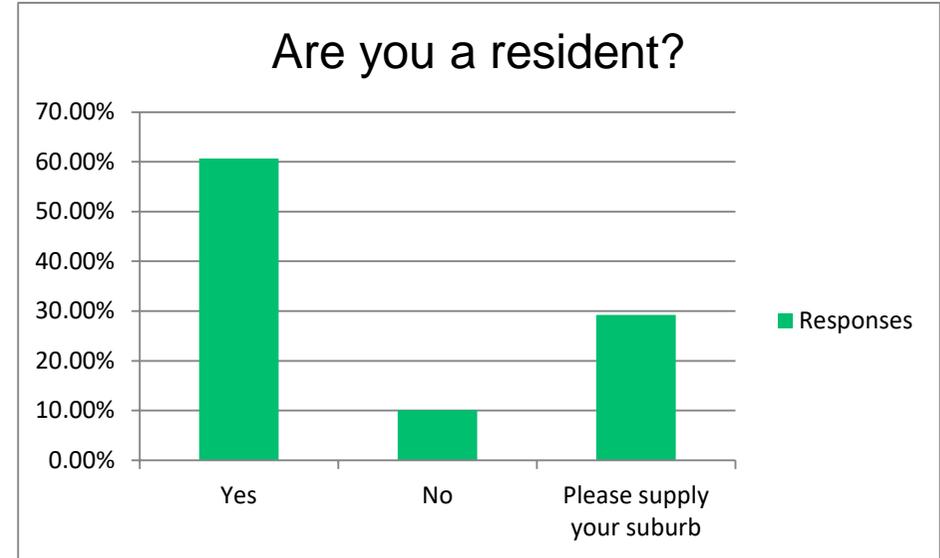
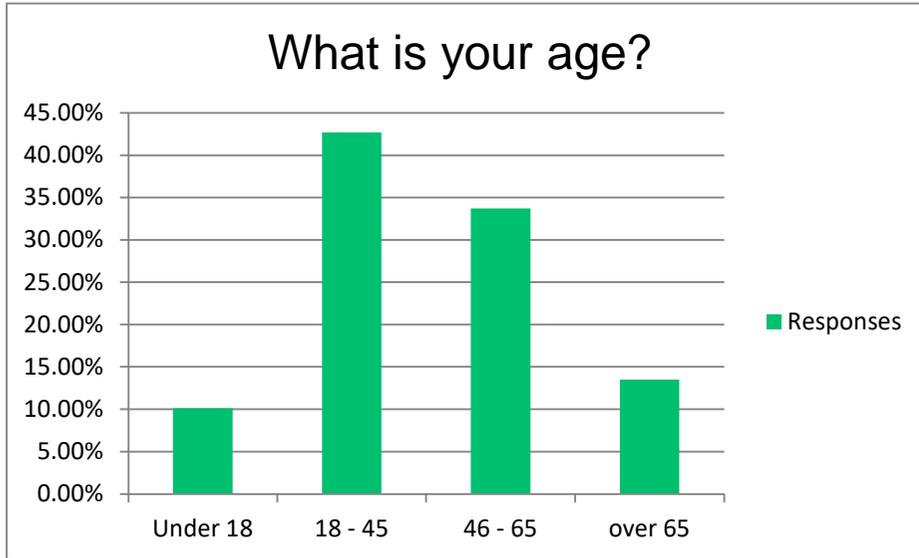


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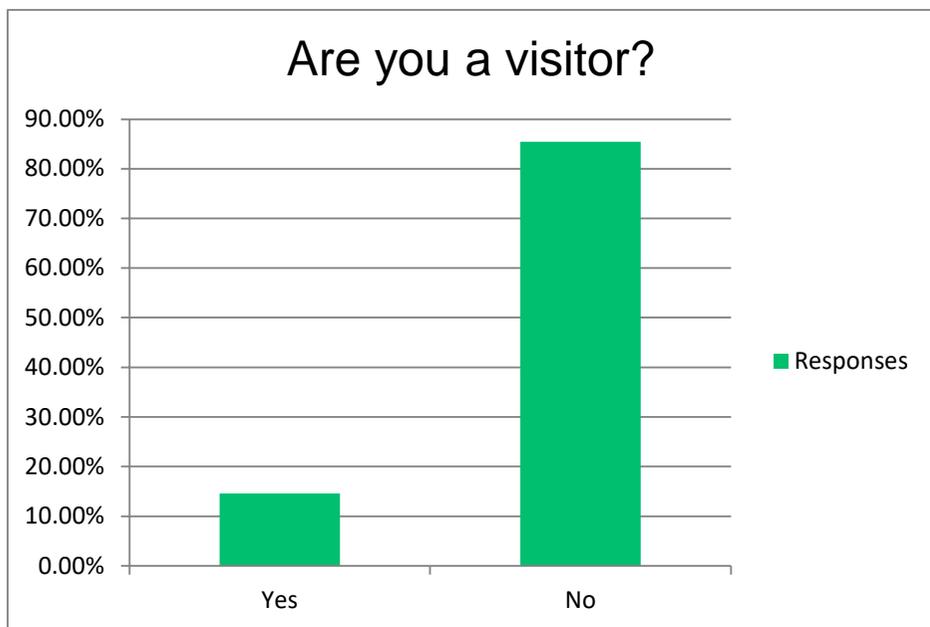
Answer Choices	Responses	
Yes	48.31%	43
No	51.69%	46
Comments		42
	<b>Answered</b>	<b>89</b>
	<b>Skipped</b>	<b>0</b>

Answer Choices	Responses	
Water activities	40.45%	36
Tourism purposes	10.11%	9
Recreation purpose (ie. Bike riding, walking)	73.03%	65
Dog Exercise	33.71%	30
Sport	58.43%	52
Other (please specify)	15.73%	14
	<b>Answered</b>	<b>89</b>
	<b>Skipped</b>	<b>0</b>



Answer Choices	Responses	
	Under 18	10.11%
18 - 45	42.70%	38
46 - 65	33.71%	30
over 65	13.48%	12
	<b>Answered</b>	<b>89</b>
	<b>Skipped</b>	<b>0</b>

Answer Choices	Responses	
	Yes	60.67%
No	10.11%	9
Please supply your suburb	29.21%	26
	<b>Answered</b>	<b>89</b>
	<b>Skipped</b>	<b>0</b>



Answer Choices	Responses	
Yes	14.61%	13
No	85.39%	76
Please supply your postcode.		43
	<b>Answered</b>	<b>89</b>
	<b>Skipped</b>	<b>0</b>

## Appendix 2

From: Franklin Bowls Club

Received: 14 May 2020

Pursuant to the Club's Committee meeting of 3 February 2020, the Club makes the following comments:

Regarding point 1 "Improve the visual amenity of the area ..."

- The Club has no objection to the painting of that portion of the clubrooms & shed facing the walking track so long as the Club approves of the painting scheme and there is no cost to the Club.
- The Club suggests that the Franklin Primary School be approached with a view to the school designing & implementing a mural on one or both of the walls.

Regarding point 2 "Improve vehicle control by defining existing car parking ..."

- There should be no parking in front of the Club's gate facing the Franklin Oval, and this area should be marked as such.
- For the parking spaces adjacent to the northern side of the Club, the Club desires a means being provided to restrict parking to 'Bowls Club parking only' on interclub competition days. During major rowing carnivals the Club's members & visiting team have great difficulty in finding available parking adjacent to the Club.
- The drain behind the parking area on the northern side of the Club should be removed.
- Access to the back gate between the clubrooms & shed must be maintained.
- Parking should remain available adjacent to the back of the shed as it is closest to the back gate.

Although not directly relevant to the Club, the Committee suggests that it would be unwise to "... restrict access to the foreshore." in view of this access providing an alternative route through Franklin in the event of the closure of the Huon Highway due to some emergency or other need.

The Club appreciates being given the opportunity to comment on the proposed walking track and looks forward to further consultation with Council.

## **Appendix 3**

From: Resident A

Received: 22 May 2020

### **Cricket Nets**

I support the provision of upgraded cricket nets for club and community use. However, I strongly oppose placing the nets at the site of the former Franklin Clubrooms as proposed.

Council has advised that it does not intend to remove contaminated materials (buried asbestos) from this site. It describes the site as rehabilitated. However, nets in this location would require significant excavation of materials to create a level surface with the oval.

The cricket nets would become the focus of the view to the river from the Huon Highway across the oval and from the vicinity of the Palais Theatre. This would negatively impact the amenity of residents and visitors and in years to come as the nets degrade would become an eyesore. It would also conflict with Key Recommendation 8 of the Corney Heritage Study which denotes this site as a no-build area.

It would also be the waste of an opportunity to utilise this location for something that is visionary and long-lasting.

The nets have no other purpose and for most of the year would be unused.

The nets in this location would also require the removal of a large section of the historic velodrome. Although the surface has been deliberately degraded and neglected over a number of years, the track still receives some use. Removing a section of the banking would eliminate all use but would also confuse the interpretation of the site. No changes to the velodrome should be made without a supporting independent heritage assessment.

Although public use of the nets will be permitted they are being provided principally for the Southern Tigers Cricket Club. Use of the nets by the public will be restricted on every Saturday and most Sundays and on occasional weekdays during the cricket season as there will be conflict with matches being played on the oval.

The provision of cricket nets can be safely achieved without losing community amenity. Bellerive Oval practice wickets are external to the ground and alongside a busy road. Adelaide Oval practice wickets are also external to the ground and adjacent to other sporting facilities (tennis courts). The practice wickets at Huonville Oval and the Slab Road Oval are external to the ground.

The ideal location is immediately adjacent to the existing tennis court. (Note: expansion of the tennis courts towards the river cannot occur because of the presence of the water pipeline). An additional fence of the same length as for the

tennis court (35m) could be built parallel and 8m apart. There would be an internal fence of 20m to create two wickets and netting built above.

Built properly, the nets in this location would contain all balls.

These nets could be used by the Cricket Club and the community at all times.

### **Asbestos**

Prior to any works at the site of the former clubrooms and regardless of the future agreed upon use, Council should completely remove all contaminated materials and remediate the site. Doing so would mean that the negative legacy is removed for future generations to deal with. It would also show that Council is a good 'citizen' and prepared to do what every member of the community also has to do.

It will create an expense to Council but this will require local contractors and the benefit will remain locally.

### **Public Art**

This is an ideal site for a high-quality piece of public art.

### **Former Clubrooms Scoreboard**

Investigate the use of the former scoreboard in an historic interpretation of the site.

### **Other Elements**

- Painting of rear of Bowls Club - no objection but should be a matter for that Club
- Vehicle access – should remain along the foreshore. However, access across the former club rooms site (i.e east of the Bowls Club) should be prevented.
- Car parking and road and gutter treatments should remain informal
- Removal of boundary fence and section of velodrome – oppose strongly.
- Cricket nets (see above)
- Picnic tables, grassed areas and shade trees – support strongly
- Walking track formalised – not needed and is a waste of money.
- Entrance sign – strongly opposed. Interpretation panels and design of the precinct should tell the story. Sign would also be in the way of vehicle traffic.
- Interpretation panels – strongly support but needs to be done well.
- Rowing Statue and panels – no objection but should be a matter for the rowing club to pursue
- Asphalt removal – I note that Southern Pedals previously proposed to fund an upgrade the surface of the track but Council preferred the track to degrade. However, the track is beyond retrieving and I reluctantly support the asphalt removal. However, the historic banking must be retained in its entirety.

- Handball court – there should be a range of sports and games provided but the focus should not be just to concrete over the contaminated site. Could include public exercise equipment, etc.
- Tennis wall – strongly opposed as it will be a solid barrier to the view along the foreshore. The only location that might work is behind the Bowls Club.

## Appendix 4

From: Franklin Progress Association

Received: 22 May 2020

### Master Plan Stage 3 Sporting Precinct.

The Franklin Progress Association is representative of a diversity of views on this matter.

There is broad agreement on a number of features of the proposed Plan and in particular that this area of Franklin is recognised as a sporting precinct.

There is broad agreement on increasing the range and of upgrading sporting facilities.

- There is broad agreement on the provision of upgraded cricket nets although the FPA does not have an agreed preferred location. However, in addition to the proposed site it is requested that Council also consider other locations for the nets including
  1. the north-east corner of the oval and
  2. immediately adjacent to the existing tennis court.

It is further requested that Council provides an in-house cost/benefit analysis to the community on each of these three sites.

