



# FOSTER RECREATION PARK



## MASTER PLAN

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# 1. executive summary

The Foster Recreation Park (FRP) will be the largest sport and recreation park in the Selwyn District and when combined with the proposed MoE's new Selwyn High School of 1,750 students will be one of the most comprehensive sites for young peoples education, active sport and recreation and community activity in New Zealand. The Spaces and Places Plan for Sport and Recreation in Greater Christchurch identified FRP as the "district hub" for Selwyn within the wider network of major destinations in the region.

Selwyn District is recognised for its phenomenal growth post 2010 Christchurch earthquake and this brings unprecedented opportunities for an integrated project on this park. Selwyn District Council (SDC) had identified in its structure plan the potential for the development of this area and has begun the process with the provision of an Aquatic Centre that will act as the anchor project for further development.

All stakeholders in this project, SDC, MoE, sport clubs, residents, community and social groups recognise the potential of a partnership approach. Most have made submissions or started planning processes that recommend partnership models. There is an opportunity for a fully integrated greenfield solution for education, community, school and open space provision. This approach to partnerships, synergies and efficiencies will provide a large variety of facilities on the ground and many potential user groups across those facilities. Such developments need not be compromise solutions but have the potential to provide higher quality buildings, infrastructure and services than would have been possible even five years ago.

This Master Plan details the preferred location of a comprehensive range of educational, sport, recreation, community and commercial opportunities. The ideas that guide the approach are summarised as:

- The need to build excitement by clustering education, sport and recreation activities together in two locations on the park.
- The need to reaffirm the value of joint and shared provision to enable sustainable and higher than average quality and quantity of sport, recreation and community facilities.
- Celebrating integrated and inclusive decision making/space allocation models that maximise the use of sport and recreation spaces for community and education purposes.
- The opportunity to balance the park as a whole with high quality sport and recreation infrastructure and equally high quality natural settings.



## 2. vision

In setting a vision for Foster Recreation Park, Council recognises a series of critical success factors and objectives.

‘Foster Recreation Park is recognised as an exceptional site for integrated provision of high school, community and club based sport and recreation in higher quality shared spaces within the bounds of a beautiful natural setting’.

### Achieving the Vision

- Reliable** – quality sports surfaces and ancillary facilities are always available to meet demand.
- Comprehensive** – facilities are of a higher standard to those provided in silo models (independent MoE or Council solutions)
- Efficient** – development decisions are based on sound economic analysis of available options and on-going sustainability is connected to appropriate and modern governance and management practices
- Adaptable** – where practical, facilities are multi-use, integrated and can be adapted to new modes of use
- Responsible** – development is sensitive and well integrated with the surrounding community, landscape and natural environment.
- Responsive** – operational activity is integrated through a single booking system meeting the needs of the key stakeholders as a priority regardless of time of the day
- Accessible** – access to and within the venue is efficient, effective and inviting
- Governable** – reflects the need for a shared vision, monitoring systems and continuous stakeholder involvement

## Objectives

### Objectives to be achieved through the Master Plan

Objectives categorised by:    **A) Use**                      **B) Design**                      **C) Money**                      **D) Operation**

- A1.** To focus on an integrated approach to provision making simultaneous use of any of the sport and recreation spaces (1) possible with different change amenity and in some cases entry areas for Education and Community users.
- A2.** To allocate Community and Education use of sport and recreation space 7 days a week and throughout appropriate hours of each day reflecting evident need and contribution towards capital and operating costs.
- A3.** To ensure exclusive use of any or all of the sport and recreation spaces is possible during some use times for Education, High Performance Sport, Community Sport and Recreation or Special Needs Groups
- A4.** To provide an integrated pathway between school and club sport and recreation participation opportunities with all facilities available at different times.
- B1.** To design so that sport and recreation spaces are flexible, adaptable and amenable to new formats (modes of participation/activity).
- B2.** To support through design and land allocation the research that indicates successful sport and recreation provision occurs in locations that are visible (2) and perceived to be publicly accessible (3).
- B3.** To strengthen and formally link FRP with other parts of Rolleston and make it possible to complete circuits for a range of multi-sport, recreational and social activities.
- B4.** Minimise impacts of noise and visual pollution between sport and recreation space and other functional spaces, including teaching and learning and administrative management areas.
- C1.** To provide cost recovery on expensive sport and recreation infrastructure by utilising it to its maximum potential on behalf of tax payers, rate payers and fee paying users.
- C2.** To create pay-to-play and other net surplus generating activity where possible in any or all of the sport and recreation spaces to offset costs.
- D1.** To create a single entity charged with the Governance and Operation of the Sport and Recreation Spaces at Foster Recreation Park owned by Selwyn District Council (SDC).
- D2.** Where it meets the objective of improved delivery of Educational Outcomes or improved delivery of Community outcomes staff expertise should be shared.
- D3.** To provide a single integrated booking system operating to an agreed, (monitored and moderated) set of booking principles that meet the needs of Community stakeholders that maximises appropriate utilisation of sport and recreation space.

(1) Definition: Sport and Recreation Space refers to playing fields, swimming pools, hard courts, indoor courts, play areas, fitness areas etc

(2) The more visible sport activity is to those moving near these spaces the more attractive that sport and recreation is to others

(3) Sport New Zealand research points to the need for “perceived” separation of High School and Community in relation to the ability to use facilities. The School and the Community need to feel comfortable they have a right to use spaces. Visibility has been correlated with reduced vandalism.

## 3. principles

- Successful sport and recreation provision occurs in locations that are highly visible (4) and perceived to be publicly accessible (5)
- Simultaneous/ concurrent use of sport and recreation spaces (6) should be possible with different change and access points for Education and Community Users
- Exclusive use of any or all of the sport and recreation spaces should be potentially possible for Education, High Performance Sport, Community Sport and Recreation or Special Groups
- Quality sport and recreation space is in high demand and it is expensive to build and maintain. It is therefore imperative that it is utilised to its maximum potential
- Use of sport and recreation space is dynamic and change is the norm (i.e. has traditional and new forms of use); spaces created need to be flexible, adaptable and amenable to new formats (modes of participation/activity)
- Community and Education use of shared sport and recreation space should be possible 7 days a week and throughout appropriate hours of each day by all users
- Intelligent management will understand that people will avoid peak periods of programmed use as they determine their sport/recreation/extra curricular needs based on their lifestyles
- A single integrated booking system operating to an agreed, (monitored and moderated) set of booking principles that meet the needs of Community stakeholders is the best model to ensure maximum appropriate utilisation of sport and recreation space
- Integrated and seamless pathways between school sport and recreation participation and community sport and recreation club participation should be a feature of the development on Foster Recreation Park
- A single entity charged with the Governance and Operation of the Sport and Recreation Spaces at Foster Recreation Park will be owned (but not be controlled on a day by day basis) by Selwyn District Council (Rate Payers) and shall work to meet the needs of its owners in an integrated and inclusive way
- Where it meets the objective of improved delivery of Educational Outcomes or improved delivery of Community outcomes school and Park entity staff expertise and effort should be shared
- There is potential for pay-to-play revenue generating activity in any or all of the sport and recreation spaces on the Park when these spaces are available. There is an expectation that the single entity Governance structure will work to increase the revenue base from a range of fee paying user groups and apply these funds toward reducing direct operating costs (and related charge to users), contributing to depreciation, repair and expansion (7) of sport and recreation spaces (8)
- A single entity charged with the Governance and Operation of the Sport and Recreation Spaces at Foster Recreation Park will work to meet the needs of its members in an integrated and inclusive way
- New capacity is to be operational at Foster Recreation Park before existing capacity at other reserves is converted or reallocated to new uses or users

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(7) Future proofing key sites (Fitness Centres, League areas) by making them big enough will bring revenues that can be contributed as per the principles

(8) Sport New Zealand research found that Revenue generating potential was linked to the quality and type of management and governance applied

## Foster Recreation Park Master Plan

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## 4. the master plan

A master plan provides a framework for how a particular site or area should be developed. It is an evolving, long term plan intended to guide development.

Master planning provides a structured approach and framework to a wide range of what are often complex issues. To remain viable a master plan has to be dynamic and have a degree of flexibility because it needs to be able to respond to change as well as guide it. However, each change has to be carefully evaluated on its merits and any changes that are adopted should not affect the overall integrity of the master plan.

There are three primary benefits for the Selwyn District Council adopting a master plan for Foster Recreation Park:

1. It provides a consistency in decision making;

2. It gives ability to make informed decisions rather than ad hoc ones;

3. It achieves predictability in that stakeholders can plan with confidence knowing that a site or area will be developed in a particular way.

The Foster Recreation Park (FRP) Master Plan is the result of 12 months of investigation, meetings and discussions that started in August 2012. These investigations considered the existing facilities currently at FRP, its relationship to the neighbouring land uses and activities, and a comprehensive assessment of user needs and demands. Consultation on the draft FRP Master Plan occurred in September and October 2013 with a hearing session held in early December 2013. All submissions received have been considered and integrated into the final plan as appropriate. A summary of submissions received and how these have been dealt with in the plan is inserted as Appendix 2. The Master Plan describes and illustrates how FRP should be developed over the next 20+ years, including the location of playing fields and infrastructure to accommodate both existing and new users.

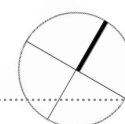
The concept revolves around the sharing of facilities and recognising that FRP has the potential to be 'more than a sports park' through provision of facilities and infrastructure for passive and active recreation. The overall concept is based on a series of separate but interrelated 'sports hubs', which are linked together by a network of multi-use pedestrian walkways and cycleways. The layout as illustrated shows FRP at the end of this development phase.

This document describes the investigations that helped to formulate the master plan and the rationale behind the decisions made.

Much of the needs analysis information is summarised in a series of annotated plans and accompanying commentary with background information and reports included as a supporting document.

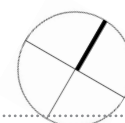
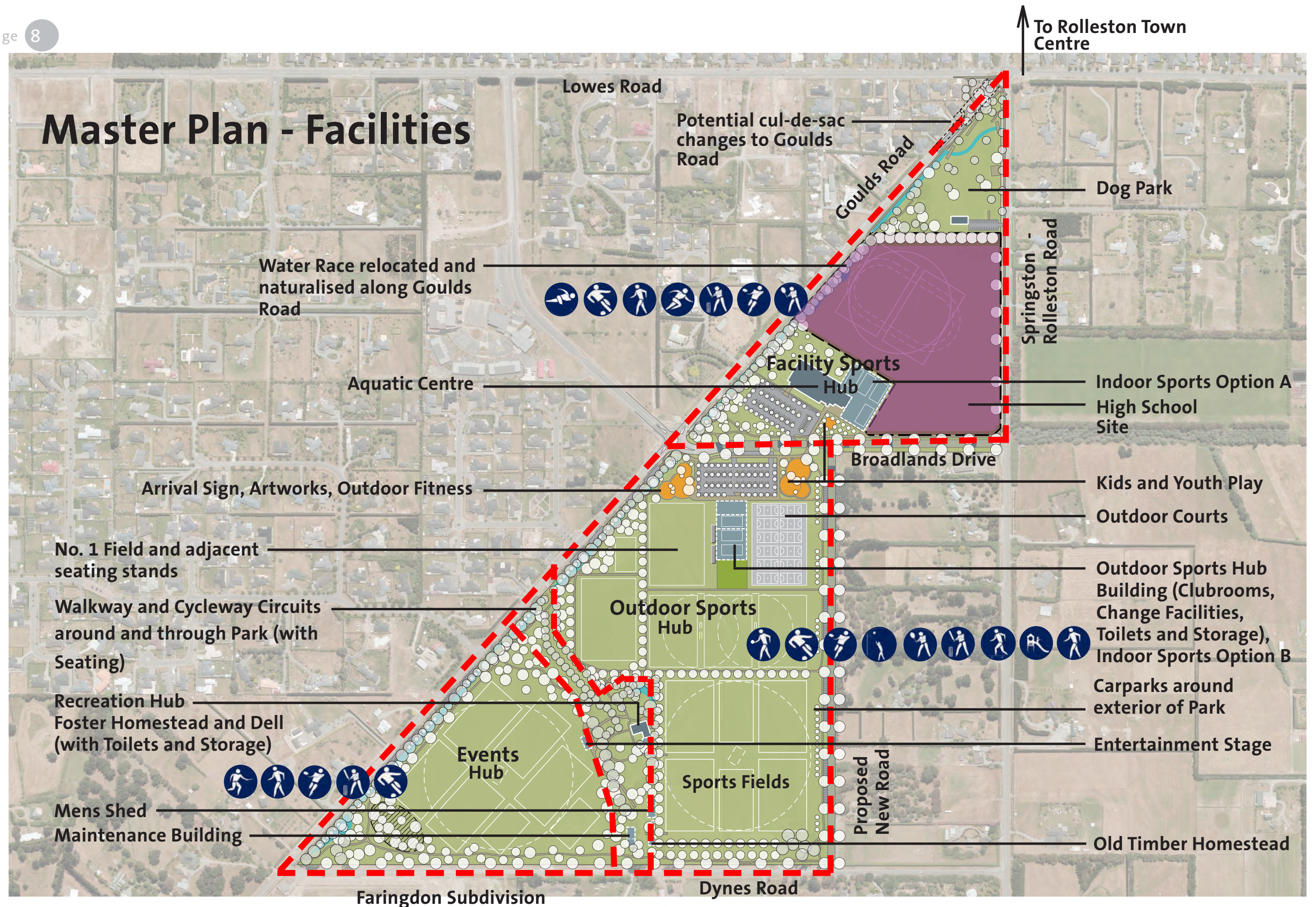


# Master Plan





# Master Plan - Facilities





# 5. core elements

The proposed development involves the following core elements:

- Creation of Four Sports Hubs
- Facilities for Sport and Recreation
- Strong Access and Connections
- Maximising Opportunities for Passive Recreation
- Low Impact Design
- An Improved Aesthetic
- A Place in History
- Subdivisions on boundaries of Park

## Creation of Four Sports Hubs

- Developing two interrelated 'sports hubs' at northern end of FRP and two hubs ('event and recreation') located to the SW of the site. All four hubs have good access by vehicle, by cycle and by foot. The hubs will be linked by a network of pedestrian and cycle paths. Parking will reflect the nature of anticipated visitor flows at each hub.

## Facilities for Sport and Recreation

- Providing governance and infrastructure based on partnership and shared use of facilities (the 'sports partnership' concept broadened to include other community organisations);
- FRP as a major recreation destination by incorporating facilities that promote and enhance the use of the park by the wider community including people with disabilities
- (e.g. playgrounds, café, walking and cycle tracks, interpretation);
- Developing and managing facilities that meet the needs of users;
- A Recreation Hub centrally located in the established tree area based on the Foster home and garden.

## Strong Access and Connections

- Developing strong connections from other parts of Rolleston, especially the Town Centre to access Foster Recreation Park on all of its boundaries and providing access through the park;
- Creating a well designed, hierarchical and safe network of walking tracks, shared walkways and cycleways throughout the park that are well signposted;
- Providing cycleways within the Park, is an important option for safe off-road cycling for family recreation, especially with children learning to ride;
- Developing car parking that functions effectively in times of both peak and low use;
- Making Broadlands Drive safer for park users by calming traffic and providing well defined pedestrian crossing points;
- Accommodating and encouraging cycle use through provision of bike stands and secure short term cycle storage;
- Providing a start and finish point for multi-sport events at the sports hub, reaching out into the community and looping back into the park;
- Ensuring the road planned for the eastern boundary to connect Dynes Road and Broadlands Drive is designed as a 'slow road' and caters for safe cycling and pedestrian access separated from the road carriageway.

## A Place in History

- Ensuring that the historic, social and open space values of the area are appropriately recognised.

## Low Impact Design

- Integrating low impact environmental design measures throughout the park;
- Recognising the value of existing watercourse by realigning and restoring it to improve its ecological functioning and creating a more 'natural' appearance;

## An Improved Aesthetic

- Adopting a range of robust, well designed and easily maintained park furniture (e.g. seats, signs, bollards, fences and barriers, cycle stands, drinking fountains, etc);
- Engaging suitably qualified and experienced designers for all buildings and facilities;
- Developing a tree planting framework for the park through a vegetation planting and management strategy.
- A design manual will be developed to guide development decisions into the future.

## Subdivisions on boundaries of Park

- Configuring the layout and design of eastern sub-division so there are mutual benefits for residents and park users;
- Creating good physical and visual linkages between the surrounding sub-divisions and the park;
- Recognising the increase in saleable value of allotments immediately adjoining the eastern boundary through good urban design;
- The road planned for the eastern boundary is designed to create a safe environment for park users including cyclists/pedestrians, and considers reducing the number of direct access points from the residences.

## Maximising Opportunities for Passive Recreation

- Catering for a range of users other than organised sports codes through provision of recreation facilities for casual / informal users (e.g. play, tennis, 3 on 3 basketball, shooting hoops, etc);
- Provision of high quality sheltered Picnic and BBQ areas;
- Provision for runners, walkers, cyclists, dog exercise, and children's play through development of suitable areas and facilities;
- Ensuring the design of all areas and facilities adhere to CPTED principles (Crime Prevention through Environmental Design)

# Foster Recreation Park



## 6. context

### Planning Context

Selwyn District is currently the fastest growing district in New Zealand and Rolleston is one of the key growth towns that have transitioned from a small rural town to a populous Township with a more urban character. Currently Rolleston has a population of around 8,000 and this is expected to more than double over the next two decades. There is presently significant growth pressure on Rolleston as a result of the earthquakes effects on population displacement from Christchurch. These changes are placing pressure on existing community facilities such as the Rolleston Community Centre, Rolleston Library and reserve areas. There is a need to provide additional space to meet recreational needs both now and into the future.

The provision of large tracts of public open space as venues for organised sports, active and passive recreation activities and community facilities is a key element for the Council in meeting the social, cultural and environmental well-beings for its communities. In the mid-2000s Council recognised the need to plan for further establishment of a major 'hub' park to consolidate sports and recreation activities to a large area to service community needs.

The Rolleston Structure Plan (RSP) was developed in 2009 in response to Rolleston's accelerated and sustained growth (as indicated in the Greater Christchurch Urban Development Strategy). The RSP provides guidance for a planned and sustainable growth model to meet community aspirations for the future. The "hub park" concept from the Rolleston Sport Field Allocation Plan was incorporated into the RSP and re-branded as a "Recreation Precinct". The site indicated for this precinct was consistent with the location identified in the 'Rolleston Sport Field Allocation Plan', with a total area of 42 ha. The concept of the recreation precinct is to consolidate indoor and outdoor sports facilities onto a centrally positioned site including an indoor pool, indoor stadium, sports club headquarters, community park, sports fields and outdoor courts. It was also intended as the potential location for a High School.

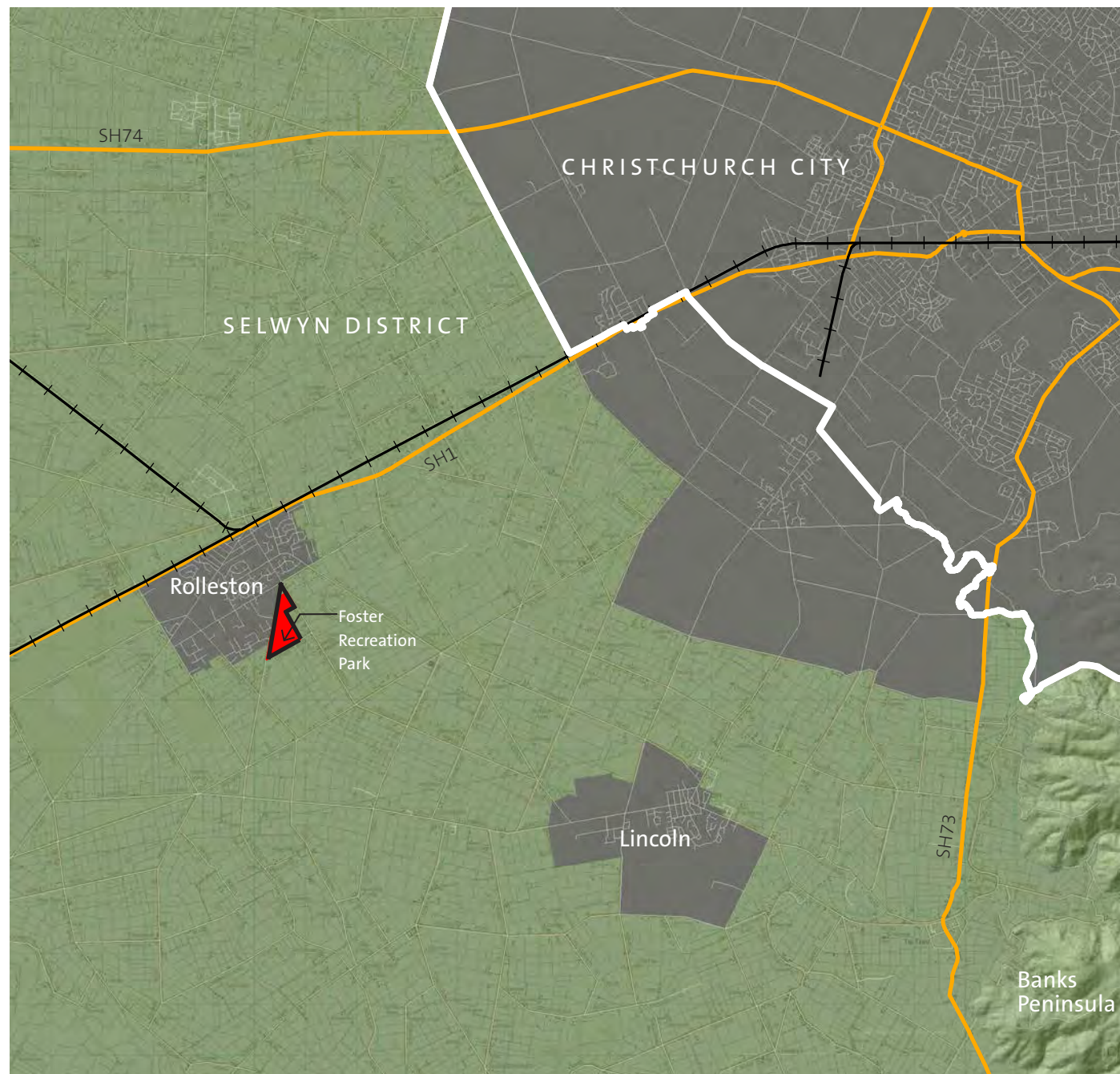
The additional land (33 ha) to comprise the full area of Foster Recreation Park was purchased in 2010. The first stage of development for the precinct has included the construction of the Selwyn Aquatic Centre which has recently been completed.

A Notice of Requirement to designate the site for recreation purposes was approved by Council in 2011. This provided the planning framework for Council to continue with the staged development of the site.

In order to provide guidance and direction for the planning and development of recreation precinct a steering group has been established which is comprised of local community representatives and staff advisers.

Recently, the Canterbury Earthquake Recovery Authority (CERA) released the Draft Land Use Recovery Plan (LURP). The Draft LURP "looks at the impacts of the earthquakes on residential and business land use, and provides a pathway for the transition from rebuild to longer term planning" in Canterbury. In this document, proposed changes to the Selwyn District Plan are outlined including many within Rolleston. 13 outline development areas for Rolleston are located as part of Action 18 of the Draft LURP (Refer to plan on Page 12).

As part of the earthquake recovery the 'Spaces, Places and People: A Sport and Recreation Recovery Programme for Greater Christchurch' has been prepared. This plan was produced collaboratively by partner organisations (CERA, Sport NZ, Sport Canterbury, Selwyn District Council, Christchurch City Council and Waimakariri District Council). Spaces, Places and People identifies the provision of a hub park for sports and recreation in Rolleston.



Location Map - Satellite Towns of Christchurch



## Site Context

Foster Recreation Park is located to the south of Rolleston Town Centre and is comprised of two large triangles or wedges of Rural land totalling 42 Hectares. The northern tip of Foster Recreation Park is a short walking distance from Rolleston Town centre.