- There is broad agreement on the requirement to remove the asphalt from the former velodrome. However, it is our preference that the entirety of the velodrome banking is retained.
- There is strong support for the provision of shade trees, benches and tables and of softening the surfaces in this precinct. It is noted that public art could also be included.
- There is strong support for the addition of interpretation panel(s).
- We note the limited use of the public toilets adjacent to the change rooms and recommend the provision of improved signage.
- We do not support the removal of access for vehicles along the foreshore.
- We do not support the provision of an Overhead Gateway Sign.
- There is a high degree of concern over the treatment of the asbestos presence. It is our view that prior to any works that all contaminated materials be removed and disposed of properly and the site be fully rehabilitated. If Council chooses not to do this then we request that it provides an in-house cost/benefit analysis of both options to the community

Appendix 5

No.	Support Yes/No	Comments	Additional Elements Yes/No	Comments	Use of Area	Project Team Comments
1	No	It all sounds great except for the removal of the oval boundary section. This is a crazy and unnecessary action that would damage an icon... the cycle velodrome! Please do not wreck this amazing feature!	Yes	The bank boundary of the oval is both historic and unique and should not be destroyed with a section removed. Surely the nets for cricket practice can be positioned to achieve a run up somewhere else!	Water activities Recreation purpose (ie. Bike riding, walking) Sport Walking, cycling, photography	The Council has engaged with the Southern Tigers Cricket Club on proposed areas for cricket nets. The proposed site on the plan is the only suitable site for run up, batting and takes into account the sun direction as recommended in the Australian Cricket Guide.  The condition of the velodrome requires consideration repair, and cost estimates to repair the velodrome to a minimum standard have been prepared. These costs to repair would be expected to be in the range of \$250,000 to \$500,000. These are indicative and have not been fully scoped. Council would need to put this work out to tender.
2	No	It's distorting historical Franklin.	Yes	More shelter and seats.	Recreation purpose (ie. Bike riding, walking)	Comment noted
3	Yes	I DO support improving the Franklin sporting area for historic and future use. I believe the changes should open up use for all seasons, more sports and general recreation, resulting in wider community and visitors participation.	Yes	Please note I scored the sports equipment in the above priority neutrally because I think the question is leading and also omits the velodrome. Following are my commented points: 3. The cricket practice nets should NOT go along the foreshore, instead thoughtfully placed next to the club house or along Hayes Street considering aesthetics, functionality and safety. 5. More seating, and consideration of placement is needed, to account for resting, gathering, and spectating. 10. The historic unique velodrome should not be removed, but FIXED for new local use and to create a cycling destination. 11. In addition to/ instead of a handball square add outdoor exercise equipment for circuit training. 12. Instead of a tennis practice wall, create a full multi-use court for tennis, basket and net ball, etc.	Water activities Recreation purpose (ie. Bike riding, walking) Dog Exercise Sport Reflection and viewing.	3. The Council has engaged with the Southern Tigers Cricket Club on proposed areas for cricket nets. The proposed site on the plan is the only suitable site for run up, batting and takes into account the sun direction as recommended in the Australian Cricket Guide. 5. Seating and shade have been considered in the plan. 10. Whilst it is recognised the velodrome has had some interest of late from a local group of riders the condition of the velodrome requires considerable repair to meet the minimum Australian Standards. Cost estimates to repair the velodrome to a minimum standard have been prepared. These costs to repair would be expected to be in the range of \$250,000 to \$500,000. These are indicative and have not been fully scoped. Council would need to put this work out to tender.  11. Comment noted  12. It is noted that a number of responses have suggested a half court and this is now reflected in the new proposed plan with a half court incorporating a tennis rebound wall, handball court and a basketball hoop.
4	Yes		Yes	An area containing some outdoor fitness equipment would be very useful and help promote exercise and use of the area.	Recreation purpose (ie. Bike riding, walking) Dog Exercise	Comment noted.
5	No	this plan does not serve the majority of users of the foreshore	Yes	the existing trees and proposed trees are little more than bushes, all but one existing tree offer any shade from sun, which is often rated above 3 (can damage), the offer no shelter from rain, by far the most users are walkers. in our aging community there should be plenty of seating on the waterfront(notice the existing seat has been removed). Events need plenty of parking of many types, the plan looks like less parking, that has a rigid plan.	Water activities Tourism purposes Recreation purpose (ie. Bike riding, walking) Dog Exercise it is a vista, people stop just to admire it, if it could be embellished then all the better	Comment noted. The proposed plan does include seat and shade.
6	Yes		No		Water activities Recreation purpose (ie. Bike riding, walking) Dog Exercise Sport	

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7	No	The cricket pitch would be better on the other side of the oval. Keep the oval	No			The Council has engaged with the Southern Tigers Cricket Club on proposed areas for cricket nets. The proposed site on the plan is the only suitable site for run up, batting and takes into account the sun direction as recommended in the Australian Cricket Guide.
8	No	There are many good aspects of this proposed plan. However, I do not support the removal of the velodrome cycling track around the oval. I believe this is a key sporting asset for Franklin and the Huon Valley and should be better maintained rather than being destroyed as indicated in the Draft Franklin Master Plan Stage 3 - Sporting Precinct.	Yes	Please don't destroy the cycling track (Velodrome) in Franklin. It was built by the founders of the Franklin Cycling Club (1930) and was a venue for many annual athletics carnivals. In 1964 it was resealed: Since then it has deteriorated. It is an excellent sporting asset, especially for young people. All we need is resealing, and founding a coach to spend one afternoon a week to organise training. After that, once a month big Huon Valley Time Trials with prizes and trophies can be held. There is nothing better in society than a good coach steering young people on a good path to glory, even in Franklin! In Australia, Cadel Evans won the Tour de France! Please reconsider keeping the velodrome around the Franklin Sports Ground, and maintaining it better for future use in/by the community.	Water activities	Whilst it is recognised the velodrome has had some interest of late from a local group of riders the condition of the velodrome requires considerable repair to meet the minimum Australian Standards. Cost estimates to repair the velodrome to a minimum standard have been prepared. These costs to repair would be expected to be in the range of \$250,000 to \$500,000. These are indicative and have not been fully scoped. Council would need to put this work out to tender.
9	No	There are issues that need to be updated and relocated on the plan	Yes	Need to have area located for adult exercise equipment also the location of some areas need to be relocated	Recreation purpose (ie. Bike riding, walking) Dog Exercise Sport	Comment noted.
10	No	The velodrome needs to be reinstated for cyclists. Outdoor Gym equipment to be placed for public use. The placement of the new cricket nets is inappropriate so close to the picnic area. The walking track is in a very bad state with dangerous holes filled with water. Gravel paths would be detrimental to the many elderly people walking with walking sticks	Yes	See above	Water activities Recreation purpose (ie. Bike riding, walking) Dog Exercise	The Council has engaged with the Southern Tigers Cricket Club on proposed areas for cricket nets. The proposed site on the plan is the only suitable site for run up, batting and takes into account the sun direction as recommended in the Australian Cricket Guide.
11	Yes	With some amendments. (1)Keep velodrome. (2) Move practice nets (4) and handball court(11) away from picnic seating area. Perhaps northern edge of oval	Yes	See comments at *1	Water activities Recreation purpose (ie. Bike riding, walking) Sport	Whilst it is recognised the velodrome has had some interest of late from a local group of riders the condition of the velodrome requires considerable repair to meet the minimum Australian Standards. Cost estimates to repair the velodrome to a minimum standard have been prepared. These costs to repair would be expected to be in the range of \$250,000 to \$500,000. These are indicative and have not been fully scoped. Council would need to put this work out to tender.  The Council has engaged with the Southern Tigers Cricket Club on proposed areas for cricket nets. The proposed site on the plan is the only suitable site for run up, batting and takes into account the sun direction as recommended in the Australian Cricket Guide.  It is noted that a number of responses have suggested a half court and this is now reflected in the new proposed plan with a half court incorporating a tennis rebound wall, handball court and a basketball hoop.
12	No	I'm saying no, as I don't agree to it all, and I think your survey design is helped to show more diversity of answers. 1. Improve visual amenity by painting parts of the Bowls Club. Not necessary. Ensuring no new or additional negative impacts to visual amenity is more important.	Yes	Remove the asbestos on the site being proposed for the new cricket nets. This should be professionally done, properly remediated, and not simply covered over with concrete. Seating near the tennis courts would help it also be a social place for people to wait while playing on	Water activities Tourism purposes Recreation purpose (ie. Bike riding, walking)	1. Comment noted 2. a) comment noted b) comment noted. Vehicle access will still be available to users and the existing boom gate replaced with removable bollards

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		<p>Thus to improve the visual amenity of the area, do not put two cricket practice nets in the middle of the open space. Better to spend the funds on bike parking, more plantings, or put it (and the funds from the unnecessary second interpretive signage and statue) towards an outdoor gym. I would rather funds be used to reinstate the historic, and rare scoreboard mechanism from the demolished football clubrooms into one structure that could also display interpretive information, and/or be part of a picnic shelter. For a low cost or no cost way to improve the visual amenity, and add useable shade, lift the canopy of the existing trees planted around the oval and long the foreshore. Most do not appear to have had proper pruning since they were planted, but could easily provide more shade and have their shape improved by pruning.</p> <p>2. (a) Improve vehicle control by defining existing car parking areas around Bowls club and tennis courts, and (b) restrict public vehicle access to the foreshore. No I don't agree that these are good idea or use of funds. Most of the time there is enough parking, and when there are markets, games, festivals or regattas, people will park all over the place anyway, and formalising the edges will not affect this. Parking and road edges, like the pathways and landscaping should be kept natural and with a rural, informal flavour. Access way for vehicles should be kept especially with boats between the boat ramp to the south and the rowing and marine precincts to the north. This will minimise them having to go on and off of the highway, and keeps the connection between all the areas that use the waterway. Furthermore, having two vehicle access roads through Franklin is needed: firstly when the highway has been closed, like in the past; secondly to ensure access the oval and riverside as a 'place of last resort' refuge in bushfires or other emergencies.</p> <p>3. Remove a section of the oval boundary and historic velodrome bank for run up to two cricket nets and pedestrian access. No, I don't support this at all for many reasons. The velodrome is a historically important structure used for cycling and identified in your own Overall Design Intent. If this has the potential to alter/damaged the velodrome, then professional advice should be sought prior to decisions and any works. The bank is still used by cyclists and runners, and being able to continue to do entire laps around the oval is important. The bank is steepest at the most curved parts of the oval (including the proposed site for the cut thru). The bank is flatter along the straight sides of the oval, and there is almost level access in the middle of the straight, next to the oak tree, or just north of the cricket change rooms. These two places could easily provide accessible pedestrian access without much alteration to ground levels, and just the addition of a simple opening in the fence and practical, perhaps self-closing gate. The ground level appear to be quite different between the oval, and</p>		<p>the courts as a group. A seat built completely around the main oak tree would be a great addition, especially if incorporated into access to the val since this is one of the most level places between the river, road and oval (this project may be suitable for RSL or similar funds due to the historic story behind the planting of the oak). For a low cost or no cost way to improve the landscaping and add useable shade, lift the canopy of the existing trees planted around the oval and long the foreshore. Most do not appear to have had pruning since they were planted, but could easily provide more shade and have their shape improved by pruning. Instead of a proliferation of small signs, etc. I would rather funds be used to reinstate the historic, and rare scoreboard mechanism from the demolished football clubrooms into one structure that could also display interpretive information, and/or be part of a picnic shelter. An outdoor exercise equipment area has been requested by locals for some time, but should not be sited in an open area such as the proposed site for the cricket nets, but should be similarly tucked behind or alongside or south of the tennis courts. There is also the opportunity to link the foreshore and sporting area to the 'town'. This could easily done by more clearly showing where people can walk westwards from south of the tennis courts, parallel along the southern bowling club fence, and create a pathway/steps up to the Shop@Franklin and Backroom Books, and over the road to the Post Office, Stamping Ground, Hairdresser, the bus stop, etc. This area is already used this way, but could be more clear and encouraged. This would really support local traders. Something that also should not be lost in this whole area is that there was a beautiful bandstand and grandstand previously in the south west corner of the oval area. Opportunities should be taken in the future to move and incorporate the cenotaph away from the highway. Perhaps near the oval gates or down on the flatter area immediately to it's east (south of the cricket club rooms. Council funds (not from this grant) should be used for a sign on the cricket club rooms to say it is a public toilet facility. It would also be useful to have signage from the road and/or the foreshore on where this nearby public toilet is. There also needs to be a sign on the cricket club rooms saying it is a Huon Valley Council facility, and how members of the community can also use or hire it.</p>	<p>Mental health from wide open space and many scenic vistas, social interactions, bird and wildlife, etc.</p>	<p>3. It is noted a number of responses raised concern with the removal of the velodrome. The velodrome has been in place since Franklin Athletic Club was formed in 1946. and an active sprint cycling club have not existed in the Huon valley since 1974/75. Whilst it is recognised the velodrome has had some interest of late from a local group of riders, the current condition of velodrome is poor and can be demonstrated from photos in Appendix 9</p> <p>The condition of the velodrome requires consideration, and cost estimates to repair the velodrome to a minimum standard have been prepared These costs to repair would be expected to be in the range of \$250,000 to \$500,000. These are indicative and have not been fully scoped. Council would need to put this work out to tender.</p> <p>The concept plan doesn't propose to remove the velodrome slope but it does propose a cutting of the velodrome of approx. 5 metres in length to enable the cricket nets to be constructed beside the ground and the bowlers run up to be from the oval. The construction of the nets whilst it will interrupt the track, casual riders will still be able to ride around the oval with the ability to drop down onto the flatter area and decline to the slope once past the nets. It could be proposed that the net cut in could be the start and stop section of the track. The concept plan proposals the removal of the sealed material however it is pending funding to replace the seal with a grassed area as seen at Ranelagh oval. This grassed area also provides a welcoming viewing point for cricket and football spectators.</p> <p>4. The Council has been engaging with the club to support upgrade of the cricket facilities at the Franklin Oval for a number of years, this includes lodging grant applications for the work. The proposed site is considered by the Cricket Club to be the only suitable location for training nets.</p> <p>There is one existing single net which has fallen into disrepair, but even if it were serviceable it is not large enough to facilitate the growth of the club. Additionally the ground orientation of the existing net results in balls being hit into the river or potentially hit into bypassers. The new orientation will enable balls to be hit back onto the ground, providing safer conditions for all.</p> <p>5. There have been two independent reports by suitably qualified personal on this site regarding asbestos, and both have confirmed there is no threat to the public from asbestos. The site however does continue to be a source of public concern. The cricket nets were identified as an element to be included in this plan following ongoing discussions with the cricket club to upgrade the nets. , Having the cricket nets and landscaping covering the site would help alleviate community concerns.</p> <p>Comments noted regarding support for landscaping.</p>

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		<p>the ground where the football club rooms were. To make a run up that started on the oval, the ground outside the bank would have to markedly lowered. There is asbestos in this ground which would be disturbed by the excavation needed to make the two areas level. This ground should have the asbestos professionally removed and the ground properly remediated, and not simply covered over with concrete (this seems an 'out of sight out of mind' approach, which given what has happened to the existing cricket nets, what's to say the same won't also happen in time to anything built over the asbestos, and in time will also have to be removed, and then the community will be faced with the asbestos again). It is better to remediate this land once and for all, and leave a better legacy. Furthermore, excavations to get the oval and the proposed cricket nets in the same level may put the oval at more likelihood of flooding. It appears to me that the oval is lower than the site proposed for the new cricket nets, so wouldn't opening up and making a cutting through the velodrome bank be like making a hole in a levee, and so when the foreshore flooded, then water would then have an easier, and more direct way to enter the oval? The proposal of putting the cricket nets jutting out from the oval into the middle of the area would be visually intrusive and dominating to a space that is currently an open space used in many ways by many members of the community and visitors. The two proposed cricket nets are basically only useful for one activity, which is done occasionally by a specific group of people, for a few months of the year. This is not a good use of valuable community open space, especially so, close to the waters edge. The height and length of the netting needed would impinge and negatively impact on significant sight lines from many angles. The better site is alongside the tennis courts. They would be tucked in and less obtrusive but very accessible to the cricket club area. They would still take up a lot of community ground but would definitely be able to be used any time. Compared to the proposed site, where, there are risks for the proposed cricket nets being used as they would hit balls into a wide area of the oval. The proposed nets would not be able to be used by anyone if cricket or any other sports were training or playing games on the oval. Plus there is a risk for joggers, events, kite-fliers, boot camp, kids learning to cycle, and other more informal users of the oval and velodrome. Cricket nets can be more appropriately netted to lower the risk of stray balls. This is the case with nets in the valley and even in more urban areas near houses such as in Bellerive. With the landscaping and planting along the waters edge, this should also help minimise the loss of balls, should they roll that far.</p> <p>4. Construct two practice cricket nets - No, not in the proposed site, or in a way that destroys the velodrome bank, and that physically and visually dominates in a negative way the space with the high nets, and the large</p>				<p>It is noted that a number of responses have suggested a half court and this is now reflected in the new proposed plan with a half court incorporating a tennis rebound wall, handball court and a basketball hoop.</p> <p>Council will consult key stakeholders including history groups, art &amp; culture committee, and sporting clubs prior to public art and interpretive signage development.</p> <p>Comments noted regarding pathway and edges.</p>

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		<p>area taken up by the run up and the dual nets themselves. I agree if the new nets are tucked parallel alongside the tennis courts and are properly netted on the sides and top (as can be seen on other working nets in the valley and in Hobart). The site proposed for these new cricket practice nets and handball concrete court should be excavated to remove the asbestos properly, and then rehabilitated. This is the best site for level grass, picnic tables, and where there could be a reinstatement of the historic, and rare scoreboard mechanism from the demolished football clubrooms. This could be one structure that could also display interpretive information, and/or be part of a picnic shelter. This would retain the scenic vistas, be a safe place, close to parking, and provide shelter and historical interest. There is increasing evidence, including from Huon Valley Council reports, about the decline in participation in organised sports, and the move to informal activities and increased need for multi-use facilities. Thus the investment and dominance of cricket practice nets does not seem to me to be a forward thinking way of using scarce community funds. Please show the rationale or any evidence for how two cricket nets can 'support the increased use of the area for events'. What sort of events might these be? 5. Yes to all, especially the planting of local natives to help retain the riverbank and attract birds. The inclusion of fruit trees and herbs for public picking is also to be encouraged. The other idea is to reinstate the historic, and rare scoreboard mechanism from the demolished football clubrooms into one structure that could also display interpretive information, and/or be part of a picnic shelter. Seating near the tennis courts would help it also be a social place for people to wait while playing on the courts as a group. For a low cost or no cost way to improve the landscaping and add useable shade, lift the canopy of the existing trees planted around the oval and long the foreshore. Most do not appear to have had pruning since they were planted, but could easily provide more shade and have their shape improved by pruning. 6. Walking track - No, the track does not need to be formalised. Please keep it looking informal, and no concrete edging or bollards. I especially support planting of local natives to help retain the riverbank and attract birds. The inclusion of fruit trees and herbs for public picking is also to be encouraged. In relation to pedestrian access and the oval, the land is almost level inside the oval and outside at the middle point of the straight, next to the oak tree, or just north of the cricket change rooms. These two places could easily provide accessible pedestrian access from the walking paths without much alteration to ground levels, and just the addition of a simple opening in the fence and practical, perhaps self-closing gate. There is also the opportunity to link the foreshore and sporting area to the 'town'. This could easily done by more clearly showing</p>				<p>Comments noted regarding history and the old clubrooms scoreboard.</p> <p>Council will consult key stakeholders including history groups, art &amp; culture committee, and sporting clubs prior to interpretive signage development.</p>

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		<p>where people can walk westwards from south of the tennis courts, parallel along the southern bowling club fence, and create a pathway/steps up to the Shop@Franklin and Backroom Books, and over the road to the Post Office, Stamping Ground, Hairdresser, the bus stop, etc. This area is already used this way, but could be more clear and encouraged. This would really support local traders. 7. Gateway sign - No, I don't support this at all. A total waste of funds and could be an overhead obstacle. One interpretive information board will do this (also see comments in # 8 and #9). Better to spend funds on bike parking, more plantings, or put it (and the funds from the unnecessary second interpretive signage and statue) towards an outdoor gym. I would rather funds be used to reinstate the historic, and rare scoreboard mechanism from the demolished football clubrooms into one structure that could also display interpretive information, and/or be part of a picnic shelter. 8. Interpretive signage to highlight the history of Franklin's cycling velodrome, football and cricket achievements. I only think one sign is needed, not two or three. A multitude of signs would look cluttered, and the funds would be better used on bike parking, more plantings, or put it (and the funds from the painting, the necessary second and third interpretive signage and statue) towards an outdoor gym. I would rather funds be used to reinstate the historic, and rare scoreboard mechanism from the demolished football clubrooms into one structure that could also display interpretive information, and/or be part of a picnic shelter. 9. Statue or interpretive sign on rowing. I only think one sign is needed, not two or three. Rowing can be included in the interpretive sign with the other sports so a complete and comprehensive story without singling out one sport over another. A multitude of signs would look cluttered, and the funds would be better used on bike parking, more plantings, or put it (and the funds from the painting, the unnecessary second interpretive signage and statue) towards an outdoor gym. I would rather funds be used to reinstate the historic, and rare scoreboard mechanism from the demolished football clubrooms into one structure that could also display interpretive information, and/or be part of a picnic shelter. No sculpture unless it is a properly funded piece of public art, sourced through a well profiled competition or similar (no more 'chainsaw art' log sculptures please). 10. Remove asphalt velodrome surface and resurface with grass. I agree with this, only if the integrity of the entire velodrome bank is retained so that there are no cricket practice nets or pedestrian access or other things cutting through and stopping one being able to do laps around the velodrome. Multiple members of S.O.A.R. (Sisters On A Roll cycling group with members from all around the valley) have also said they currently use the velodrome bank as adults and with children, and do not want this</p>				

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		asset and it's full continuous perimeter to be lost. 11. Concrete handball court. No, not at the proposed site. Incorporate this with the rebound tennis wall. If possible, re-use the concrete pad from the existing cricket nets and site it so that the tennis, cricket nets, tennis wall and handball are all tucked in the same area. 12. Concrete tennis rebound wall. Yes if this can be combined with the handball court, and be tucked in close to the tennis courts and other structures in that area such as the new cricket nets. If possible, re-use the concrete pad from the existing cricket nets.				
13	Yes		Yes	Move the proposed cricket nets to the diagonally opposite position across the oval, so they still hit away from traffic and across oval but doesn't use a prime waterfront location for such a limited use. The waterfront should be used for activities with a broad public interest. Upgrade the handball court to be a multifunction court, including areas for half court basketball and netball. Include a facility for adult fitness activities eg yoga/stretching/exercise classes.	Water activities Recreation purpose (ie. Bike riding, walking)	The Council has been engaging with the club to support upgrade of the cricket facilities at the Franklin Oval for a number of years, this includes lodging grant applications for the work. The proposed site is considered by the Cricket Club to be the only suitable location for training nets.  There is one existing single net which has fallen into disrepair, but even if it were serviceable it is not large enough to facilitate the growth of the club. Additionally the ground orientation of the existing net results in balls being hit into the river or potentially hit into bypassers. The new orientation will enable balls to be hit back onto the ground, providing safer conditions for all.
14	No	In general I support the concept of improving the area - the survey design forces me to give a Yes/No answer - so the only option open to me without the risk of my answer being mis-interpreted is 'No'. It's a good idea to build on the existing character of the area as a 'sporting precinct' but after that there's very little of substance in the draft Stage 3 plan. In comparison with some other recreation plans from the Huon Council, such as the Huonville Recreation Ground Management Plan and Master Plan (2015) and the Huon Valley Recreation Plan (draft 2020), the Franklin Sporting Precinct Plan is really quite uninspiring. Perhaps this reflects the significantly greater level of community involvement in the development of the other plans. Hopefully, the Franklin Sporting Precinct Plan will benefit from further community input during this consultation stage. Both the Huonville Recreation Ground Management Plan and Master Plan (2015) and the Huon Valley Recreation Plan (draft 2020) include important guiding principles that should be applied to the Franklin Sporting Precinct but seem to have been overlooked in the draft plan for the Franklin sporting precinct. There is no need to reinvent these principles, they apply equally well to Franklin and re-stating them would provide a framework and context for making decisions on the future of the Franklin sporting precinct. In particular they would provide guidance in situations when the wishes or needs of one user group have the potential to conflict with those of another group. For example, the Cricket Club's desire for nets is understandable but their insistence that the only practical location for them is the south east corner of the oval immediately sets up a conflict with many other users	Yes	Other suggestions: Consider moving the ANZACC memorial to the site of the old Club rooms or perhaps to the Memorial Gates at the north west entry to the oval. This would need careful and extensive consultation with the local community and with RSL etc before any decisions were made. It would have the benefit of moving the site of the ANZACC Day Dawn Service from its current location adjacent to the traffic on the Main Road. Public art installation referencing rowing success. If done well, public art can significantly enhance a place, for example the recently installed work by Nigel Helyer in Franklin Square. Good public art is not cheap and requires very careful choice of artists. The current budget probably doesn't stretch to a national call for design concepts as was done for Franklin Square. If there isn't the budget to do it well it's better not to do it at all. The last thing the Huon Valley needs is another chain saw carving. Outdoor exercise equipment.	Water activities Recreation purpose (ie. Bike riding, walking) It provides a delightful visual experience every day. As one of the skippers of Nancy, which regularly takes Tasmanian, interstate and international tourists, I regularly hear very positive feedback on the visual amenity of Franklin and the foreshore area. The fact that Franklin, and especially the foreshore and the surrounding hills, is so picturesque is clearly one of the reasons tourists stay in the area spending money.	Council officers note the recommendation to relocate to ANZAC memorial from the Huon Highway to a more suitable location. The will be noted for future consultation and grant funding opportunities.  Consideration of upgrading the current nets has been completed. The Southern Tigers Cricket Club identified the need for suitable training nets as a major concern and asked Council for assistance in addressing this important issue. Having suitable practice wickets will allow the Club to provide intensive training for batting, bowling and wicket keeping, which the Club cannot do solely from centre wicket drills. There is one existing single net which has fallen into disrepair, but even if it were serviceable it is not large enough to facilitate the growth of the club. Additionally the ground orientation of the existing net results in balls being hit into the river or potentially hit into bypassers. The new orientation will enable balls to be hit back onto the ground, providing safer conditions for all.

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		<p>of the precinct because nets in that location will have a very detrimental impact on visual amenity. The Huonville Recreation Ground Management Plan and Master Plan (2015) states "The Huonville Recreation Ground has been developed as a functional sports precinct, but with limited resources for improving its appearance and public amenity values". We should not make the same mistake in Franklin. Some of the principles established in these other reports which would be helpful in resolving such conflicts include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• the trend away from club-orientated sports and towards less formal community activities and hence the need to extend the appeal of the site and facilities to the wider community, especially those not involved with club, or formal sporting activities;</li> <li>• the need for adaptable, multi-use facilities rather than single-use facilities;</li> <li>• the need to use vegetation thoughtfully to enhance the place – amongst other things plantings should: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o create a variety of spatial types which range and size, shape, surface treatment, location and orientation and, therefore offer a variety of opportunities for imaginative informal or formal use of the spaces created;</li> <li>o integrate with and be responsive to the needs of the sporting facilities of the Complex (i.e. helping define sports grounds, providing wind breaks, planting outside of important view lines, providing an attractive backdrop, etc.);</li> <li>o provide visual delight to users and passers-by in terms of colour, seasonal interest, texture and overall composition;</li> </ul> </li> <li>• the poor appearance of clubrooms and the need to improve appearance;</li> <li>• the need to avoid, remedy or mitigate against any lasting impacts on the visual amenity and the quality of facilities and use of the site;</li> <li>• leisure and recreation planning and provision have changed dramatically in Australia over recent years. This is evidenced by the development of new planning legislation in most states and the initiation of projects that seek to achieve the integrated or multiple use development of sporting and community infrastructure;</li> <li>• redevelop facilities so they are capable of catering for changing needs, are flexible and support multiple use, and have the ability to adapt over time;</li> <li>• provide multi-use, linked open space networks;</li> <li>• design sports facilities to meet current and future needs and which are more flexible/adaptable;</li> <li>• multiple use of sports grounds and facilities where possible;</li> <li>• an equitable range of structured sport and unstructured recreational experiences</li> </ul> <p>My priorities for the area are: 1. More shade trees – this is the single most important thing that could be done to improve the area. Many good shade trees could easily be created by actively managing the existing trees around the oval to raise the canopy on them. The result would be trees with taller main trunks and the first branches higher from the ground with usable areas of shade beneath them. The sooner this starts the easier it will be. At the moment the trees are being left to become</p>				<p>Landscaping is including in the proposed plan.</p>