The northern triangle of land (12 Hectares) is bounded by Goulds Road to the west, Springston - Rolleston Road to the east and Broadlands Drive to the south. Currently, Fosters Dog Park is located to the very north of the site in 2 Hectares. The Dog Park is largely grassed with some mature specimen trees scattered mainly to the west of the site. Water races are presently situated along the eastern side of both Goulds Road, and Springston - Rolleston Road. The water race has been directed through the Dog Park at the North of the site. To the south-west corner of the northern triangle, the Aquatic Centre and carpark recently been constructed and opened to the public (24 June 2013).

To the east of the Aquatic Centre, plans for a Secondary School are currently being developed. About 200m to the west of the Aquatic Centre, across the Goulds Road/Broadlands Drive roundabout, is located Clearview Primary School. These two schools are potential high users of the wider Foster Recreation Park into the future.



Original Proposal 2011 - Notice of Requirement Rolleston Recreation Reserve

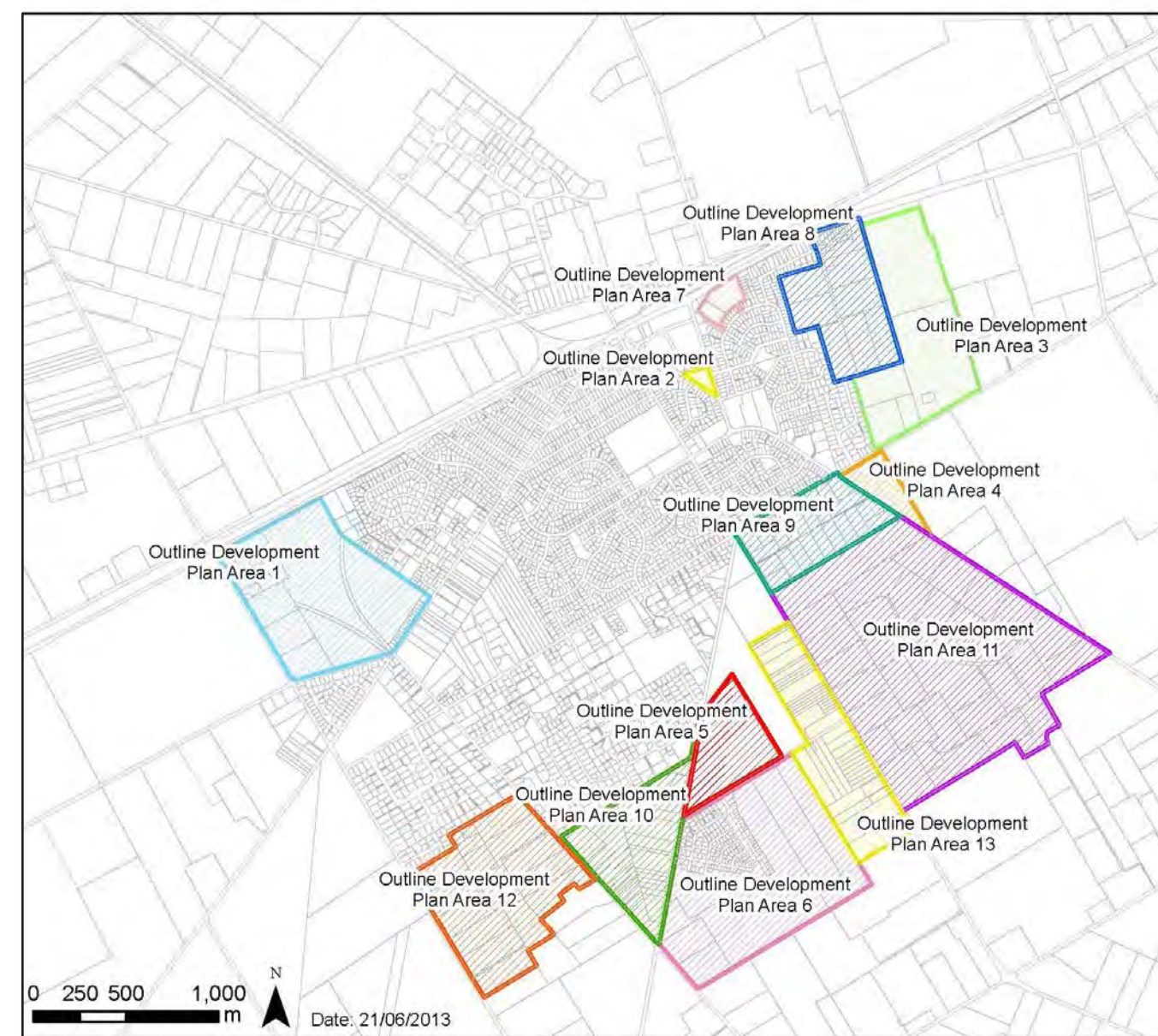
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The southern wedge of land (30 Hectares) is bounded by Goulds Road to the west, Dynes Road to the south, Broadland Drive to the north and a future road yet to be built to the west of existing lifestyle blocks or small farmlets. The character of the site is presently rural, however subdivisions such as Faringdon to the south of the site, Sheralea and Goulds Green subdivisions to the west of the site, and Helpet Park subdivision to the east are quickly changing the surrounding character to residential. Many mature existing trees (mainly Eucalyptus) are present around the exterior of the site, especially along the Goulds Road boundary.

Much of the site is presently open grassland (former working farmland). However, a feature of the site is the area around the Foster Farm Homestead. Many mature deciduous and evergreen specimen trees grace open grassed areas. A waterway weaves through this section of the site, and passes an attractive wetland pond. The Homestead is a modern brick building with a shingle driveway and ample shelter.



Site Context - Draft Land Use Recovery Plan appendix 6 image - Rolleston Outline Development Plan Areas (2013)



Parks Context

Presently organised sports are carried out at the following Council Reserves within Rolleston or in close proximity:

- Brookside Park- the current venue for football and cricket.
- Rolleston Reserve - the current venue for rugby, touch, tennis, softball and netball, as well as many other passive recreation activities.
- Weedons Reserve - the current venue for premier cricket, tennis and golf.

All of these reserves are experiencing severe pressure on finite capacity from increasing demand driven by population growth.



Current use of Sports Parks within the Rolleston Area

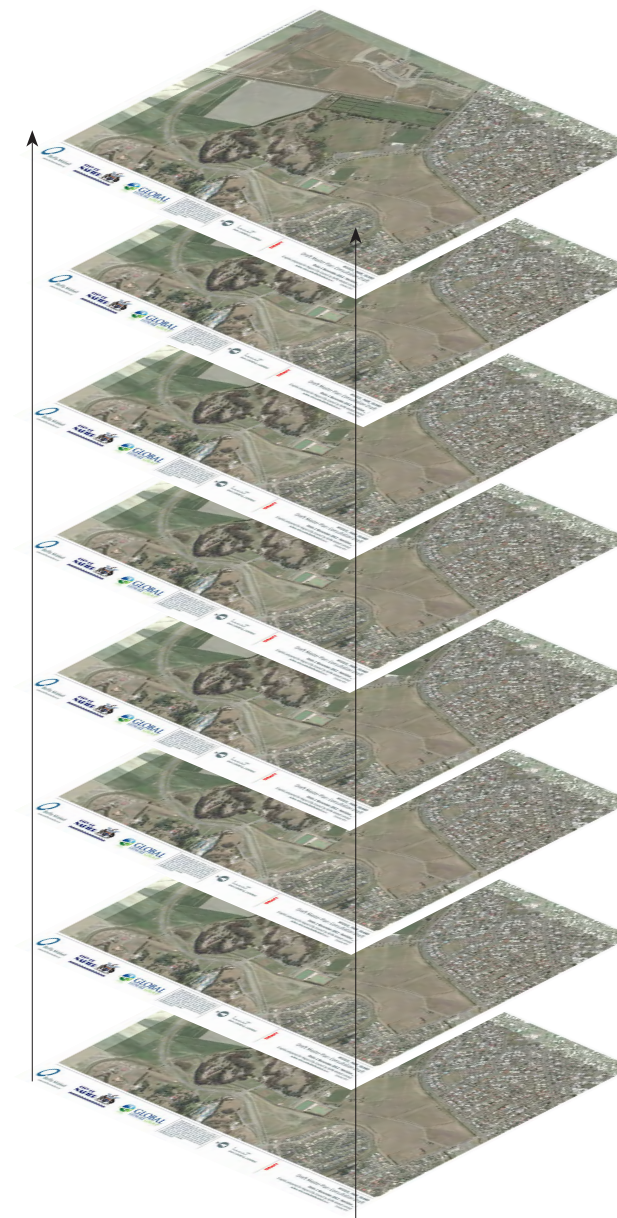




View of site looking North to the Aquatic Centre (background)

## 7. site analysis

An understanding of the existing environment, site constraints and opportunities is a starting point for formulating a master plan. The aspects that were assessed and taken into account were:



Zoning and land ownership

Topography

Roads and infrastructure

Buildings and structures

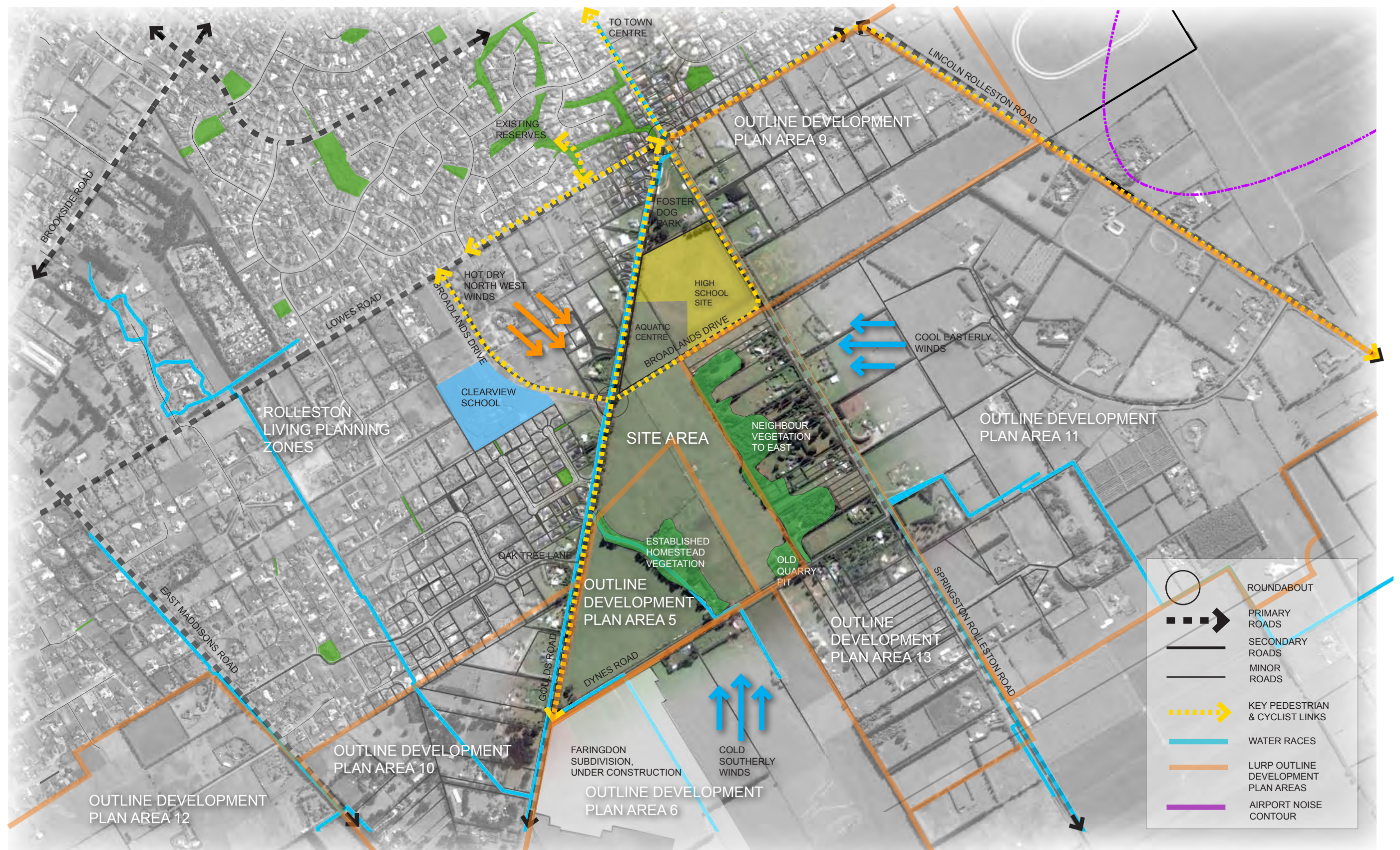
Waterways and drainage

Site features

Winds and shelter

Vegetation patterns and composition





Site Analysis of the Proposed Foster Recreation Park Site and its context

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## 8. opportunities and constraints

Foster Recreation Park has a variety of opportunities and constraints that need to be considered carefully to ensure that the future use of the Park fulfils it's potential. The large expanse of land quite close to the town centre of Rolleston has the potential to be one of Selwyn District's major assets in the years ahead

The size of the park, its geographic location, dry climate, topography, waterways, existing trees and other site features provide Foster Recreation Park with many advantages and opportunities. The master plan has sought to further capitalise on and enhance these as opportunities.