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		<p>bushy at the base leaving little space for people to shelter in their shade. This would be a cheap way to very significantly improve the amenity of the area. 2. Retain the road along the foreshore – it is a useful asset for many reasons. It provides parking during regattas, sporting events on the oval and other community activities; it provides access for boats on trailers between the marine precinct in North Franklin and the MAST boat ramp; it provides an alternative route through Franklin should the Main Road be closed for any reason (it has happened in the past). To spend money taking away an existing asset would be absurd. 3. Signage to make it clear that the toilets at the changing rooms are public 4. Up-grade the toilets – they really are third world. The existing budget would not be enough to make a significant difference to them. 5. Asbestos removal – just deal with it. A day with an excavator and truck would see the problem removed once and for all. Leaving the problem unresolved means that uses for this site are constrained by the concern that asbestos will be brought back to the surface. It is clear that the proposed use of this space in the draft Stage 3 Plan is to some degree influenced by the need to seal the area to prevent further exposure of the remaining asbestos. This is not a long-term cost-effective way of dealing with the issue. The area would work much better as a grassed recreational space rather than covering with concrete. The additional concrete surface playing areas would be better relocated to behind the Bowls club with the tennis court and rebound wall. 6. The Oval club rooms across the road from the Palais (to distinguish them from the Bowls Club Rooms) are an ugly blot that do nothing for the visual amenity of the area. It would not be possible to improve them within the budget proposed but it could be considered a future priority. 7. Outdoor exercise equipment I have left my responses to each of the numbered elements of the Plan to last as I did not want my contribution to the consultation to be overly influenced by the talking points in the draft: 1. Paint Bowls club rooms – OK, but not a shoddy mural 2. Define existing parking areas – no need/a waste of money. For 98% of the time there is plenty of parking around the oval and during this period formalised parking bays will provide absolutely no benefit to anyone. On the few days a year when a large regatta is held all available parking is used and formalised parking bays will be ignored – people will park on any available space. Spending money on this will make it look like something is being done will make no practical difference. Restrict (vehicle) access to foreshore – not if this means closing the road that runs along the river north from the boat ramp 3. Remove section of boundary to oval to improve access – No. Not if it means creating a gap in the existing historic bike track around the oval. Huon Valley Recreation Plan (draft 2020) includes a reference to Southern Pedal requesting the development of the</p>				<p>Vehicle access will still be available to users and the existing boom gate replaced with removable bollards</p> <p>Comments noted regarding the public toilets.</p> <p>There have been two independent reports by suitably qualified personal on this site regarding asbestos, and both have confirmed there is no threat to the public from asbestos. The site however does continue to be a source of public concern. The cricket nets were identified as an element to be included in this plan following ongoing discussions with the cricket club to upgrade the nets. Having the cricket nets and the handball court covering the site would help alleviate community concerns.</p>

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		<p>velodrome. Children and families frequently cycle on the track as is it now – it provides a safe alternative cycling area. Even if the asphalt surface is removed it is still an asset that can be used and enjoyed. 4. Construct new practice nets – perhaps but not in the place proposed. They would look awful and would completely dominate the view of the river across the oval from the road. They would also mean the loss of the existing bike track around the oval (see point 3 above). Put the nets next to the tennis courts so they share a fence and design them carefully to reduce the chance of balls going in the river. This may not be the Cricket Club’s preferred location but, as Council recognises in their plan for the Huonville Recreation Ground (2015) and the draft Huon Valley Recreation Plan (2020) , the trend is away from club sport and towards informal, community activities. The club should be able to get the benefits of good functioning nets without imposing them in place where they will be detrimental to many other users of the area. The fact that Franklin, and especially the foreshore and the surrounding hills, is so picturesque is clearly one of the reasons tourists stay in the area spending money – it would be very short sighted to sacrifice any aspect of the visual amenity of Franklin unnecessarily. Also, consider whether the existing velodrome structure acts as a dam to reduce flooding of the oval during high tides and, if it is breached, what that will mean for maintenance of the oval playing surface. 5. Tables and shade trees – yes – particularly shade trees but make sure the asbestos is dealt properly with first 6. Formalise walking track – no need, the existing road is obvious and adequate. Your question 2 (below) forces me to choose between two options neither of which I support. I have selected the one that I consider least detrimental and is less costly. When the results of this survey are collated for the report I ask that you make this clear and don't simply report that X% prefer gravel and y% prefer aggregate - implying that everyone supports the idea of spending public money on track when a good walkable surface is already available. 7. Large walk through gateway sign – signage is OK but not an overhead gateway that would prevent boats and other taller vehicles moving between the boat ramp and the north Franklin Marine precinct. 8. Interpretative signs – yes, if there’s more to be said in signs that hasn’t already been included in the previous batch of signs 9. Statue or interpretative sign – yes; consider a statue only if there are sufficient funds available for a national call to artists for concept designs, not if the funds will only stretch to a chain saw carving or similar. 10. Asphalt removal on velodrome – Ok but maintain the continuity and integrity of the historic cycle track so it can still be used informally by kids (and others) on bikes 11. Handball court – but not a single use court, instead a multi-purpose games/activity surface marked for handball, hop scotch, basketball etc. This would be better</p>				<p>Comments noted regarding the gateway sign. This has been removed from the updated proposed plan.</p> <p>It is noted that a number of responses have suggested a half court and this is now reflected in the new proposed plan with a half court incorporating a tennis rebound wall, handball court and a basketball hoop.</p>

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		relocated behind the Bowls Club with the other hard surfaces and fences rather than in the proposed place which would be better used as a grassed area. 12. Tennis rebound wall – consider integrating with the multi-purpose games surface (above)				
15	Yes	Looks awesome and makes perfect sense. I have 2 suggestions, though. How about relocating the cricket nets alongside the club house? This provides easier and quicker access to the clubhouse, should cricketers need to get changed and store EQ somewhere (allows for warm-ups just before or during matches). If the above is done, then you could use the area proposed for the cricket nets as an outdoor adult exercise area, complete with exercise equipment. Many Hobart councils have installed these adult exercise "playgrounds" with great success. I guarantee this will be used extensively should you decide to install one. Other than that, well done!	Yes	As above- please move the cricket nets to the clubhouse area and please install an adult exercise "playground".	Water activities Recreation purpose (ie. Bike riding, walking) Dog Exercise Sport	<p>Consideration of upgrading the current nets has been completed. The Southern Tigers Cricket Club identified the need for suitable training nets as a major concern and asked Council for assistance in addressing this important issue. Having suitable practice wickets will allow the Club to provide intensive training for batting, bowling and wicket keeping, which the Club cannot do solely from centre wicket drills.</p> <p>There is one existing single net which has fallen into disrepair, but even if it were serviceable it is not large enough to facilitate the growth of the club. Additionally the ground orientation of the existing net results in balls being hit into the river or potentially hit into bypassers. The new orientation will enable balls to be hit back onto the ground, providing safer conditions for all.</p> <p>The Council has been engaging with the club to support upgrade of the cricket facilities at the Franklin Oval for a number of years, this includes lodging grant applications for the work. The proposed site is considered by the Cricket Club to be the only suitable location for training nets.</p> <p>Comments noted regarding exercise equipment.</p>
16	Yes	Combined with a Huonville to Franklin pathway, this will provide an enhanced lifestyle, better business opportunities and a tourist attraction	Yes	The additional pedestrian and cycle pathway to Huonville	Water activities Recreation purpose (ie. Bike riding, walking) Dog Exercise	Comment noted.
17	Yes		Yes	I'm not sure if it is part of the longer term plan - but a floating pontoon next to the boat ramp would vastly improve access to the river for kayakers. The Derwent Canoe Club holds regular racing at Franklin over winter. The grey/yellow pontoons being deployed by MAST throughout Tasmania are perfect for kayakers and surfski paddlers as they protect our boats much more than the wood/metal pontoons used at the rowing club.	Water activities Recreation purpose (ie. Bike riding, walking) Sport	Comment noted.
18	No	1. I am very surprised that the Franklin Community hasn't been given opportunity to meet and discuss this set of proposals. 2. The plan removes the ability for people of limited mobility or disability to reach sections of the foreshore. 3. The plan clutters the foreshore with rarely used infrastructure, ie cricket nets, rebound wall. There appears to be no provision to remove the buried asbestos, where it is planned to put the new practice nets. 4. There is a golden opportunity to reinstate the velodrome and have an annual historic cycling event. This could become a festival like the very successful Evandale Penny Farthing Championships and Village fair. It could also be used as a safe cycling and exercise track for those unwilling to risk riding on the increasingly busy and dangerous Huon Highway, on their bicycles.	Yes	I would very much like to see the whole Franklin Foreshore from Petty Sessions to the Land Care walking track as part of an integrated and long term plan. The proposal currently circulated covers only part of the Foreshore available to residents and visitors. This makes it difficult for comment on any bigger picture or Council vision for the future of the whole area.	Water activities Recreation purpose (ie. Bike riding, walking)	<p>Vehicle access will still be available to users and the existing boom gate replaced with removable bollards</p> <p>The Southern Tigers Cricket Club identified the need for suitable training nets as a major concern and asked Council for assistance in addressing this important issue. Having suitable practice wickets will allow the Club to provide intensive training for batting, bowling and wicket keeping, which the Club cannot do solely from centre wicket drills. The Council has been engaging with the club to support upgrade of the cricket facilities at the Franklin Oval for a number of years, this includes lodging grant applications for the work. The proposed site is considered by the Cricket Club to be the only suitable location for training nets.</p> <p>It is noted a number of responses raised concern with the removal of the velodrome.</p> <p>The velodrome has been in place since Franklin Athletic Club was formed in 1946. An active sprint cycling club have not existed in the Huon valley since 1974-75.</p>

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19	No	The intent of the plan is interesting, but it doesn't really do anything to enhance the areas resources for cycling - which is now undergoing a massive growth phase due to how COVID has changed the world. Removing the velodrome essentially strips the sporting precinct of any connection with the sport and eliminates a safe space for kids and adults to spend time on their bikes.	Yes	More facilities for cycling. A pump track for kids to ride bikes on would be a fantastic addition. Retention and perhaps improvement of the velodrome would be great.	Recreation purpose (ie. Bike riding, walking)	It is noted a number of responses raised concern with the removal of the velodrome. The velodrome has been in place since Franklin Athletic Club was formed in 1946. An active sprint cycling club have not existed in the Huon valley since 1974-75. Whilst it is recognised the velodrome has had some interest of late from a local group of riders. The condition of the velodrome requires consideration, and cost estimates to repair the velodrome to a minimum standard have been prepared. These costs are indicative without core? testing etc being undertaken and repair work would expected to be in the range of \$250,000 to \$500,000
20	Yes	I have concerns that the proposed cricket nets area is to be built over what has been known in the past as the area where asbestos has been identified to be located after the removal of the pavilion. is the intention of council to excavate the area and ensure that all the asbestosis removed from the area prior to construction of the cricket nets	No		Tourism purposes Recreation purpose (ie. Bike riding, walking) Dog Exercise	The Southern Tigers Cricket Club identified the need for suitable training nets as a major concern and asked Council for assistance in addressing this important issue. Having suitable practice wickets will allow the Club to provide intensive training for batting, bowling and wicket keeping, which the Club cannot do solely from centre wicket drills.  The Council has been engaging with the club to support upgrade of the cricket facilities at the Franklin Oval for a number of years, this includes lodging grant applications for the work. The proposed site is considered by the Cricket Club to be the only suitable location for training nets.  There have been two independent reports by suitably qualified personal on this site regarding asbestos, and both confirmed there is no threat to the public from asbestos. The site however does continue to be a source of public concern. The cricket nets were identified as an element to be included in this plan following ongoing discussions with the cricket club to upgrade the nets. , Having the cricket nets and the handball court covering the site would help alleviate community concerns.
21	No	I support most of it. However, I would like to see the velodrome kept intact, resurfaced as a usable velodrome, and use encouraged for both cycling and running.	Yes	I would like the velodrome to be renovated to such a degree it becomes another intact, attractive, active element of physical activity in Franklin, for both cycling and walking. Use of meterage indicators at significant lengths with encouragement signs and health benefits of running, walking and cycling.	Water activities Recreation purpose (ie. Bike riding, walking) Sport	It is noted a number of responses raised concern with the removal of the velodrome. The velodrome has been in place since Franklin Athletic Club was formed in 1946. An active sprint cycling club have not existed in the Huon valley since 1974-75. The current condition of velodrome is poor and whilst it is recognised the velodrome has had some interest of late from a local group of riders. The condition of the velodrome requires consideration, and cost estimates to repair the velodrome to a minimum standard have been prepared. These costs are indicative without core? testing etc being undertaken and repair work would expected to be in the range of \$250,000 to \$500,000  The concept plan doesn't propose to remove the velodrome slope but it does propose a cutting of the velodrome of approx. 5 metres in length to enable the cricket nets to be constructed beside the ground and the bowlers run up to be from the oval. The construction of the nets whilst it will interrupt the track, casual riders will still be able to ride around the oval with

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22	Yes		No		Recreation purpose (ie. Bike riding, walking)	
23	No	I think the bike rink should stay. the Cricket practice area, may not be appealing to the eye where situated. The tennis court area, would be great as a multipurpose area: eg Basket ball as well MOST IMPORTANT I have felt for many years an outdoor exercise area, gym set up would be beneficial	Yes	I think the bike rink should stay. the Cricket practice area, may not be appealing to the eye where situated. The tennis court area, would be great as a multipurpose area: eg Basket ball as well MOST IMPORTANT I have felt for many years an outdoor exercise area, gym set up would be beneficial	Tourism purposes Recreation purpose (ie. Bike riding, walking) Dog Exercise picnic	It is noted a number of responses raised concern with the removal of the velodrome. The velodrome has been in place since Franklin Athletic Club was formed in 1946. An active sprint cycling club have not existed in the Huon valley since 1974-75. The current condition of velodrome is poor and whilst it is recognised the velodrome has had some interest of late from a local group of riders the condition of the velodrome requires consideration, and cost estimates to repair the velodrome to a minimum standard have been prepared. These costs are indicative without core? testing etc being undertaken and repair work would expected to be in the range of \$250,000 to \$500,000 The concept plan doesn't propose to remove the velodrome slope but it does propose a cutting of the velodrome of approx. 5 metres in length to enable the cricket nets to be constructed beside the ground and the bowlers run up to be from the oval. The construction of the nets whilst it will interrupt the track, casual riders will still be able to ride around the oval with the ability to drop down onto the flatter area and decline to the slope once past the nets. It could be proposed that the net cut in could be the start and stop section of the track. The concept plan proposals the removal of the sealed material however it is pending funding to replace the seal with a grassed area as seen at Ranelagh oval. This grassed area also provides a welcoming viewing point for cricket and football spectators.
24	No	The proposed Franklin Master Plan Stage 3 - Sporting Precinct is breathtaking in its lack of vision and if it goes ahead as proposed, there will be a huge loss of amenity not only to Franklin but also the wider Huon community. The placement of cricket nets to cover an area where the Council buried asbestos in the wake of demolishing the grandstand is appalling and treats the rate payers with contempt. Why has this asbestos never been removed? Franklin is one of the few Huon townships where there is continuous public access to the foreshore and we must capitalise on this. There is an opportunity to connect the Historic Franklin Palais Theatre to the foreshore; this could be achieved by creating a vista from the Palais to the Huon river, possibly an avenue of trees. The Cenotaph might be relocated down to the foreshore; a remembrance tree lined avenue (between the bowls club and oval) that celebrated locals who have died in the wars. The trees would also provide much needed shade around the sporting oval. Crab apple tree avenues have been used effectively in Geeveston and Kingston. The larger shade trees could be dedicated to local families in their honour.	Yes	Shade trees to frame views and provide shelter from the extreme UV we experience in Southern Tasmania. The plans have trees but they have not provided details. The one tree of significance, large Pin Oak, is the only area that currently provides shade. Its roots anchor the foreshore from erosion and people flock under the canopy in summer, for respite from the extreme UV.	Tourism purposes Recreation purpose (ie. Bike riding, walking)	The Southern Tigers Cricket Club identified the need for suitable training nets as a major concern and asked Council for assistance in addressing this important issue. Having suitable practice wickets will allow the Club to provide intensive training for batting, bowling and wicket keeping, which the Club cannot do solely from centre wicket drills. The Council has been engaging with the club to support upgrade of the cricket facilities at the Franklin Oval for a number of years, this includes lodging grant applications for the work. The proposed site is considered by the Cricket Club to be the only suitable location for training nets.

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		By connecting the Palais to the foreshore it opens up the opportunity for people to arrive on the water to Franklin and walk to the Palais for events. The oval should remain multi-functional. A place for concerts, sporting events, Australia Day celebrations, Anzac Day etc. The Cricket nets should be located near the Tennis Courts and not take centre stage. By designating this area purely as a sporting precinct it will limit the area for other multi-functional uses. I am sure the Huon Council can come up with something that will benefit all local residents and visitors to stop and linger in Franklin.				
25	Yes		Yes	keep the cycle way around the oval for families and others to ride not necessarily a velodrome surface but a smooth rideable surface I feel this is a good asset to have somewhere in the huon.	Water activities Recreation purpose (ie. Bike riding, walking) Dog Exercise Sport	It is noted a number of responses raised concern with the removal of the velodrome. The velodrome has been in place since Franklin Athletic Club was formed in 1946. An active sprint cycling club have not existed in the Huon valley since 1974-75. The current condition of velodrome is poor and whilst it is recognised the velodrome has had some interest of late from a local group of riders the condition of the velodrome requires consideration, and cost estimates to repair the velodrome to a minimum standard have been prepared. The condition of the velodrome requires consideration repair, and cost estimates to repair the velodrome to a minimum standard have been prepared. The costs to repair would be expected to be in the range of \$250,000 to \$500,000. These are indicative and have not been fully scoped. Council would need to put this work out to tender. The concept plan doesn't propose to remove the velodrome slope but it does propose a cutting of the velodrome of approx. 5 metres in length to enable the cricket nets to be constructed beside the ground and the bowlers run up to be from the oval. The construction of the nets whilst it will interrupt the track, casual riders will still be able to ride around the oval with the ability to drop down onto the flatter area and decline to the slope once past the nets. It could be proposed that the net cut in could be the start and stop section of the track. The concept plan proposals the removal of the sealed material however it is pending funding to replace the seal with a grassed area as seen at Ranelagh oval. This grassed area also provides a welcoming viewing point for cricket and football spectators.
26	Yes	It will be great for franklin	Yes	Score board at oval	Sport	Comment noted.
27	Yes		Yes	Off leash dog area	Water activities Recreation purpose (ie. Bike riding, walking) Dog Exercise	Comment noted.
28	Yes		Yes	Soccer goal with net. Pétanque piste.	Water activities Recreation purpose (ie. Bike riding, walking)	Comment noted.
29	Yes		No		Water activities Recreation purpose (ie. Bike riding, walking)	
30	Yes		Yes	Increased signage for dog walking areas, especially for on-lead areas. I would like to know that the Tasmanian	Water activities	Comments noted.

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				Aboriginal Community has been involved in planning or at least consulted in the process. Signage should include traditional ownership acknowledgement.	Recreation purpose (ie. Bike riding, walking) Dog Exercise	Interpretive signage recognising the traditional landowners is located near the camping site at Franklin.
31	No	E	No	I am forced to do this for school please help.	For shopping	
32	Yes		No		Sport	
33	Yes	I think this will be a great new addition to a place I spend a lot of my time.	Yes	You might be able to add a kids playground so that little kids that have to go there to watch their older family members do sport can have somewhere to play and have fun.	Water activities Recreation purpose (ie. Bike riding, walking) Dog Exercise Sport Watching sport	Comment noted
34	Yes		Yes	You could include an area for the footy players to practice before a game	Sport	Comment noted
35	Yes	Because it would probably encourage people to exercise/do sport more often because the surroundings would be a lot better.	No		Sport	Comment noted
36	Yes		No		family get togethers.	
37	No	Is this project beneficial to the majority of residents in Franklin, given that there are good sporting facilities in Huonville?	No		Recreation purpose (ie. Bike riding, walking)	Comment noted
38	Yes	Yes, but it needs a stronger cycling emphasis. Lots of cyclists use the Huon Hwy through Franklin. It would be good to have wide shoulders on the Huon Hwy for slower moving vehicles including bicycles. It would also be good to have a sealed cycling trail in addition to the walking trail along the foreshore. Cyclists could have the option of coming off the highway at the Wooden Boat Centre and would have a sealed path as close to the foreshore as possible, past the oval, by the campground and rejoining the highway at the Foreshore Park for a total distance of just over 1 km.	Yes	It needs a stronger cycling emphasis. Lots of cyclists use the Huon Hwy through Franklin. It would be good to have wide shoulders on the Huon Hwy for slower moving vehicles including bicycles. It would also be good to have a wide sealed cycling trail in addition to the walking trail along the foreshore. Cyclists could have the option of coming off the highway at the Wooden Boat Centre and would have a wide sealed path as close to the foreshore as possible, past the oval, by the campground and rejoining the highway at the Foreshore Park for a total distance of just over 1 km. It would be great if that path could connect to Huonville eventually through a combination of wide shoulders on the highway and a separate path. But this 1+ km section would be a start.	Recreation purpose (ie. Bike riding, walking)	Comment noted
39	Yes		No		Water activities Recreation purpose (ie. Bike riding, walking)	
40	Yes		No		Water activities Recreation purpose (ie. Bike riding, walking)	
41	Yes		No		Recreation purpose (ie. Bike riding, walking) Dog Exercise Sport	

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42	Yes		Yes	Fencing between the recreational areas and the road for child and dog safety would be ideal. A fenced dog exercise area would be used by many and would be safer than having people exercise their dogs in an unfenced area.	Recreation purpose (ie. Bike riding, walking) Dog Exercise	Comment noted
43	Yes		No		Water activities Recreation purpose (ie. Bike riding, walking) Sport	
44	Yes	I support parts of this plan But we should be using the natural beauty of this area rather than landscaping Also the area needs a multi purpose function centre maybe an upgrade of the bowls club	Yes	Less landscaping for snakes to hide in Upgrade of the Franklin Bowls Club as it can be used for major events such as weddings ect	Water activities Recreation purpose (ie. Bike riding, walking) Dog Exercise Sport Lived here my whole life	Comments noted
45	Yes		No		Recreation purpose (ie. Bike riding, walking) Sport	
46	Yes		No		Recreation purpose (ie. Bike riding, walking)	
47	Yes		No		Recreation purpose (ie. Bike riding, walking) Sport	
48	No	Spend money on visitors information Centre Huonville and Geeveston	Yes	Spend money on visitors information Centre Huonville and Geeveston	Spend money on visitors information Centre Huonville and Geeveston	
49	Yes		No		Tourism purposes	
50	Yes		No		Water activities Recreation purpose (ie. Bike riding, walking) Sport	
51	Yes		No		Recreation purpose (ie. Bike riding, walking) Sport	
52	No	i dont think the cricket nets should be moved when they appear to be in good working order where they are. i would prefer to see the cycling track reinstated and plants put around the top of the handrails and deciduous trees to provide shade around the handrail. i like the carparking areas and signage.	Yes	more trees. would love more oak trees to match the glorious one we already have on the oval. would like gardens that dont require the use of roundup.	Water activities Recreation purpose (ie. Bike riding, walking) Dog Exercise enjoying the views	The Southern Tigers Cricket Club identified the need for suitable training nets as a major concern and asked Council for assistance in addressing this important issue. Having suitable practice wickets will allow the Club to provide intensive training for batting, bowling and wicket keeping, which the Club cannot do solely from centre wicket drills. The Council has been engaging with the club to support upgrade of the cricket facilities at the Franklin Oval for a number of years, this includes lodging grant applications for the work. The proposed site is considered by the Cricket Club to be the only suitable location for training nets.

No.	Support Yes/No	Comments	Additional Elements Yes/No	Comments	Use of Area	Project Team Comments
53	Yes		No		Recreation purpose (ie. Bike riding, walking) Dog Exercise	
54	Yes	Overwhelmingly. I believe it's a long overdue improvement and will bring more people back to the foreshore area more regularly and improve the look of the area as well. I also have 3 kids who've been involved with sport and regularly visit the area. The cricket club moved here on promise of nets and I think that should be addressed first. Currently they cannot train effectively. Vehicles do NOT need to drive right up to the water. Having historical interpretive boards are also great for community and visitors to better understand the history. It's good to see it includes new cricket nets, handball court and tennis rebound walls and gets rid of the decrepit asphalt around the oval.	Yes	Can a basketball net(s) be incorporated into the handball or tennis rebound area. Ensure there are some shaded areas- please! Formalising pathways and parking areas may also reduce likelihood of vandalism as we've seen occur in the past.	Water activities Recreation purpose (ie. Bike riding, walking) Dog Exercise Sport School events (as volunteer/parent) for community events to fundraise and school events. Also attend Anzac Day sunrise events every year	Comments noted.  Council will consult key stakeholders including history groups, art & culture committee, and sporting clubs prior to interpretive signage development.
55	No	It is unimaginative, has no clearly identifiable objectives and contains no means of assessing whether the plan has met its (unstated) purpose and objectives. The process of retrospective evaluation is an essential part of planning - how can you learn if you don't evaluate - but this plan has no such capacity. Is the plan designed to enhance tourism, improve the level of sporting involvement in the local community, keep council employees in work - what the hell is it for? Once you get that sorted, you can build the operational parameters, rather than the other way around. It also fails to recognise that the local bowls club is on its last legs and that the Cenotaph is becoming increasingly hidden in the background. Some sort of contingency in the event of the Bowls Club going under reflects a bit of forward thinking and overall vision for the precinct.	Yes	The oval fencing is ragged, and that's being kind. It needs replacement or removal. If money were available, some form of circuit training equipment along the walkways of the precinct would probably get a fairly solid workout, if experience in other towns is anything to go by.	Water activities Recreation purpose (ie. Bike riding, walking) Dog Exercise	Comments noted
56	Yes		Yes	Better parking for the lawn bowls club	Recreation purpose (ie. Bike riding, walking) Sport	
57	Yes	Great use of what is currently an underutilised space. Varied activities and good promotion of dedicated walkway.	Yes	Could any consideration be given to improving the velodrome surface rather than grassing to allow continued use by bikes?	Water activities Recreation purpose (ie. Bike riding, walking)	Comments noted
58	Yes		No		Recreation purpose (ie. Bike riding, walking) Sport	
59	Yes		Yes	Digital scoreboard for junior/ladies football/cricket etc.	Sport	Comments noted
60	Yes		No		Sport	
61	Yes		No		Sport	
62	Yes		No		Recreation purpose (ie. Bike riding, walking) Sport	
63	Yes		No		Sport	
64	Yes		Yes		Dog Exercise Sport	

No.	Support Yes/No	Comments	Additional Elements Yes/No	Comments	Use of Area	Project Team Comments
65	Yes		No		Sport Cricket club supporter	
66	Yes	Especially the new training nets	No		Water activities Sport	Comment noted
67	No		Yes	You need to supply the cricket club with nets! So many opportunities to bring in kids and people for the club and that won't happen without those nets!	Water activities Recreation purpose (ie. Bike riding, walking) Dog Exercise Sport	Comment noted
68	Yes		No		Recreation purpose (ie. Bike riding, walking) Sport	
69	Yes		Yes	Paving the dirt around the area	Tourism purposes Recreation purpose (ie. Bike riding, walking) Dog Exercise Sport	Comment noted
70	Yes		No		Recreation purpose (ie. Bike riding, walking)	
71	Yes		No		Recreation purpose (ie. Bike riding, walking)	
72	Yes		No		Sport	
73	Yes		No		Recreation purpose (ie. Bike riding, walking) Sport	
74	Yes		No		Sport	
75	Yes		No		Dog Exercise	
76	No	Not sure about the placement of the proposed toilet block. Perhaps an upgrade to the cricket ground toilets would be better than what will probably be an ugly block of toilets spoiling the view as you travel through town. We dont want to swap the ugly abandoned blue fish and chip structure with another. Toilet blocks need not be a feature along the foreshore.	No		Water activities Recreation purpose (ie. Bike riding, walking)	Noted that this comment refers to the Franklin Foreshore Rehabilitation and Development consultation.
77	Yes		No		Sport	
78	Yes		Yes		Sport	
79	No	I do not agree with moving the cricket nets. They should stay where they are. Relocation is taking up useful public-use space which could have other features that more people could use - not many people from the general public want to practice cricket - only cricketers! The tennis hit up wall should be on the concrete pad located next to the court In the suggested area for the new cricket net (the old clubrooms site) the buried asbestos should be dug up and removed. Then general public facilities could provide basketball/netball facilities and gym workout stations, hopscotch, noughts and crosses and other games suitable for adults and children. Gym stations work very well in scenic locations such as next to lakes and beaches and are well-used by all. It is an area for the community to use, not special-interest groups such as cricketers who already have existing facilities. I do not agree with the sporting archway but would like to see a historic reminder	No		Water activities Recreation purpose (ie. Bike riding, walking) Dog Exercise Sport	The Southern Tigers Cricket Club identified the need for suitable training nets as a major concern and asked Council for assistance in addressing this important issue. Having suitable practice wickets will allow the Club to provide intensive training for batting, bowling and wicket keeping, which the Club cannot do solely from centre wicket drills. The Council has been engaging with the club to support upgrade of the cricket facilities at the Franklin Oval for a number of years, this includes lodging grant applications for the work. The proposed site is considered by the Cricket Club to be the only suitable location for training nets.  Comments noted regarding the gateway sign. This has been removed from the updated proposed plan.  Council will consult key stakeholders including history groups, art & culture committee, and sporting clubs prior to interpretive signage development.