### Opportunities:

#### Geographic Location

FRP is located in a part of Rolleston that is currently predominantly rural. However, there are existing and also expanding residential neighbourhoods, with the top of the Park very close to the town centre. FRP is well located in the town's roading hierarchy and network, and has capacity to accommodate additional traffic volumes. This is important given the expansion planned for the park and the significant increase in use that is envisaged.

#### Several Access Points

Having several existing vehicular access points and plans for others to be developed within the roading network is a distinct advantage. This has been one of the key factors in developing the concept of the four sports hubs. Multiple access points also provide opportunities to disperse traffic and car parking around the large site.

#### Diversity of Spaces

FRP offers a diversity of environments and spaces, which is generally not found in sports parks. Not only are there very big open areas able to cater for large number of sport fields and of users at any one time and at a variety of levels, but there are sheltered semi-enclosed spaces that can cater for other types of uses without compromising the main focus of FRP.

#### Existing Trees

Currently there are many high quality specimen trees around the FRP, especially near the Foster Homestead. There are also many shelterbelt rows of trees (mainly Gum trees) along the exterior of the site such as along Goulds Road. The master plan strengthens and extends the existing tree framework, and provides a grid of trees around distinct spaces around the Park. In time this will create a distinctive, multi-functional tree framework (i.e. shelter, shade, spatial definition, enclosure).

#### Foster Homestead and Surrounds

Fosters Homestead along with the surrounding specimen trees and large sheltered grassed areas are an asset to the Park. The Homestead could be used in the future as a cafe or small function venue, and the outdoor areas have excellent potential as picnic zones and informal play areas for children.

#### Water Races and Wetland

The water races along Goulds Road have the potential to be ecologically enhanced and formed into attractive features within the Park. Once recontoured and banks planted in places, the waterways could be used by local schools and visitors as educational features. The wetland pond near the Foster Homestead is another feature that could become appreciated by visitors to Foster Park and Homestead.

#### Old Timber Homestead

The old timber building between the Foster Homestead and Dynes Road has potential to be restored as a heritage project. Further investigation is required to determine if the old timber homestead can be restored. There are many potential community uses for the building should it be restored, however the greatest asset may be the preservation of a historical building with a rich character on the site.



Existing Gum Trees and shingle pits.



Foster Homestead lawn and surrounding mature trees.



Constraints:

The site does have constraints and these have been addressed in the context of the master plan but some aspects will require further investigation at the detailed design stages.

Climate

Most areas of Canterbury are subject to strong wind conditions at different times of the year, and Rolleston is not exempt. Protection from the Easterly, Nor-West and Southerly winds will need to be considered carefully in the various sections of the Park.

The Rolleston area receives relatively low rainfall per year, especially during summer. This fact, added to the very free draining soils found on site, means that irrigation will need to be considered for sportsfields, planting and trees. Stormwater harvesting techniques should also be considered.

Gum Trees

Gum trees provide shelter and shade, however many of these will need to be progressively removed as mature gum trees drop a lot of debris, and will not be required once proposed trees have grown and established. Some trees have been lost as a result of recent wind storms and it may be necessary to commence staged removal and replacement with new plantings.



Aquatic Centre recently opened.



View inside Aquatic Centre.



Foster Dog Park with Aquatic Centre in background.



Water Race along Goults Road.



Gums extending along Goults Road, looking southwards.



## 9. sports and recreation needs analysis

### Summary

The feedback received as part of the needs analysis played a key role in developing the concept layout and the subsequent preparation of the master plan. The findings from this first round of engagement and analysis are summarised below.

### Feedback from interested residents

- The most frequently sought developments at FRP are focused on provision of green space and trees consistent with stakeholder requested for shelter and shade trees with playgrounds and pathways/tracks to walk, run and cycle.
- There is substantial community latent demand to use parks for sport (organised and informal) and this was supported by the high frequency that development of sports fields was identified.
- Also use for relaxing more often than they currently do
- A new option of a wilderness play experience has significant latent demand and will require a departure in at least part of the new park from highly manicured provision.
- Opportunity exists through the provision of social sport events and other means to increase the opportunity for informal sport occasions to tap into latent demand within these communities
- There is also the opportunity to increase the range of formal sport options to meet latent demand including 'pay for play'.
- There was real support for partnership approaches to the development and use of spaces on the park.

### Passive Recreation

Passive recreation includes informal recreation activities such as walking and informal sport activity not organised by club or regional sports organisations. Several consistent themes emerged from feedback from the residents' questionnaire, sports organisations and also from schools, the key ones being:

- The potential of FRP is highly valued as a place for passive recreation because of the large size of the green space. Infrastructure such as pathways, seating and toilets plus tree plantings for shade and shelter are vital
- Passive recreation use should be encouraged as it provides greater safety and security through passive supervision by users, particularly during low use periods for sport activities
- FRP as venue for large community events such as the Fireworks Display
- A separate public off-lead dog exercise area for smaller dogs will be provided in the south-west corner of the Events Hub area. This area will not be fenced but will be clearly signposted.
- Utilise the Old Quarry as an informal bike track area for technical off road riding
- There is a potential for the existing dog park area to be expanded if the proposed closure of a section of Goulds Road occurs.



Car parking



Shelter



Playground



# Organised Sports

- Green space at Rolleston Recreation Reserve is currently used by Rolleston Primary School for daily sport programme delivery and recently used for trial of inter-school sports by a cluster of schools. Options for expanding the school grounds are being explored by the MOE for daily PE and sport purposes. The Reserve open green space is an option for provision of some of the junior sport activity. FRP will be preferred venue for the inter-school sports as numbers of students involved grows. There are significant advantages in having all activities at one location
- Club membership growth is exceeding the supply of resources such as fields, club volunteers and has in a number of cases resulted in limits and caps being placed on membership or participation (i.e. touch)
- As juniors progress toward senior play more and higher quality fields and facilities will be required
- There is pressure on clubs to cope with evident rapid growth (especially as they are dependent on volunteer leaders and administrators) and there are evident shortfalls in capacity of physical infrastructure to accommodate current demand let alone future demand
- Need sustainable development reflected in a willingness to partner and share, particularly hub facilities for social and administration for purposes
- Less potential to share playing areas because of seasons overlapping especially pre-season training
- Greatest pressure is on use of playing areas for training and shortage of floodlit areas
- Co-location of high school with new sports park seen as significant added value and duplication should be avoided
- Need to be cognisant of potential role of FRP in sports code provision plans for Greater Christchurch area
- Most clubs see FRP as the future main sports hub in the District
- FRP as venue for sports events with start/ finish/ transition point for sports events such as multi-sport events as well as tournaments and inter-school sports events
- Key sports of football and rugby (in winter) and touch, softball, junior cricket, summer football and athletics (in summer) will require at least a doubling of current field provision by 2021 based on population growth projections and membership trends. This is consistent with the CFAMP projection of need and maintaining the reserves ratio of 3 hectares per 1,000 residents
- More senior fields will be required as current large numbers of juniors cycle through to senior level
- On-going trends towards mid-week games and evening practice will require most fields to be floodlit at least to training standard
- Continuing with premier cricket at Weedons Reserve enables greater flexibility in use of new field areas within the other parks in Rolleston including FRP
- Rolleston Reserve sports fields are still valued but over time will become more informal recreation and junior fields focused (to help meet needs of Rolleston Primary School) when rugby relocates to another park that meets its need for more fields at one location
- Brookside Park will be used to meet most needs of rugby by relocating the rugby clubrooms and share with touch, softball and cricket (artificial wickets)
- Major opportunity to coordinate provision of fields with new high school, particularly for athletics. A rugby field and athletics track on the high school site will be needed to meet school requirements



Training Fields



Netball courts



Lighting of main sports field





Sports Fields



Mounded areas for viewing sports.



Grass softball diamond.

### Organised Sports (Continued)

- The land area required for football and its likely year round operation indicates that it is an anchor user of FRP, along with softball, some cricket (artificial wickets), plus some rugby and athletics (at high school)
- Netball a major user of courts is trending towards playing more games (and practices) indoors in other parts of the South Island as provision of indoor courts increases. Most comparable sized population centres in New Zealand have a multi-court indoor facility of at least 2 courts with many having 3, 4 or 5 courts. There is currently latent demand from basketball for a facility with 2-3 courts. The site selected will need the capacity to expand to up to 4 courts as population growth occurs and demand increases for indoor courts
- Major opportunity for netball and tennis to co-locate and share courts at FRP
- Current provision of outdoor courts at Rolleston Reserve will over time convert to more informal recreation focus for pick up games of tennis, basketball and netball or shooting hoops
- There is potential for future artificial surface for hockey practice and possibly game use on FRP
- Squash could be included in the future indoor court facility
- Baseball is an emerging sport and can share facilities with softball
- Bowls could be located in the future at Foster Recreation Park as part of the outdoor sports hub. Provision ultimately could be two bowling greens, but initially provision of one 8-rink green with a learners green could be located adjacent to the outdoor hub building. An alternative option for bowls to be located on Rolleston Reserve will also be retained as this space is redeveloped over time.

### Future Land Use Allocation for Organised Sport in Rolleston

Analysis of current population projections indicates that about 60% (23 hectares) of the Foster Recreation Park will need to be developed by 2021 to maintain the 3 hectares per 1,000 residents ratio and the entire Park by 2031 and additional land will be needed between 2031 and 2041. This assumes the land area available for senior organised sport and recreation at Rolleston Reserve is reduced in the Town Centre re-development. Provision of additional land in Rolleston to meet demand for sports and recreation space as the population grows will be addressed as part of the Selwyn District Council Open Spaces Strategy development.

The planned future allocation of recreation reserve land in Rolleston for organised sports purposes is based on projected demand identified in the needs analysis report (see appendix) and subsequent research. Allocation decisions have been driven primarily by projected membership (combination of population growth and the popularity of the various sports). It is acknowledged that the actual growth and demand is likely to vary for each sport and adjustments will be made to allocations during the period covered by the Master Plan.

Refer to the table on page 21 outlining present and future sports locations.



### Future Land Use Allocation for Organised Sport in Rolleston (Continued)

Refer to the table below outlining Present and Future locations of sports currently operating on Council reserves in the Rolleston area. Please note there will be several additional sports that are likely to operate in the indoor sports hub and high school e.g. basketball, futsal, squash and badminton.