No.	Support Yes/No	Comments	Additional Elements Yes/No	Comments	Use of Area	Project Team Comments
		to what was previously in that location - the Football Clubrooms. There should be a sign giving the history of the building with the old Franklin/Visitors scoreboard as an interactive art statement/feature of interest. Children would enjoy turning the score numbers over as they did when it was a feature for the town on top of the Franklin Clubrooms Landscaping should be in the form of a sensory garden - with flowers herbs and bushes that could be enjoyed for their looks and aromas by families and people with disabilities such as people with limited sight. Perth has a sensory garden specifically built by the local council for this purpose. If the walkway needs separation of vehicles and pedestrians as per the other sections using pine posts, these should have an historical timeline imprinted on them such as 1836 (The Settlement) 1850 (renamed Franklin) and sporting history - first football game, cycling, athletics, rowing Kings Cup etc - something to follow as you go along. The Franklin History Group could be interested in helping with this information. There could also be a local animal theme such as bandicoot carvings on the posts for children to follow as a treasure hunt. Make this a real attraction that locals are proud of and have had some input to, rather than just a walk!				
80	Yes		Yes	New club rooms	Sport	
81	Yes	A great use of space and with the beautification of the area it will become a much needed and used area by both locals and tourists	No		Water activities Tourism purposes Dog Exercise	Comments noted.
82	Yes		No		Water activities Recreation purpose (ie. Bike riding, walking) Sport	
83	Yes		No		Sport	
84	Yes	This will be HUGE for the area. Fantastic!!!	No		Tourism purposes Recreation purpose (ie. Bike riding, walking) Dog Exercise Sport	Comment noted.
85	Yes		No		Recreation purpose (ie. Bike riding, walking) Sport	
86	Yes		No		Recreation purpose (ie. Bike riding, walking) Dog Exercise Sport	
87	Yes	As a coach of cricket , we desperately need nets as our numbers are strong and plenty of youth coming through our ranks, training would be at a higher level with nets in	Yes	New decking on the cricket club and more improvement on the bowls club	Recreation purpose (ie. Bike riding, walking) Sport	Comment noted.
88	Yes		No		Recreation purpose (ie. Bike riding, walking) Sport	
89	Yes		No		Sport	

# Appendix 6

## Social Media and Website Post Performance

**Huon Valley Council**  
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The Franklin Master Plan Stage 3 - Sporting Precinct draft is open for consultation.

The purpose of the project is to:  
 -Promote the use of the Franklin foreshore area and support measures to increase community access to the foreshore and create a sporting precinct that can be enjoyed by the community  
 -Improve pedestrian access from the existing walking track to the Franklin Oval... [See More](#)



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This master plan will allow Council to plan for future development of the area and seek funding when available.... [See More](#)



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## Appendix 7

### Huon Valley Council eNewsletter #5



# Have Your Say

Council is conducting Community Engagement on the following projects;

**Franklin Master Plan Stage 3 - Sporting Precinct** - The Franklin foreshore area has been a focal point for rowing, cricket, football, cycling and other sports since the 1800's and is strongly linked with the early history of Franklin's settlement and the development of the Huon Valley. This master plan will allow Council to plan for future development of the area.

**Stronger Together COVID-19 Community Issues and Ideas** - Council would like to hear from individuals, groups and communities across the Huon Valley about how the COVID 19 pandemic has affected you. To support a genuine community-led recovery program, Council needs your help to identify emerging local issues and explore coordinated local recovery programs that build the capacity and resilience of our region.

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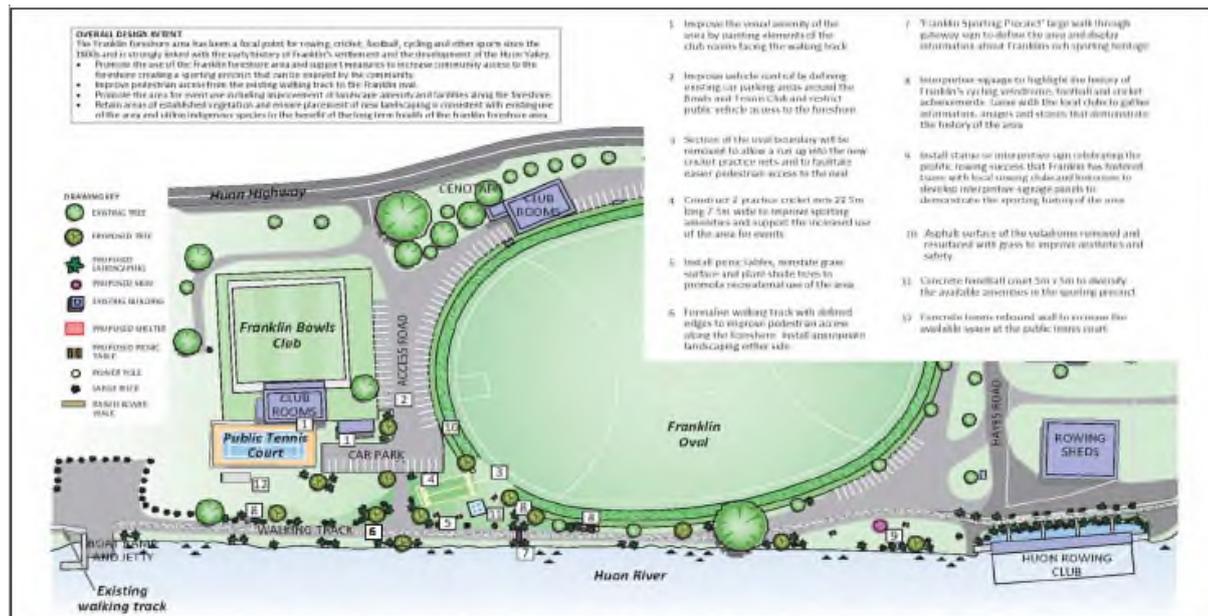


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Council is conducting Community Engagement on the following projects;

- [Franklin Foreshore Rehabilitation and Development Plan](#) - closes *Sunday 10 May*
- [Ranelagh Recreation Ground Master Plan](#) - closes *Sunday 10 May*
- [Franklin Master Plan Stage 3 - Sporting Precinct](#) - closes *Friday 22 May*
- [Stronger Together COVID-19 Community Issues and Ideas](#)

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The proposal for a Franklin sporting precinct is available for viewing on the Huon Valley Council website.

# Proposed Franklin sporting precinct

Community consultation on the formalisation of a sporting precinct on part of the foreshore at Franklin is now open at the **Huon Valley Council (HVC) website**.

The proposal has been developed in consultation with the sporting clubs that use the facilities, particularly the Southern Tigers Cricket Club, which was formed when Franklin and Castle Forbes Bay Cricket Clubs amalgamated some years ago.

Two years ago, the Southern Tigers relinquished the lease of the Castle Forbes Cricket Club and is now solely based at the Franklin clubrooms.

Since that time, the club has not had usable cricket nets, utilising the Huon Valley PCYC where possible, but club president Daniel Ford said that the new nets would be the highlight of the development.

"Back in the day, we could hit back out of the nets behind the tennis courts, because of where

the old clubrooms were, the balls would hit that," said Daniel.

"But we can't use them now because the road grades towards the river, it means that every single cricket ball that comes out of those nets ends up in the water."

The new nets, along with a handball court, would be built over the site of the old clubrooms, a site which was used to bury asbestos when the clubrooms were demolished in controversial circumstances in 2009.

HVC said, "There have been two independent reports by suitably qualified personnel on this site regarding asbestos, and both of them confirmed there is no threat to the public from asbestos."

"The site, however, does continue to be a source of public concern."

"The cricket nets were identified as an element to be included in this plan following ongoing discussions with the cricket club to upgrade the nets.

"Having the cricket nets and the handball court covering the site would help alleviate community concerns."

Daniel said that the nets will be well-positioned to ensure that balls are hit back onto the oval to reduce any risk of cars being hit, as well as saving balls from going into the river.

The proposal also includes a formalised gateway to denote the 'Franklin Sporting Precinct', signage to highlight the history of Franklin's cycling velodrome, football and cricket achievements, a formalised car park and removal of the asphalt surface of the velodrome to allow a run up into the new cricket nets.

There will also be picnic tables and a formalised walking trail.

The proposal is stage three of the Franklin

Foreshore Master Plan 2013 and follows on from stage one (the upgrade of the playground area in front of Petty Sessions) and stage two (the rowing finish line area).

Components of the plan are funded through the 2019/20 asset renewal budget, with \$117,000 available for the project.

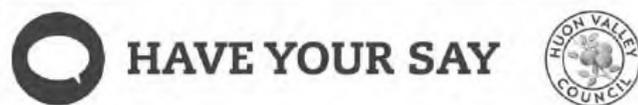
"We want to put the nets on the site of the old clubrooms," said Daniel.

"We would use the historical site of the clubrooms as our new training facility, and have information boards with photos of the old clubrooms, stating what the purpose was in the past and trying to reuse it in a similar fashion."

"We'll be very happy if it gets over the line."

The Southern Tigers Cricket Club has urged its members to go online and have their say about the proposed development, by visiting [www.huonvalley.tas.gov.au/haveyoursay](http://www.huonvalley.tas.gov.au/haveyoursay)

## Huon News 06/05/2020



Council is seeking the community's feedback on the following projects.

### Franklin Foreshore Rehabilitation and Development Plan (closes 10 May)

The Huon Valley Council 2018 State Election Strategy identified key areas in which the Council can work together with the State Government to achieve key priorities for the prosperity and amenity of the Huon Valley Region.

### Ranelagh Recreation Ground Master Plan (closes 10 May)

The Ranelagh Recreation Ground Master Plan is designed to guide Council, stakeholders and the community in the future planning, development, use and management of the Ranelagh Recreation Ground.

### Franklin Master Plan Stage 3 – Sporting Precinct (closes 22 May)

The Franklin foreshore area has been a focal point for rowing, cricket, football, cycling and other sports since the 1800's and is strongly linked with the early history of Franklin's settlement and the development of the Huon Valley.

Although on-site consultations are suspended during COVID-19, Council will continue to undertake community engagement online.

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## Huon News 20/05/2020



Council is seeking the community's feedback on the following projects.

### Huon Valley Recreation Plan

Closes: 5 June 2020

This ten-year Recreation Plan will guide future planning, development and management of sport and recreation within the Huon Valley.

### Franklin Master Plan Stage 3 – Sporting Precinct

Closes: 22 May 2020

The Franklin foreshore area has been a sporting hotspot since the 1800's and is strongly linked with Franklin's settlement and the development of the Huon Valley. This master plan will allow Council to plan for future development of the area.

### COVID-19 Community Issues and Ideas

Ongoing

To support a community-led recovery program, Council wants to know how the COVID 19 pandemic has affected you, and your ideas to build the capacity and resilience of our region.

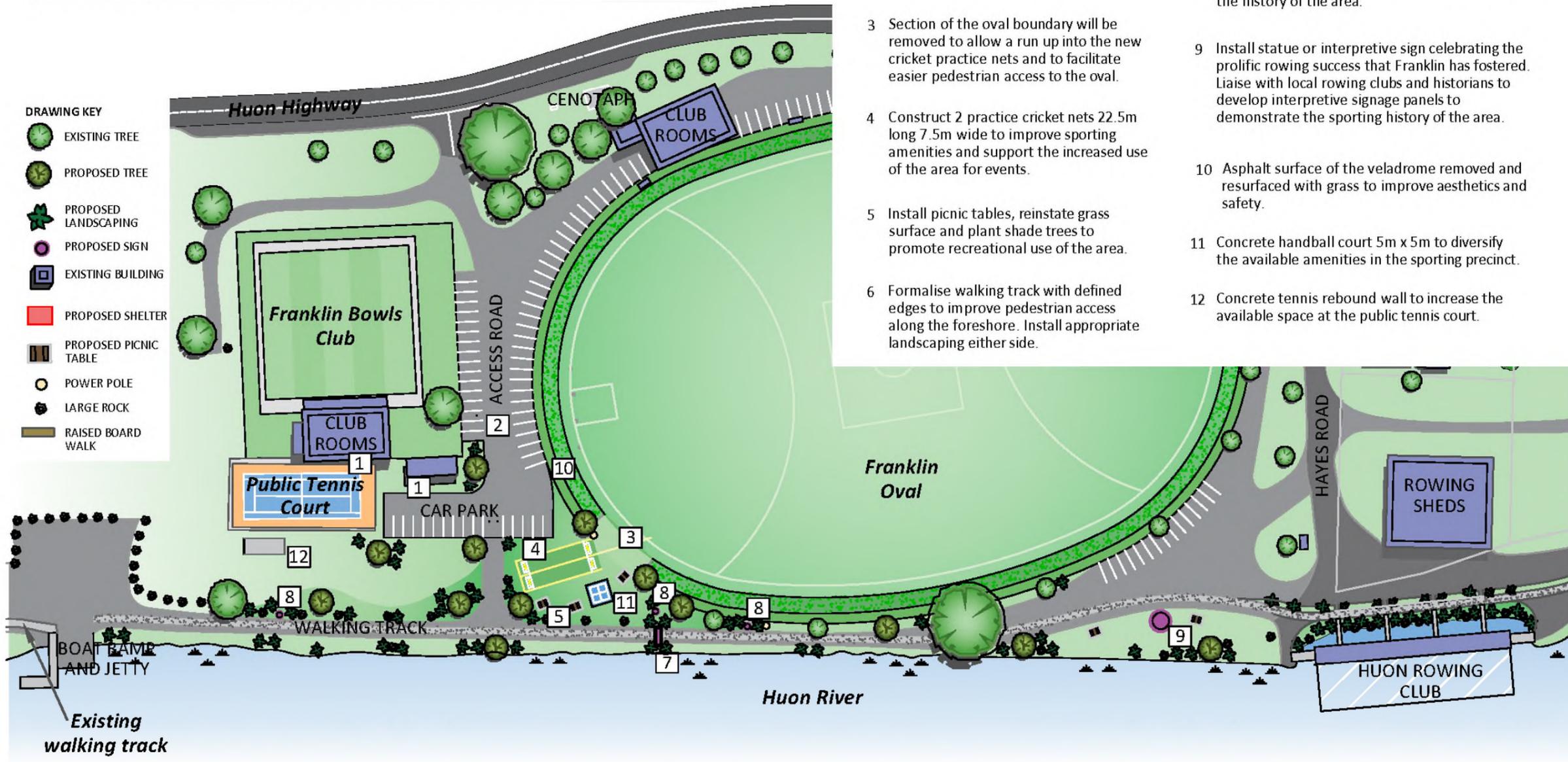
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Attachment A – original plan proposed for consultation

**OVERALL DESIGN INTENT**  
 The Franklin foreshore area has been a focal point for rowing, cricket, football, cycling and other sports since the 1800s and is strongly linked with the early history of Franklin's settlement and the development of the Huon Valley.