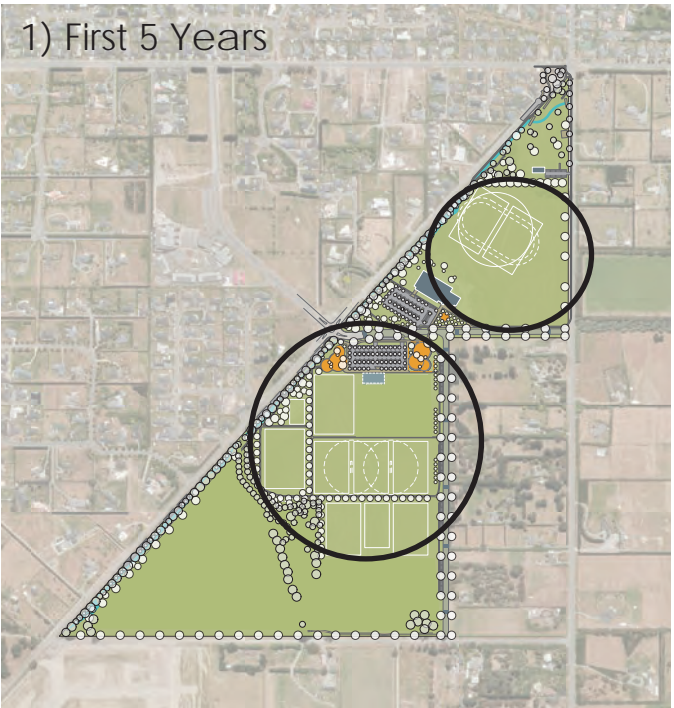
Now 2013	First 5 Years 2014 - 2018	Second 5 Years 2019 - 2023	Longer term 2024 +
<b>ROLLESTON RESERVE</b>			
Rugby			
Touch			
Softball			
Tennis	Tennis	Tennis	Tennis
Rolleston Netball	Rolleston Netball	Rolleston Netball	
<b>BROOKSIDE PARK</b>			
	Rugby	Rugby	Rugby
	Touch	Touch	Touch
	Softball	Softball	Softball
Athletics	Athletics		
Cricket	Cricket	Cricket	Cricket
Football SUFC			
<b>FOSTER RECREATION PARK</b>			
			Rolleston Netball (hub)
		Athletics (at High School)	Athletics (at High School)
	Football SUFC	Football SUFC	Football SUFC
	Cricket	Cricket	Cricket
		Rugby	Rugby
<b>WEEDONS RESERVE</b>			
Cricket (senior oval)	Cricket	Cricket	Cricket
Tennis	Tennis	Tennis	Tennis

Note 1: Athletics - Brookside is an alternative for club non-school

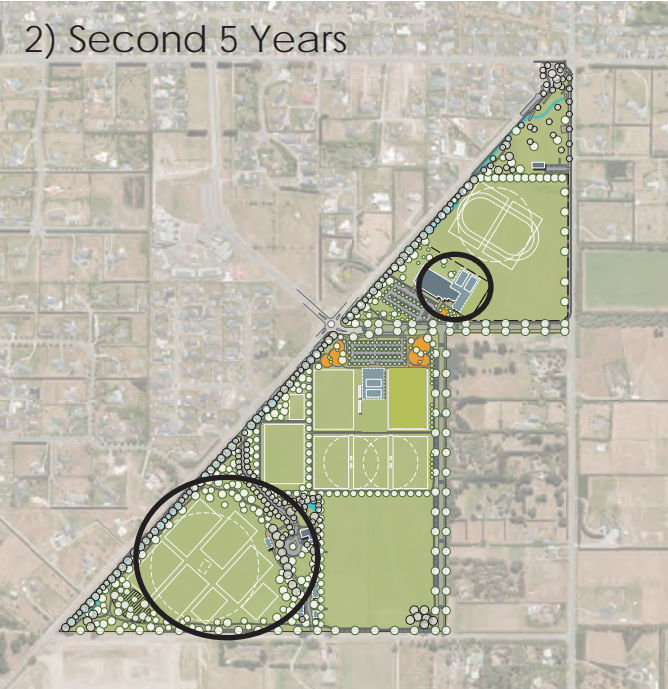
Note 2: Rolleston Netball - Could advance in timeline

### Staging of Foster Recreation Park

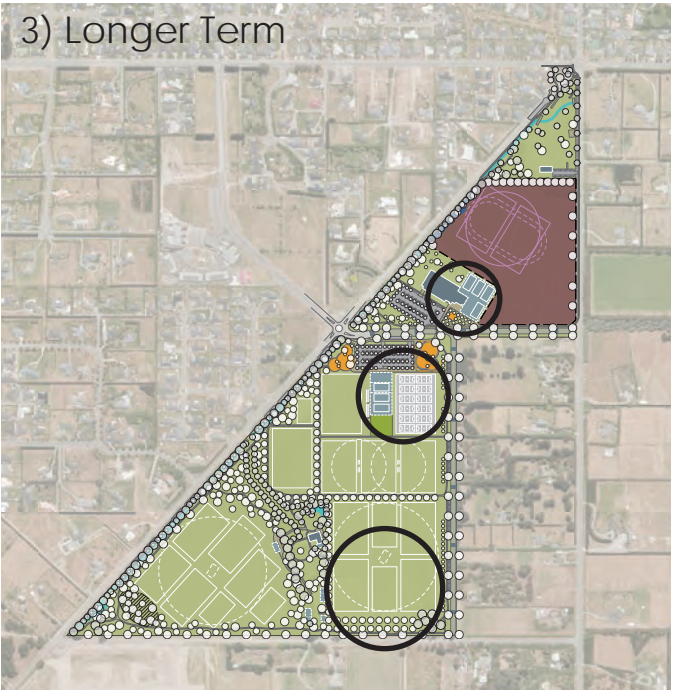
Refer to the 3 images below outlining short, medium and long term staging of Foster Recreation Park, along with icons indicating presence of organised sport at FRP.



- 1) First 5 Years
- Outdoor Sports Hub (Stage 1: Toilets, change facilities and basic clubrooms)
  - 8 hectare Sports Fields
  - Carpark (Stage 1) at Outdoor Sports Hub and extension of Aquatic Centre parking
  - Play facilities (Kids & youth zone)
  - Landscape treatment, shelter planting
  - High School facilities and Sports Fields
  - Broadlands Drive extension



- 2) Second 5 Years
- Indoor Sports Courts (Stage 1: 2 indoor courts and health & fitness centre)
  - Outdoor Events Hub
  - 8 hectare Sports Fields
  - Foster Homestead works



- 3) Longer Term
- SE Corner 6 Sports Fields
  - Outdoor Sports Hub (Stage 2)
  - Carpark (Stage 2)
  - Indoor Sports Courts (Stage 2: 2 courts)
  - Netball courts constructed
  - Eastern Road constructed (as part of adjacent subdivision development)
  - Artificial Field with lighting



# 10. hubs

Hubs in a sporting and recreation context are often described as a central core facility that services the social, ablution and administration needs of users.

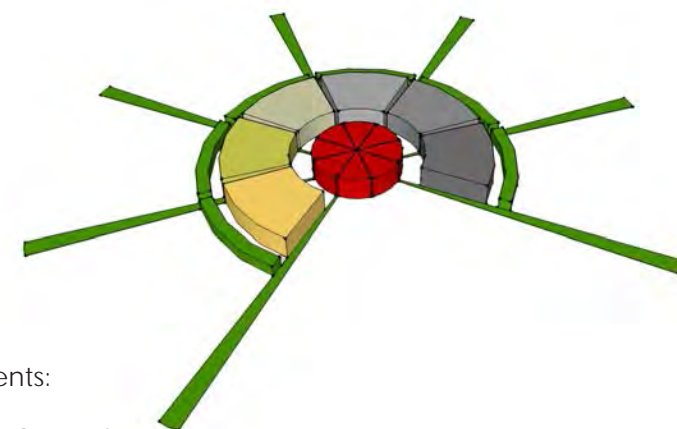
At FRP, four hubs are proposed and while they are essentially 'self contained', there are good physical and visual linkages between them as well as good connections to adjoining residential and other areas. The four hubs will be significant destinations within the park as well as providing essential services such as toilets and food & beverage for casual park users.

The location and scale of each of the hubs reflects the over arching design intent of the "built scape" area at the northern end of FRP anchored by the Aquatic Centre (and planned high school campus) trending to the extensive green space area anchored by the significant trees around the Foster house.

The hubs are referred to as:

- **Facility Sports Hub** located on north side of Broadlands Drive and features large volume indoor sport and recreation spaces (Option A) alongside the planned high school to maximise use
- **Outdoor Sports Hub** located on south side of Broadlands Drive within short walk of high school and features a significant pavilion and possibly indoor sport and recreation spaces (Option B) shared by multiple codes and overlooking outdoor sport fields and courts
- **Recreation Hub** located in former Foster home and garden area and features use of existing trees and shrubs as sheltered and enclosed spaces for informal recreation and small events
- **Events Hub** supporting major events is located in the SW corner of the park and is sheltered from the predominant easterly wind

Creation of sports hubs are a sustainable response to the changing needs of sporting organisations and combine the economic advantage of co-location with the ebb and flow of popularity that most sports codes experience over time. Development of hubs is a nationwide trend and is an initiative supported by Sport New Zealand.



The Outdoor Sports Hub comprises the following elements:

- |  |   |
|--|---|
| ■ • Sports facilities building             | ■ • Carpark   |
| ■ • Playing fields                         | ■ • Toilets   |
| ■ • Fields                                 | ■ • Playground                                      |
| ■ • General sportsfields / training fields | ■ • Infrastructure (paths, changing, storage, etc). |

## Circulation: Pedestrian, Cycle and Vehicle

Good access to Foster Recreation Park and clear circulation for both vehicles and pedestrians are key to the successful functioning of the four hubs and to the overall operation of Foster Recreation Park as a sport and recreation destination. Circulation by foot, by cycle or by vehicle needs to be logical and hierarchical and through good design and detailing, signage can be minimised.

Broadlands Drive is a key access road to two of the four hubs - 1) The Facility Sports hub and 2) The Outdoor Sports hub. It is also a potential point of conflict between vehicle and pedestrian circulation.

Two measures will help mitigate this situation:

1. Traffic calming measures on Broadlands Drive to slow traffic and also provide clearly defined safe crossing routes for park users between the two hubs and their adjacent facilities.
2. Once the new north-south roadway is installed and operational it will provide a second route to a majority of the southern sportsfields, park and satellite carparks, and this should reduce traffic volumes on Broadlands Drive.

The development of four separate hubs each with good access by foot, by cycle and by vehicle along different boundaries and each with adjoining or satellite carparks will disperse activity more widely across the park. However, the location of major parking facilities will be concentrated off Broadlands Drive, in association with the two northern hubs.

Currently there are few adjacent sites with walkways or cycleways that link directly to Foster Recreation Park. However, pedestrian access to Foster Recreation Park will be improved as surrounding residential subdivisions are installed.

A cycle and walk link to the Town Centre is highly recommended, either along Tennyson Street or along existing greenway accessway reserves. A cycleway is also recommended to link through into the new Faringdon subdivision. This should be done in accordance with the Selwyn District Council Walking and Cycling Strategy.

Traffic calming measures will be introduced along Broadlands Drive and the new north-south roadway to the east of Foster Recreation Park, ensuring safer access to the Park from surrounding Residential streets.

The proposed north-south roadway along the eastern boundary of the park will be designed as a slow road and will have a walking/cycling path separated from the road carriageway to provide a safe off-road transport route. The road will be designed in a way reduce multiple direct access from residences by providing slip lane to service properties.

## Safe Link to the Town Centre

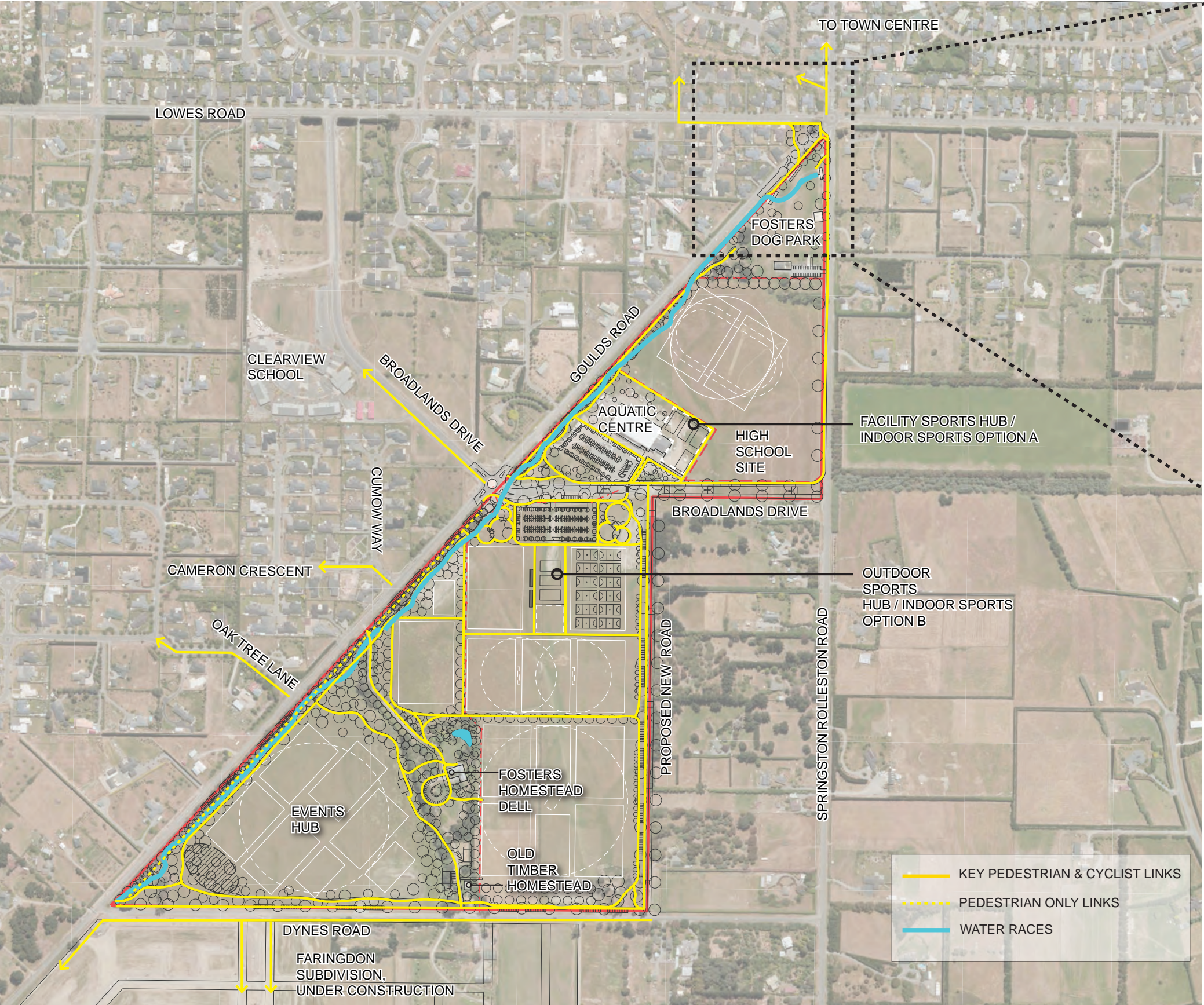
Traffic modeling work for the wider Rolleston area has recently been carried out. The work recommends that a section of Goulds Road between Broadlands Drive, Lowes and Springston-Rolleston Road intersection be converted into a high amenity no exit (at the Lowes Road end) slow road with angle parking. The proposed intersection will be signalised (Lowes Road and Springston-Rolleston Road). Refer to image on page 23.

The result of this will be improved safety at the current 5 road roundabout intersection. Also a safer walking and cycling pathway connection will be provided. Pedestrian crossings and links beyond the intersection to Tennyson Road and reserve connections to Town Centre will be provided.

There is direct access via public transport to Foster Recreation Park through the placement of Selwyn Star - Metro bus routes along this section of Broadlands Drive. Bus stops will be placed on either side of Broadlands Drive, and will be located immediately adjacent to the Selwyn Aquatic Centre, and the outdoor sports hub. These bus stops can also serve the planned High School.

The corridor of the north-south road is likely to be 13m - 15 metres in width and will be centred on the current boundary with the adjoining land, recognising that it will service both the park and the planned residential development.





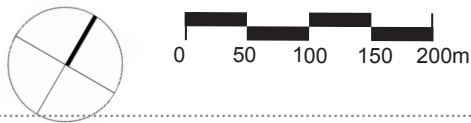
Proposed Safe Link to Town Centre



Paths for walking and cycling

# Foster Recreation Park Master Plan

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Proposed Circulation Plan



## Buildings and Infrastructure

Currently there are few buildings on the site. The Foster Homestead and Selwyn Dog Training Clubrooms will be retained and maintained. The Foster homestead will be used to host small events and support major events located to south-west of the trees. Toilet facilities and other kitchen facilities will be required to be retrofitted to ensure the homestead can host larger numbers.

Many new buildings, including the recently completed Aquatic Centre, will be introduced to the site. These new buildings will predominantly be associated with the Facility Sports Hub and Outdoor Sports Hub. There will also be new buildings associated with the new High School planned within the northern triangle.

Public toilets (shown in adjacent map) are currently located at the Dog Training Park and Selwyn Aquatic Centre. New public toilets will be installed at the Outdoor Sports Hub and at the Recreation Events Hub (Foster Homestead).

A major new sewer line will be installed in the near future, to service Faringdon subdivision. The location of the sewer line will run from Faringdon west along Dynes Road, then north along Goulds Road, and north-east along Broadlands Drive.

It is intended that flood lighting of all fields and courts be provided at FRP to enable winter sport to operate in the evenings. This will have staged roll-out as demand increases and resources become available.

Generous indoor storage facilities will be provided at the four hubs to cater for requirements of sporting codes. Some codes will need to use trolleys to transport gear to and from these hub storage facilities, however because of the four hubs the distances will be kept to below 200m. Outdoor storage will be provided in a suitable location for storing large sports equipment eg. goalposts.

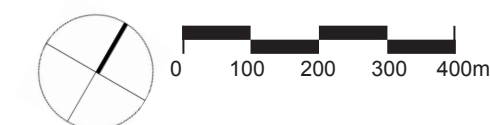
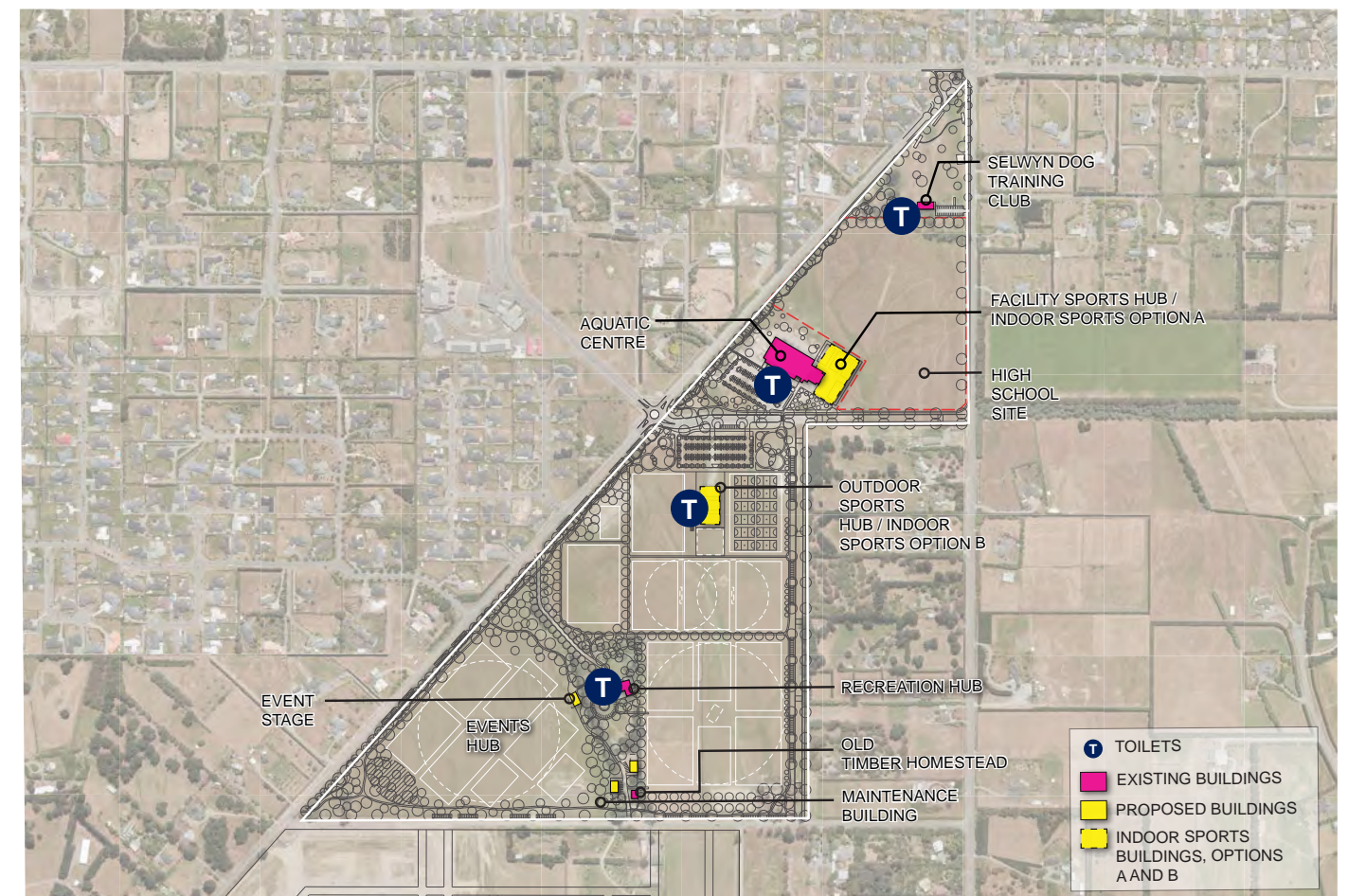
Movable stands for seating spectators will be provided adjacent to the No.1 Sports Field. This will cater for larger crowds attending key sporting events at the No.1 Field. However, the stands will also be able to be moved to other locations around the Park should the need arise.

A building will be developed to accommodate the Rolleston Men's Shed with vehicle access off Dynes Road and adjacent parking. This facility will include a meeting room for use by the wider community along with storage for park users.

## Implications of Partnership with Education

Land within FRP will be sold to the Ministry of Education to enable shared use of facilities for greater benefit to both community sport and recreation users and the students of the new high school. Currently planned school facilities include an indoor sport and hall building, 5 outdoor ball courts and 2 sports fields. These facilities need to be located on land owned by the Ministry (due to legislative requirements). The land area for the indoor court and hall facility (Option A or B) will need to be large enough to accommodate planned expansion of the initial building in a staged approach as the need for indoor sport and recreation space increases through population growth and the trend of increasing use of indoor courts sports such as by Netball, Touch and Futsal.

The intention is for the community indoor courts to operate in an integrated manner with the new Aquatic Centre. Should Option A be favoured, the new school gymnasium buildings could be linked to enable a seamless experience for the school and community user. A single integrated complex would generate capital (such as shared concourse areas) and operational efficiencies over the life of the facility (such as from shared reception, supervision and management). However, the Ministry prefers development of separate facilities at this time.



Aquatic Centre recently opened.



Selwyn Dog Training Club rooms at Foster Park.

# Foster Recreation Park





## Field Utilisation

The overall allocation of fields for use by specific sports codes will be determined by Council based on evident demand from its monitoring of field use and in consultation with the codes. This may mean changes in allocation between codes as demand varies over time. The intention is that fields will be managed to better share the work load (game and training) and enable Council to withdraw individual fields for turf rejuvenation and/or redevelopment as needed in the future.

In general, full-size fields (Rugby or Football) have been marked on the plan. Some junior sized fields are marked where the land area will not accommodate a full-size field. It is recognised that sports such as football are now using a range of field sizes for various junior winter and summer football grades. These smaller sized fields will occupy some of the full-size fields.

The fields closest to the Outdoor Sports Hub are the full sized highest quality fields (120 x 70m). These fields are those used predominantly for the highest (premier) level of games, and therefore are located immediately adjacent to a clubroom facility. These fields would usually be the first to have game standard flood lighting and enhanced drainage installed. Fields with floodlighting to training standard will usually have greater use for training and less use for games than other general fields.

The fields associated with the High School will also be full sized (120 x 70m) and the intention of these will be consistent with the fields of FRP. 7 of the 9 fields to the south east of the site (105 x 70m) will also be to a high standard playing surface, and may also be floodlit.

The fields located in the Outdoor events area (south-west corner) will be general fields (105 x 60) that will be used for lower grades and for training. They will be allocated to meet current demand. The allocation of fields will change as new fields become available and floodlighting and improved drainage is installed. This will be a staged process.

Note: See Appendix 2 for field dimensions and orientation diagrams.