- Promote the use of the Franklin foreshore area and support measures to increase community access to the foreshore creating a sporting precinct that can be enjoyed by the community.
- Improve pedestrian access from the existing walking track to the Franklin oval.
- Promote the area for event use including improvement of landscape amenity and facilities along the foreshore.
- Retain areas of established vegetation and ensure placement of new landscaping is consistent with existing use of the area and utilise indigenous species to the benefit of the long term health of the Franklin foreshore area.



**DRAFT**  
FOR COMMENT

# Sporting Precinct Franklin Master Plan Stage 3

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**Attention : Rebecca Bell**

Dear Rebecca,

Please find attached a hard copy of the Franklin Oval Picnic Area report.

Also enclosed is the Invoice for the Assessment, Report and Travelling required to conduct the Assessment.

Yours Sincerely



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## **FRANKLIN FOOTBALL OVAL PICNIC SITE**

### **ASBESTOS CEMENT SHEET CONTAMINATION**

#### **1.0 INTRODUCTION**

- 1.1 A number of Codes and Guidelines have been published over the years for Controlling Asbestos Hazards.
- 1.2 The last amendment issued by the National Occupational Health and Safety Commission was in 2005. It consisted of three parts, and was titled The Code of Practice for the Management and Control of Asbestos.
- 1.3 The Workplace Health and Safety Regulations, 1998, Division—9 Asbestos outlines the regulatory requirements.
- 1.4 The Code of Practice sets out the steps to be taken to eliminate or otherwise minimise the risk of exposure to airborne asbestos fibres, including the identification of asbestos, risk assessments and the implementation of control measures.

#### **2.0 BACKGROUND**

- 2.1 The Huon Valley Council demolished the Franklin Football Oval Clubrooms during 2009.
- 2.2 The Council covered the site with gravel, road base, that was graded at various Depths from 600 mm to 1.8 m.
- 2.3 A layer of 'scalpel' ( red dust) was spread and made firm over the gravel.
- 2.4 The area was converted to a picnic area, for use by the community and tourists.
- 2.5 Unbeknown to the Council, the original building contained asbestos cement ( AC) sheeting. When the building was demolished fragments of the AC sheeting were dispersed throughout the gravel and red dust. Some small pieces were found on the surface.

2.6 Following complaints of asbestos contamination, from one resident in particular, an inspection of the area was conducted on the 11 September 2009. The inspection revealed only several small fragments of AC sheet, these were collected for analyses.

### 3.0 EVALUATION AND RISK ASSESSMENT

3.1 At present the risk to the public's health is very low, due to the very small concentration of AC fragments on the surface. In addition, the asbestos fibres are fixed in a matrix of cement and are not airborne.

3.2 The concentration of airborne asbestos fibre is virtually negligible and the likelihood of exposure is correspondingly very low.

3.3 The health effects of airborne asbestos have been well documented and there are a number of consistent findings including :

- the risk of acquiring each type of disease is dose related, ie the higher the concentration of dust and the longer the exposure the greater the chance of developing an asbestos related disease.

3.4 The background concentration of airborne asbestos fibre in the Main Street of Huonville would be higher than that at the Franklin Picnic area.

### 4.0 REVIEW

4.1 Although the Risk Assessment indicates that the health effects are low it would be prudent, considering it is to be used as a public facility, including children, to implement Control Measures.

### 5.0 CONTROL MEASURES

5.1 Scrape off approximately 100 mm of the "Red Dust". Load onto a truck and dump it at a designated, licensed tip. Inspect the scraped section to determine the amount of asbestos cement fragments remaining. Recover the surface with a fresh lot of "Red Dust" to 100mm.

5.2 Alternatively, if there is enough room, add 100 mm of "Red Dust" over the existing "Scalpel" and roll it firm.

5.3 In time the covered AC sheet fragments will soften and probably loosen from the Cement matrix.

5.4 Survey the site and record it as a designated asbestos area that is not to be disturbed.

## 6.0 RESPONSIBILITIES

- 6.1 The Huon Valley Council has the duty of care for the site.
- 6.2 The Council must develop and implement an asbestos management plan
- 6.3 Inspect the site frequently.
- 6.4 Develop and maintain an asbestos register.
- 6.5 Prevent access by undesirable persons, particularly in cars at night, by erecting a boom gate.
- 6.6 Inform workers or contractors who may be required to work in the area.
- 6.7 Inform Council employees of the health risks of asbestos.

## 7.0 CONCLUSION

- 7.1 As mentioned the site contains fragmented AC sheet. The risk to cause any adverse health effects is very low.
- 7.2 However, considering the picnic area will be used by people from the community and tourists, particularly children, every effort must be made to completely cover the area.
- 7.3 The Huon Valley Council must develop a Management Plan for the site.
- 7.4 Survey details should also be lodged with the Department of Environment.



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# Asbestos Control Plan

Huon Valley Council  
Franklin Oval Picnic Area

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## Introduction

A meeting was held on 2 December 2009 at Huon Valley Council Offices between Mike Dowling of Mike Dowling Industrial Pty Ltd and Huon Valley Council officer, Mark Dance. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the possibility of producing an Asbestos Control Plan for the Franklin Picnic Oval Area.

Prior to being demolished in early 2009, there were weatherboard football club rooms on this site. During the demolition, some asbestos cement sheeting was apparently mixed up in the demolition debris (reportedly unbeknownst to the Council). Fragments of the asbestos cement sheet remained after demolition and removal of building debris, dispersed across the demolition site. The demolition site containing fragments of asbestos cement sheet was reportedly covered with gravel road base (reportedly 0.6 to 1.8m depth) and top layer of 'red metal dust'.

The former demolition site was converted to a public picnic area. However, it was subject to trespassers in vehicles that scarred the gravel surface (reportedly doing 'wheelies' and skidding on the gravel). At least one person has come forward to present the Council with a piece of asbestos cement sheet recovered from the demolition site. There was concern expressed about public health if persons could be exposed to soil containing such fragments of cement sheet.

Huon Valley Council proceeded to install two wooden picnic tables in the gravel area for public use, spaced around the centre of the gravel area for the purpose of deterring vehicle access to trespassers. During the digging of the foundation holes for the picnic tables, more fragments of asbestos cement sheeting were observed. After installation of the picnic tables was completed, additional red metal dust was placed around them.

The Council engaged Michael Curtain, an Occupational Hygienist, to review the asbestos contamination of the site and recommend risk-based control measures (Attachment 1). Mr Curtain recommended removal of the top layer of red metal dust to a depth of 100mm, and replacement of the top layer with 100mm of uncontaminated red metal dust. His report recommends long-term surveillance of the site and recording the contamination issues to prevent inadvertent exposure to Council workers or the public in the future.

Mike Dowling conducted a visual inspection of the site on 2 December 2009 and did not identify any discernible evidence of asbestos cement sheet on the surface of the former demolition site.

## Scope of this review

Mike Dowling Industrial engaged Richard Stoklosa of E-Systems Pty Limited to undertake an independent 'desktop' review of the circumstances of asbestos contamination of soil (gravel and red metal dust). The scope of this review is to assess the risk of exposure, identify guidance for decontamination of soil from relevant documents, and recommend options for a control plan to prevent potential health risks to Council workers and the public.

E-Systems has not inspected the contaminated site, and the analysis and advice presented here relies on observations that have been reported, as detailed in this review. E-Systems understands that the subject property is owned by the Huon Valley Council for public land use.

## Risk of exposure

### *Contamination source*

Although the depth of the gravel covering of the former demolition site is reported to be at least 0.6m depth, up to a maximum of 1.8m depth, at least one person has reportedly discovered a single fragment of asbestos cement sheet. It is possible that fragments of asbestos cement have been mixed with the imported gravel and red metal dust that was placed on the site by construction vehicles and workers.

The quantity and extent of the contaminated soil has not yet been determined. To assess the risk, it will be necessary to delineate the contamination by field examinations of small excavations around the perimeter of the demolition site. Methods for soil sampling are outlined in enHealth (2005), Western Australia Department of Health (WADOH 2009). The objective of soil sampling would be to determine the concentration by weight of asbestos-containing materials (ACM, such as fragments of asbestos cement sheet) by visual screening and collection of fragments. A visual screening procedure would not include the concentration by weight of fibrous asbestos and asbestos fines that might be present in the sample.

Friable asbestos materials, such as cement sheet, are recognised sources of airborne asbestos fibres when exposed and disturbed by handling, vibration and wind. Laboratory methods to create respirable dust from a soil sample are prohibitively expensive (reportedly over \$1,000 per sample with an error range of plus or minus 50 percent). Therefore, it is not practical to conduct laboratory testing of soils to characterise the asbestos hazard for a risk assessment.

Alternatively a precautionary assumption can be made that contamination extends throughout the entire demolition site where construction debris is covered by gravel and red metal dust, and that the entire depth profile is contaminated. Such an assumption may overstate the quantity of contaminated soil, leading to an estimation of very high excavation and disposal costs if all of the contaminated material was to be removed (refer to 'Recommended control options' heading below).

Over time, the friable asbestos cement sheet may weather in situ, and perhaps soften to release smaller fragments and fibrous material. These small fragments may be less dense than the surrounding soil material, but whether they are 'buoyant' enough to eventually reach the surface depends on the integrity of the gravel layer covering the site. Shallow groundwater or saturation of the former demolition area from stormwater runoff may increase the mobility of the buried asbestos fragments, potentially raising them to the surface of the gravel over time. However, such mobilisation and release of asbestos fibres to the atmosphere under these conditions would be expected to be so small as to be non-detectable.

Future development or installation of services on the site may also expose asbestos fragments to the atmosphere. Such development may include trenching to install underground services or water reticulation, or installation of lamp posts, fences and bollards.

### *Exposure standards*

Guidance for the control of asbestos in workplaces in Tasmania is guided by Codes of Practice (NOHSC 2005a, 2005b), and Exposure Standards (NOHSC 1995). The guidelines for workplaces are considered more stringent than the exposure standards generally accepted by health authorities for public open space. Exposure in the workplace is based on adults present for full-time workdays, compared to relatively infrequent use of open space (picnic and recreational area) by the public. However, the workplace exposure standards do not consider exposure to children or those non-workers who might be more vulnerable to exposure.

Soil asbestos investigation criteria is available to determine whether contaminated land should be subject to remediation. A target concentration of asbestos in air of less than 0.1 fibres per millilitre (f/mL) is generally used to set investigation criteria, consistent with workplace exposure standards (NOHSC 1995). It has been shown that asbestos concentration in air is unlikely to occur above 0.1 f/mL where 5 mg/m<sup>3</sup> of respirable dust is generated from dry soil containing 0.001 percent asbestos. These findings are used to guide the soil investigation criteria

enHealth (2005) recommends a limit of 0.001 percent by weight asbestos in soil, to control airborne asbestos to a level that is considered 'acceptable risk' by public health authorities (a lifetime incremental cancer mortality of 10<sup>-6</sup> to 10<sup>-5</sup> in the exposed population). WADOH (2009) reviewed research by Swartjes and Tromp (2008) to develop a limit of 0.02 percent by weight of asbestos-containing materials (ACM) for 'parks, public open spaces, playing fields, etc'. However, WADOH has accepted the limit of 0.001 percent by weight asbestos criteria for fibrous asbestos and asbestos fines, consistent with the ehHealth investigation criteria.

Asbestos cement sheet contains about 15 percent by weight asbestos. The fragments the might be recovered from soil sampling and a visual screening process could be used to determine the weight percentage of asbestos in soil; however, this result would not include asbestos fibres that may have been liberated from the cement sheet matrix which are not detectable in a visual screening process.

### *Risk analysis*

The risk of exposure to the public at this site is currently informed by the discovery of a single fragment of asbestos cement sheet. If the WADOH (2009) investigation criteria of 0.02 percent by weight of ACM is adopted for public open space, and we accept a calculation by 'Pickford (2001)' (referenced in Parsons Brinckerhoff 2008):

*'...soil or aggregate of one square metre horizontal area and one metre deep could contain 167 asbestos-cement pieces, 40 x 40 x 6 mm, yet still only contain 0.001% of asbestos by weight',*

then, a one cubic metre area of the subject open space would have to contain about 20 times the 167 pieces to reach the 0.02 percent by weight investigation criteria, or about 3,300 asbestos-cement pieces in one cubic metre of soil exposed at the surface of the ground. This does not account for loose asbestos fibres that may also be present in the soil from decomposition and weathering of asbestos fragments.

Although the calculation has not been independently verified by weighing samples of asbestos cement sheet, it suggests that a very large quantity of asbestos would have to be present in the soil to present a potential exposure risk to workers or the public. Only a sampling program to visually screen the soils and quantify the amount of asbestos present would enable the risk to be characterised.

### **Objectives for control strategy**

The objective for control of asbestos on the former demolition site, now public open space, is to achieve a standard of no visible asbestos on the site. The selected control strategy should result in a very low likelihood of asbestos fragments being discovered by the public. In doing so, the risk of airborne asbestos fibres is expected to be below the exposure standards generally accepted by health authorities, and below any background levels of airborne asbestos from other potential sources at this site.