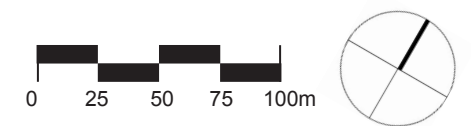
## Field Utilisation Continued - Brookside Park

The below plan outlines the approximate number of full sized (120x70m) rugby fields that could be located at Brookside Park. 5 full sized Rugby fields are able to be positioned within the Park, if the footpath through the Park is moved. The intention is to develop a clubrooms or relocate the existing clubroom from Rolleston Reserve. The clubrooms will be located adjacent to the existing toilet and change facilities with good viewing of the number 1 Rugby field. The clubrooms will serve the needs of all sports clubs using the park.

Softball will use Brookside Park as its main location. A skin diamond and associated safety fencing will be located in the SW corner to maximise the number of full size fields on the park and orientate to optimal sun angle. Marked grass diamonds plus backstop and side foul ball safety fencing will also be provided. Baseball is an emerging sport and could potentially share the diamonds with softball.

Cricket will continue to use Brookside Park with the repositioning of the artificial wickets (additional wickets will be located between some of the winter fields at FRP). Athletics may wish to continue to co-locate with rugby and this can be accommodated at Brookside Park with marked track and field.

Floodlighting provision will be increased to meet the additional demands from Rugby (replacing lost capacity at Rolleston Reserve).



Possible future Brookside Park field layout



## Play Facilities

Play facilities are proposed close to the central Outdoor Sports hub carpark, adjacent to Broadlands Drive. The location of this has been selected to cater for users of Foster Recreation Park's sportsfields and facilities but also because it is a highly visible and central area of the Park. There is also likely to be some play facilities in the northern triangle associated with the planned High School.

The play facilities or 'Kids and Youth Zone' will be large and with a wide range of play features (including a skate park) catering for a wide range of ages and range of abilities. Particular attention will be taken to ensure good access and play opportunities are available for people with disabilities to enjoy use of the Park. The playground will be comprehensive, thus becoming more of a destination playground for the wider neighbourhoods. It is on the edge of the Park and easily accessible from surrounding Residential areas, and also in between both Clearview School and the proposed High School.

Located amongst the trees surrounding the Foster Homestead and amongst new specimen tree surrounding the events oval will be 'Wilderness Play' zones and small zone of play equipment. These wilderness play zones will be areas with longer grass, mounding, and tree stumps where children can run, play informal games, play and hide in a sheltered and shaded environment.

An outdoor fitness hub shall also be located close to the intersection of Broadlands Drive and Goulds Road. Nodes or 'stations' of outdoor fitness equipment will be located around the Park adjacent to the main cycleway/walkway.

The presence of water races also presents an opportunity to create some safe interaction with water. Water play equipment could be a feature of the new playground with interpretation explaining the importance of careful use of water in the Selwyn District.

## Outdoor Fitness Trail

A relatively new trend in fitness provision is the development of exercise equipment able to be located outdoors. Establishment of a fitness trail within FRP provides for casual use of exercise equipment. The trail will improve accessibility to this fitness option and add an outdoor dimension for fitness centre users. The trail will be developed with a main hub of outdoor exercise equipment close to the outdoor sports hub with some equipment stations located along fitness trail route as appropriate.



Modern Play Equipment



Informal Play



Formal Play



Water Play



Outdoor Fitness Hub



Outdoor Fitness Trail

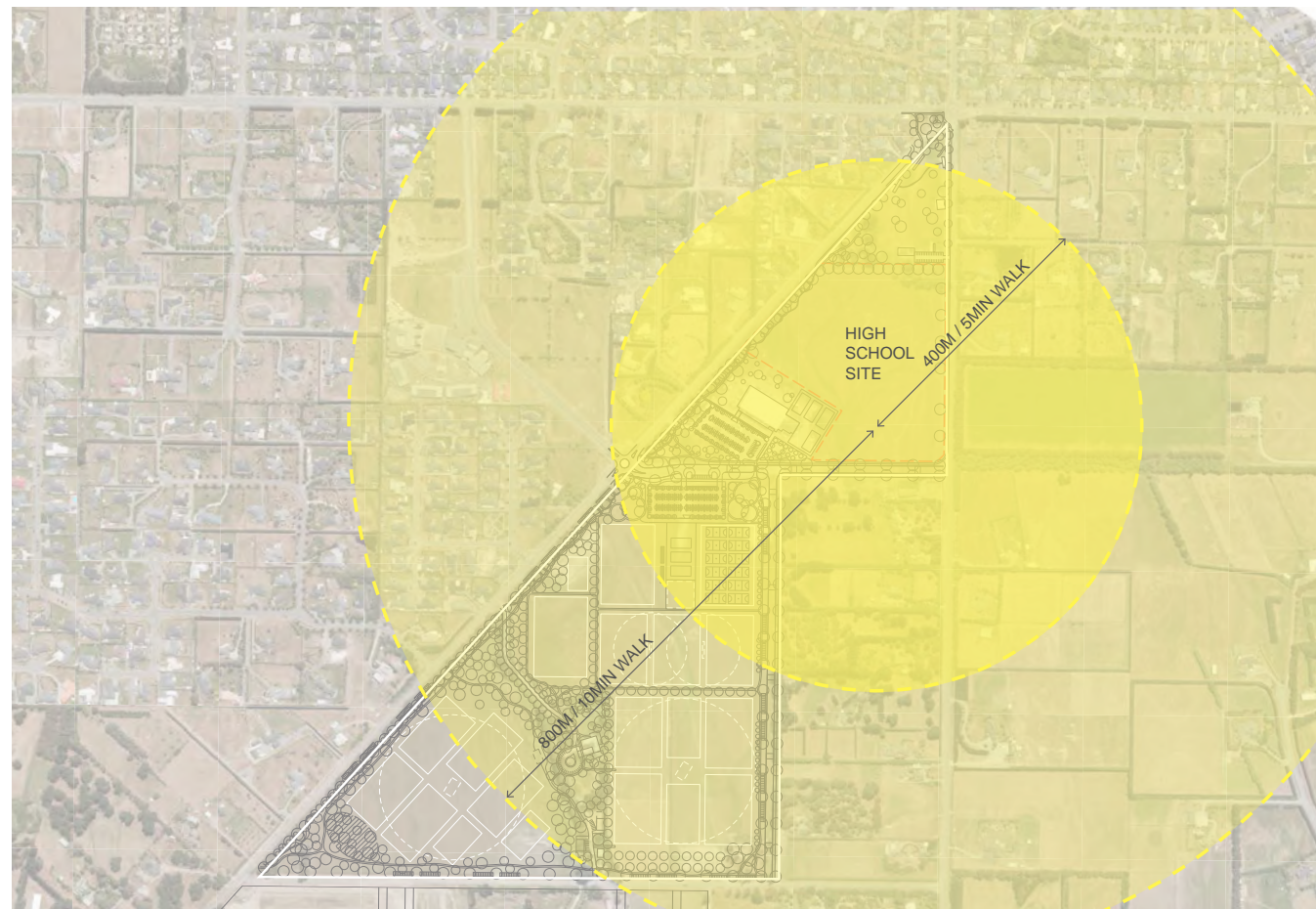


Adventure Play

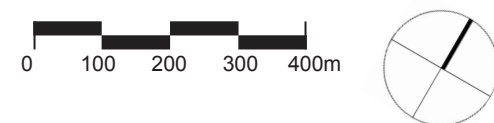


Wilderness Play





400m / 5 minutes and 800m / 10 minutes Walking Radius



## Events

FRP will be able to hold multiple events simultaneously at the four Hubs. The wide range of facilities and sizes of areas will enable a broad variety of events, of small, medium and large scale, to be held around FRP at the same time. For example, small outdoor events may be able to be held in the sheltered grassed areas directly adjacent to Foster Homestead while organised sport takes place in the playing fields either side of the Dell.

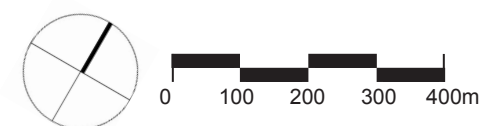
FRP will be able to hold very large events such as the annual Rolleston Fireworks display. In the future, the Events Oval would accommodate large outdoor events such as the Fireworks display. The Events Oval area is approximately twice as big as the current area where the Fireworks event is currently held at Rolleston Reserve. This will allow for expansion into the future should this be required. Carparking will be spread around the Park, with off street, on street and temporary carparking on some fields catering for a higher number of visitors from outside Rolleston to events at FRP by car. This should enable volunteer fundraising at the Fireworks event to continue to increase.

## Hub Distances

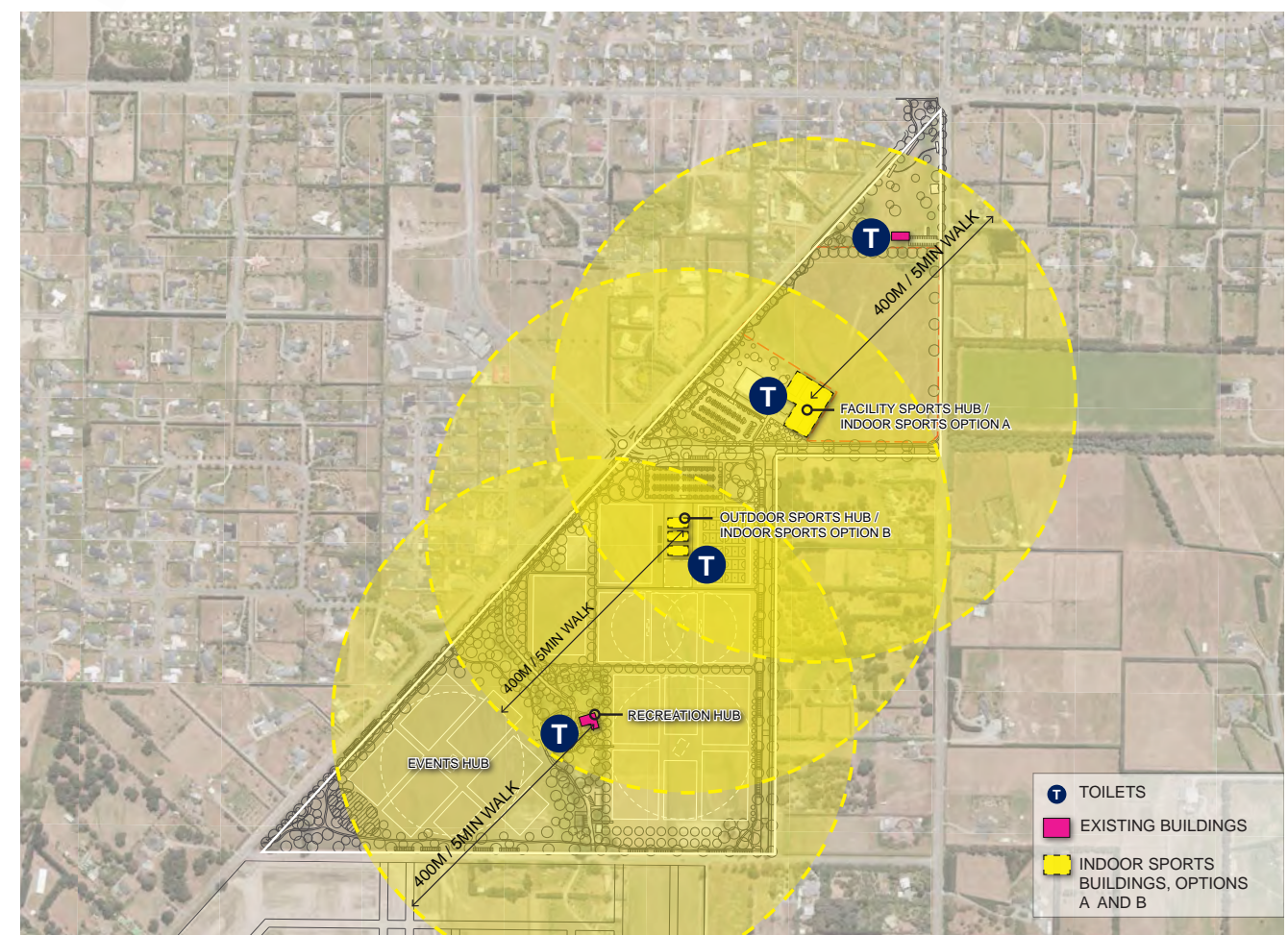
400m radius distances from each Hub is shown in the diagram below. Each 400m radius circle indicates the pedestrian distance walked in approximately 5 minutes travel. This clearly illustrates that each of the Hubs adequately service a large majority of the park, and that the Outdoor Sports Hub is very centrally located within the Park.