The hierarchy of control strategies for asbestos is (NOHSC 2005a):

1. Elimination or removal of asbestos-containing material and fibres, which is the most preferred control strategy;
2. Isolation, enclosure or sealing of the asbestos in-situ;
3. Engineering controls to prevent release or exposure;
4. Safe work practices to avoid encountering the asbestos, based on administrative controls; and
5. Personal protective equipment, which is the least preferred control strategy.

## **Recommended control options for consideration by the Council**

The options for controlling the exposure of Council workers and the public are discussed in terms of the hierarchy of control strategies. These are presented for consideration by the Huon Valley Council to reduce potential health risks to acceptably low levels, and to address the objective of no visible asbestos on the site. The selection of control strategies that do not include removal of the contamination may require consultation to meet the expectations of stakeholders.

### *Elimination (most preferred control strategy)*

Removal of the contaminated soil will require further investigation to determine the areal extent and depth of contaminated soils. Delineation of the demolition and fill material by visual examination of test pits will be the most cost effective means of determining the volume of material to be removed and disposed of as hazardous waste (under license by environmental authorities). Elimination of the contaminated soils is a final solution, not requiring any of the other control strategies that might otherwise be used.

The removal of contaminated soils must be managed under strict procedures and using specialised equipment to prevent exposure to workers and the dispersion of asbestos from the job site into the air. Monitoring of the job site will be necessary to verify compliance with occupational exposure standards. Planning for such a project must refer to relevant NOHSC publications (NOHSC 1995, 2005a and 2005b), the Tasmanian Workplace Health and Safety Regulations (1998). The procedures should also be developed using the advice contained in enHealth (2005) and WADOH (2009).

### *Sealing of the asbestos in situ*

The covering of the site with gravel and red metal dust will continue to prevent fragments of asbestos cement sheet from appearing at the surface, as long as the cover materials are carefully placed to avoid mixing with asbestos-contaminated soils. Imported soils should be tested for evidence of contamination (if necessary) to verify that any background levels of heavy metals and chemical compounds are below the accepted investigation levels for public open space.

Loose gravel may shift over time, requiring maintenance and re-compaction to prevent movement of lower density asbestos fragments to the surface where they may be discovered by public users of the area. A prescribed maintenance plan is necessary

An additional barrier of vegetation (eg grasses, landscaping) is recommended to provide a compatible top seal on the area for public open space use. The irrigation and maintenance of vegetation will be necessary to ensure that root systems bind and stabilise the soils used to cover the site.

Sealing of the asbestos in situ also requires engineering controls and administrative arrangements, as described below.

### *Engineering controls to prevent release or exposure*

The erection of barriers to vehicular traffic on the area of contamination will prevent the area from being scoured by tyres and eroding to reveal asbestos fragments below the uncontaminated soils used to cover and seal the asbestos below ground level.

Reticulation and automated irrigation of any vegetation established on the property will make this type of cover material an effective long-term barrier.

### *Administrative arrangements to avoid accidentally encountering asbestos*

On-site containment of asbestos through sealing it in situ, and using appropriate engineering controls to prevent degradation of the sealed surface should only proceed if the subsurface contamination is appropriately recorded in land title, planning and maintenance records for the property. These records and administrative controls to prevent accidental exposure must be enforceable.

An example of enforceable administrative controls is a permit to work system for any land disturbance on the property, which considers the need for dust suppression and PPE with regard to exposure to asbestos-contaminated soils.

### *Personal protective equipment (PPE)*

The use of PPE is clearly not applicable to public users of the site. Other controls must be adopted to prevent exposure of workers to asbestos-containing materials as described above.

Council workers and contractors, however, should always consider the need for appropriate PPE when maintaining or developing the property where land disturbance is being contemplated. Guidance for appropriate PPE can be found in the Code of Practice for the Management and Control of Asbestos in Workplaces (NOHSC 2005a).

## **Conclusions**

The advice presented here is based on information provided by Mike Dowling Industrial and Mike Curtain, Occupational Hygienist (Attachment 1). E-Systems has not inspected the subject property and advice presented here is subject to clarification pending further investigation of the circumstances of reported asbestos soil contamination.

Respectfully submitted,

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## FRANKLIN FOOTBALL OVAL PICNIC SITE

### ASBESTOS CEMENT SHEET CONTAMINATION

#### 1.0 INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 A number of Codes and Guidelines have been published over the years for Controlling Asbestos Hazards.
- 1.2 The last amendment issued by the National Occupational Health and Safety Commission was in 2005. It consisted of three parts, and was titled The Code of Practice for the Management and Control of Asbestos.
- 1.3 The Workplace Health and Safety Regulations, 1998, Division—9 Asbestos outlines the regulatory requirements.
- 1.4 The Code of Practice sets out the steps to be taken to eliminate or otherwise minimise the risk of exposure to airborne asbestos fibres, including the identification of asbestos, risk assessments and the implementation of control measures.

#### 2.0 BACKGROUND

- 2.1 The Huon Valley Council demolished the Franklin Football Oval Clubrooms during 2009.
- 2.2 The Council covered the site with gravel, road base, that was graded at various Depths from 600 mm to 1.8 m.
- 2.3 A layer of 'scalpel' ( red dust) was spread and made firm over the gravel.
- 2.4 The area was converted to a picnic area, for use by the community and tourists.
- 2.5 Unbeknown to the Council, the original building contained asbestos cement ( AC) sheeting. When the building was demolished fragments of the AC sheeting were dispersed throughout the gravel and red dust. Some small pieces were found on the surface.

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2.6 Following complaints of asbestos contamination, from one resident in particular, an inspection of the area was conducted on the 11 September 2009. The inspection revealed only several small fragments of AC sheet, these were collected for analyses.

### 3.0 EVALUATION AND RISK ASSESSMENT

3.1 At present the risk to the public's health is very low, due to the very small concentration of AC fragments on the surface. In addition, the asbestos fibres are fixed in a matrix of cement and are not airborne.

3.2 The concentration of airborne asbestos fibre is virtually negligible and the likelihood of exposure is correspondingly very low.

3.3 The health effects of airborne asbestos have been well documented and there are a number of consistent findings including :

- the risk of acquiring each type of disease is dose related, ie the higher the concentration of dust and the longer the exposure the greater the chance of developing an asbestos related disease.

3.4 The background concentration of airborne asbestos fibre in the Main Street of Huonville would be higher than that at the Franklin Picnic area.

### 4.0 REVIEW

4.1 Although the Risk Assessment indicates that the health effects are low it would be prudent, considering it is to be used as a public facility, including children, to implement Control Measures.

### 5.0 CONTROL MEASURES

5.1 Scrape off approximately 100 mm of the "Red Dust". Load onto a truck and dump it at a designated, licensed tip. Inspect the scraped section to determine the amount of asbestos cement fragments remaining. Recover the surface with a fresh lot of "Red Dust" to 100mm.

5.2 Alternatively, if there is enough room, add 100 mm of "Red Dust" over the existing "Scalpel" and roll it firm.

5.3 In time the covered AC sheet fragments will soften and probably loosen from the Cement matrix.

5.4 Survey the site and record it as a designated asbestos area that is not to be disturbed.

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## 6.0 RESPONSIBILITIES

- 6.1 The Huon Valley Council has the duty of care for the site.
- 6.2 The Council must develop and implement an asbestos management plan
- 6.3 Inspect the site frequently.
- 6.4 Develop and maintain an asbestos register.
- 6.5 Prevent access by undesirable persons, particularly in cars at night, by erecting a boom gate.
- 6.6 Inform workers or contractors who may be required to work in the area.
- 6.7 Inform Council employees of the health risks of asbestos.

## 7.0 CONCLUSION

- 7.1 As mentioned the site contains fragmented AC sheet. The risk to cause any adverse health effects is very low.
- 7.2 However, considering the picnic area will be used by people from the community and tourists, particularly children, every effort must be made to completely cover the area.
- 7.3 The Huon Valley Council must develop a Management Plan for the site.
- 7.4 Survey details should also be lodged with the Department of Environment.



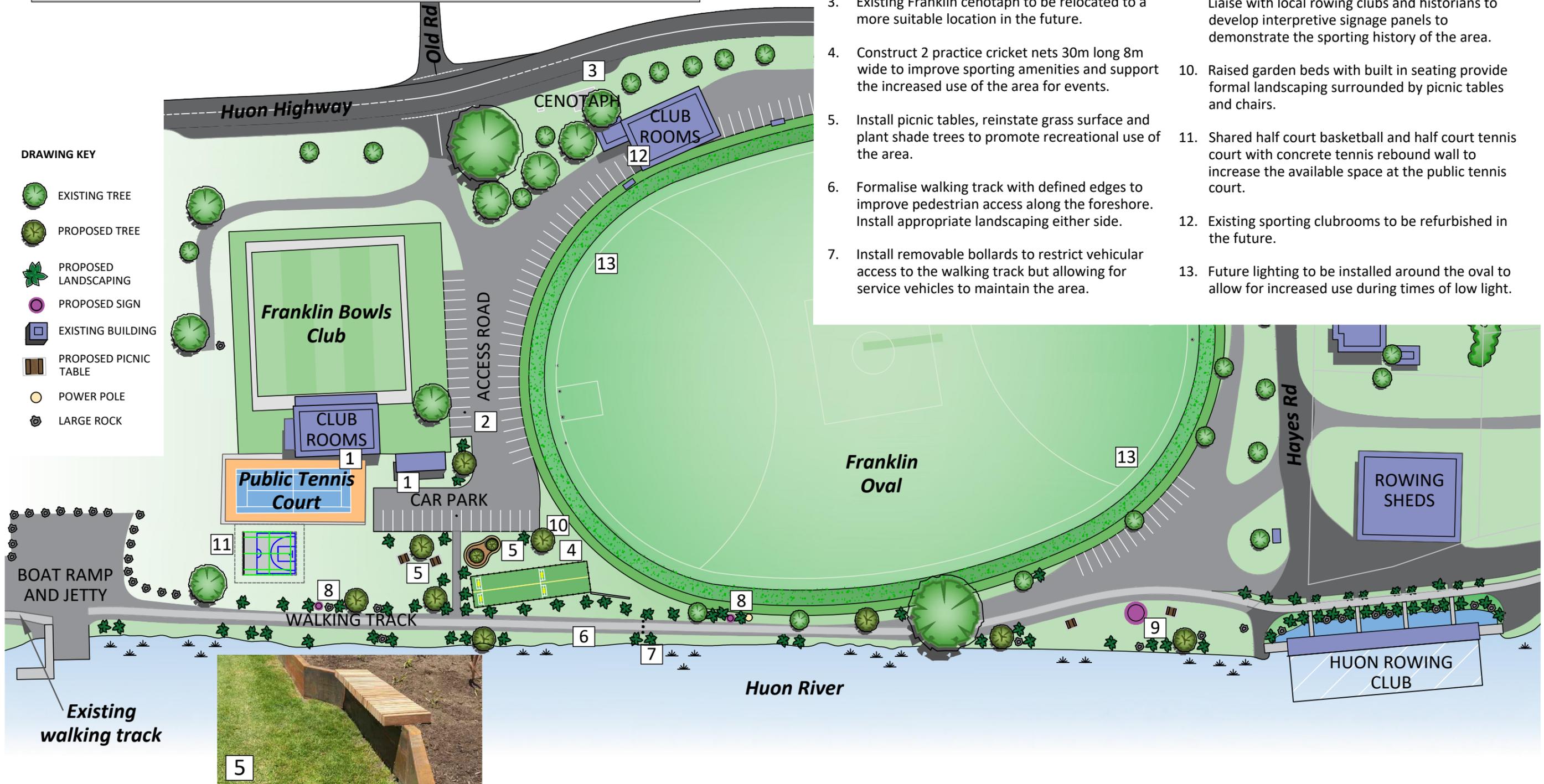
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**OVERALL DESIGN INTENT**

The Franklin foreshore area has been a focal point for rowing, cricket, football, cycling and other sports since the 1800s and is strongly linked with the early history of Franklin's settlement and the development of the Huon Valley.

- Promote the use of the Franklin foreshore area and support measures to increase community access to the foreshore creating a sporting precinct that can be enjoyed by the community.
- Improve pedestrian access from the existing walking track to the Franklin oval.
- Promote the area for event use including improvement of landscape amenity and facilities along the foreshore.
- Retain areas of established vegetation and ensure placement of new landscaping is consistent with existing use of the area and utilise indigenous species to the benefit of the long term health of the Franklin foreshore area.

- DRAWING KEY**
- EXISTING TREE
  - PROPOSED TREE
  - PROPOSED LANDSCAPING
  - PROPOSED SIGN
  - EXISTING BUILDING
  - PROPOSED PICNIC TABLE
  - POWER POLE
  - LARGE ROCK



1. Improve the visual amenity of the area by painting elements of the Tennis club rooms facing the walking track.
2. Improve vehicle control by defining existing car parking areas around the Bowls and Tennis Club and restrict public vehicle access to the foreshore.
3. Existing Franklin cenotaph to be relocated to a more suitable location in the future.
4. Construct 2 practice cricket nets 30m long 8m wide to improve sporting amenities and support the increased use of the area for events.
5. Install picnic tables, reinstate grass surface and plant shade trees to promote recreational use of the area.
6. Formalise walking track with defined edges to improve pedestrian access along the foreshore. Install appropriate landscaping either side.
7. Install removable bollards to restrict vehicular access to the walking track but allowing for service vehicles to maintain the area.
8. Interpretive signage to highlight the history of Franklin's cycling velodrome, football and cricket achievements. Liaise with the local clubs to gather information, images and stories that demonstrate the history of the area.
9. Install statue or interpretive sign celebrating the prolific rowing success that Franklin has fostered. Liaise with local rowing clubs and historians to develop interpretive signage panels to demonstrate the sporting history of the area.
10. Raised garden beds with built in seating provide formal landscaping surrounded by picnic tables and chairs.
11. Shared half court basketball and half court tennis court with concrete tennis rebound wall to increase the available space at the public tennis court.
12. Existing sporting clubrooms to be refurbished in the future.
13. Future lighting to be installed around the oval to allow for increased use during times of low light.

**REVISED PLAN  
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# Sporting Precinct Franklin Master Plan Stage 3

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