The diagram to the left illustrates the pedestrian distance walked in approximately 5 minutes and 10 minutes travel from the high school. This clearly illustrates that a majority of the Park can be walked to from the school within 10 minutes. The Outdoor Sports Hub is also less than a 5 minute walk from the school.

The users of the northern two hubs are likely to move frequently on foot between the two sites either side of Broadlands Drive. We understand that Broadlands Drive is a feeder road in the road hierarchy and as such should have significant traffic calming too slow vehicles and the top priority mode should be the most vulnerable users (those on foot), followed by those on bikes then vehicles.



400m / 5 minutes Walking Radius





Ecological Enhancement

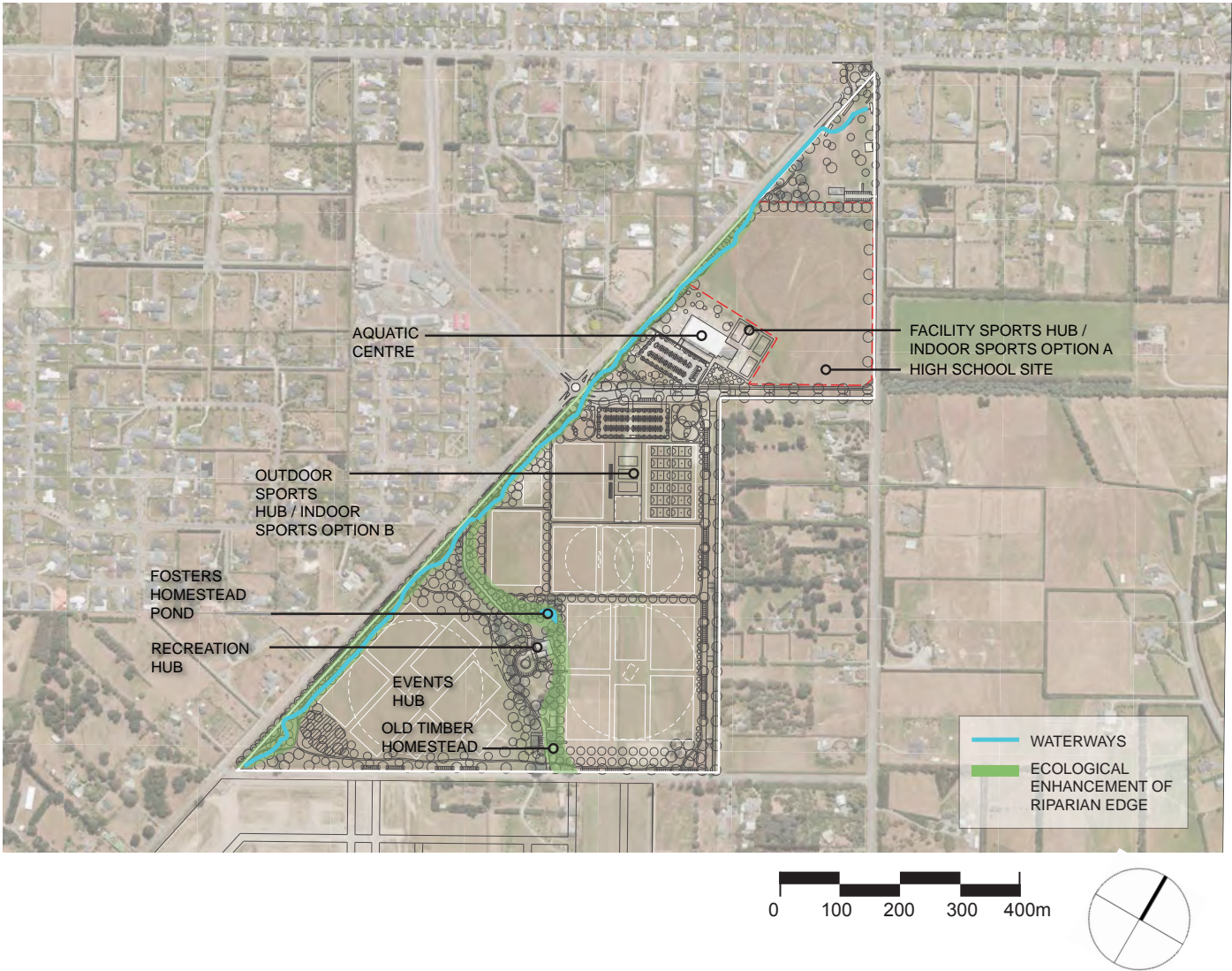
The linear water race along Goulds Road will be realigned into the site. The new waterway will be placed in irregular curves on the east side of the existing row of Gum trees. Its width will vary, and its banks will be planted in places with native flaxes, groundcover and small shrubs. The change in position will allow edge of road parking pods to be installed in groups along Goulds Road. The Gum trees will be retained in the short term until vegetation associated with the new waterway and new western edge tree planting has been installed and allowed to grow on.

Realignment and rehabilitation of the waterway will achieve several things:

- Restore and enhance waterways appearance;
- Reshaping the edges and planting will improve their ecological value;
- Allow edge of road parking pods to be installed in groups along Goulds Road;
- Provide an appropriate context and edge to Foster Recreation Park;
- Provide play opportunities with water in the area adjacent to the new Kids and Youth Zone Play facility;
- Create a long term attractive vegetated buffer along Goulds Road.

The visually appealing waterway and pond area through the Fosters Homestead area will also be protected and enhanced with further vegetation and landscape treatment. This will add to this very attractive area and create more spaces for passive recreation and picnic areas.

Throughout Foster Recreation Park, a wide variety of trees and plants will be introduced. Where appropriate, species chosen shall be hardy native trees and shrubs, that shall increase the ecological diversity of the vegetation on site, as well as increase visual amenity and wind shelter.



Water Races

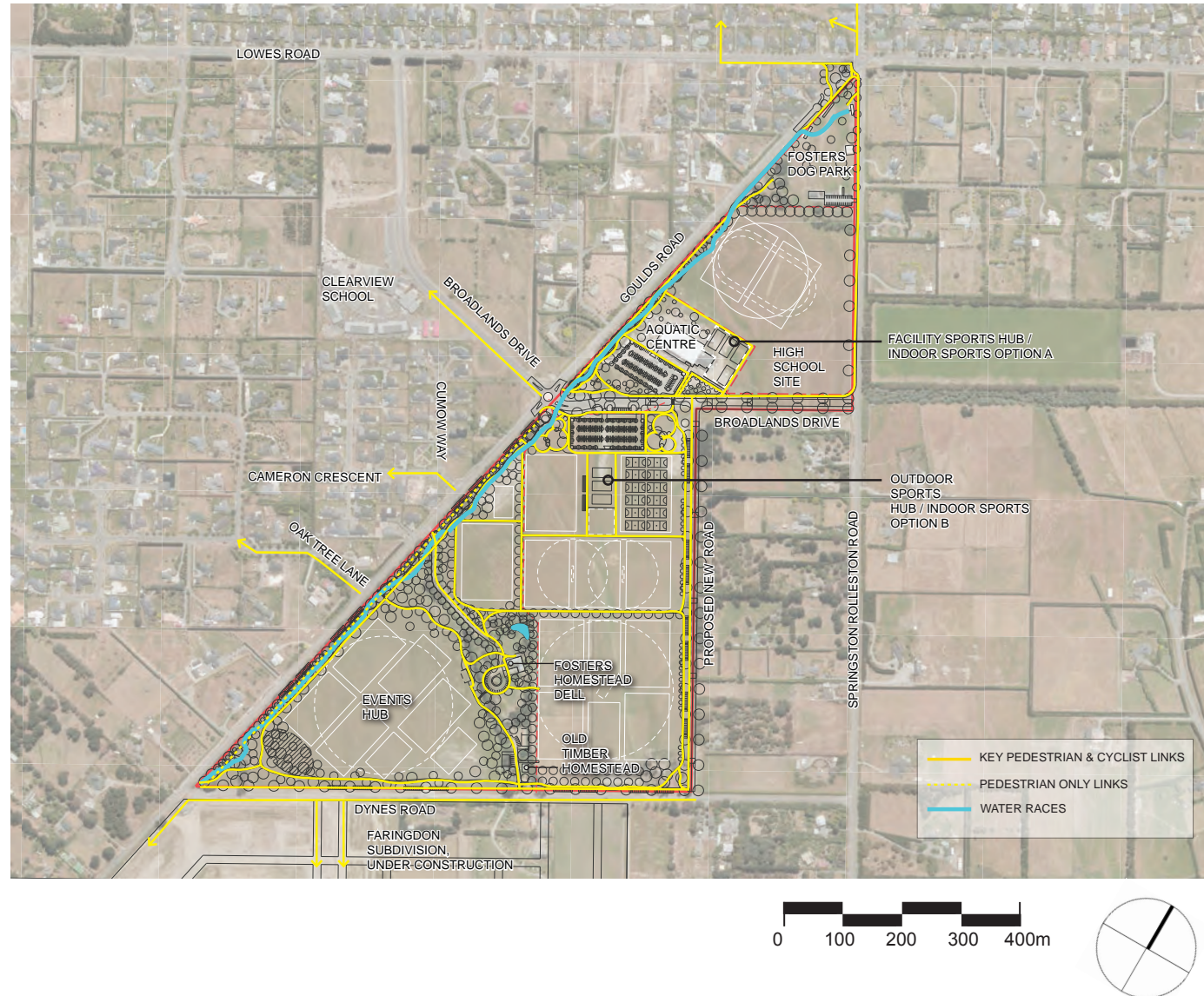


Waterway through Foster Dog Park



Re-profiled and rehabilitated water channel section





## Walkways / Cycleways

A comprehensive network of footpaths, walkways and cycleways are planned for Foster Recreation Park. A hierarchy of pedestrian walkways, cycleways, boardwalks and road crossings are set out in the master plan. The intention is not to standardise the design of all of the paths and cycleway throughout the park because it is important that the design, materials and maintenance are appropriate to the character of the location and also the type and level of use. However, shared cycleways and walkways will predominantly be asphalt and a minimum of 2.2m width. Seating will be provided at strategic locations around the park, adjacent to pathways.

With a logical hierarchy of walkways and cycleways and attention to design details such as drainage, surfaces, bollards and signage, it will ensure these can be used year round. The walkway and cycleway network provides users (including people with disabilities) with a variety of loop options of varying length so they can tailor a route to the time available. Walkways and cycleways will also link to surrounding residential walkways and cycleways in accordance with the Selwyn District Council Walking and Cycling Strategy. Bike parking will be provided at strategic locations.

## Mountain Bike/BMX

Some paths through the more natural areas of the park can be developed for off road cycling. It is proposed that the former gravel pit in the south-east corner is developed as a location for off road technical riding. Reids Pit on the corner of Lincoln - Rolleston Road and Selwyn Road is proposed as a future area for location of more comprehensive cycling facilities.



Foster Homestead Entrance



Structured tree planting proposed



Foster Homestead Garden



# Car Parking

The master plan proposes a total of 716 off street sealed carparks. Two major parking facilities that will be concentrated off Broadlands Drive, in association with the two northern hubs: 1) The Facility Sports Hub in the northern triangle, and 2) The Outdoor Sports Hub just to the south of Broadlands Drive. Approximately 162 carparks will be provided at the Facility Sports Hub carpark (increased from the current 72 carparks) which is located adjacent to the Aquatic Centre, and approximately 202 carparks will be provided at the Outdoor Sports Hub carpark.

The development of four separate hubs each with good vehicular access along different boundaries and each with adjoining or satellite carparks will disperse activity more widely across the park. Off-street parking (perpendicular) adjacent to streets on the park boundaries will also spread the load during peak times or when large events are held on site. The off-street perpendicular parking along with on-street parallel parking will provide parking in close proximity to all parts of the Park, especially to fields.

A small amount of visitor parking will be provided for adjacent to the Foster Homestead. This will cater for passive recreation users in this area including those people using the grounds for picnics and informal play. It will also cater for visitors to the area should a small cafe be set up at the Homestead in the future.

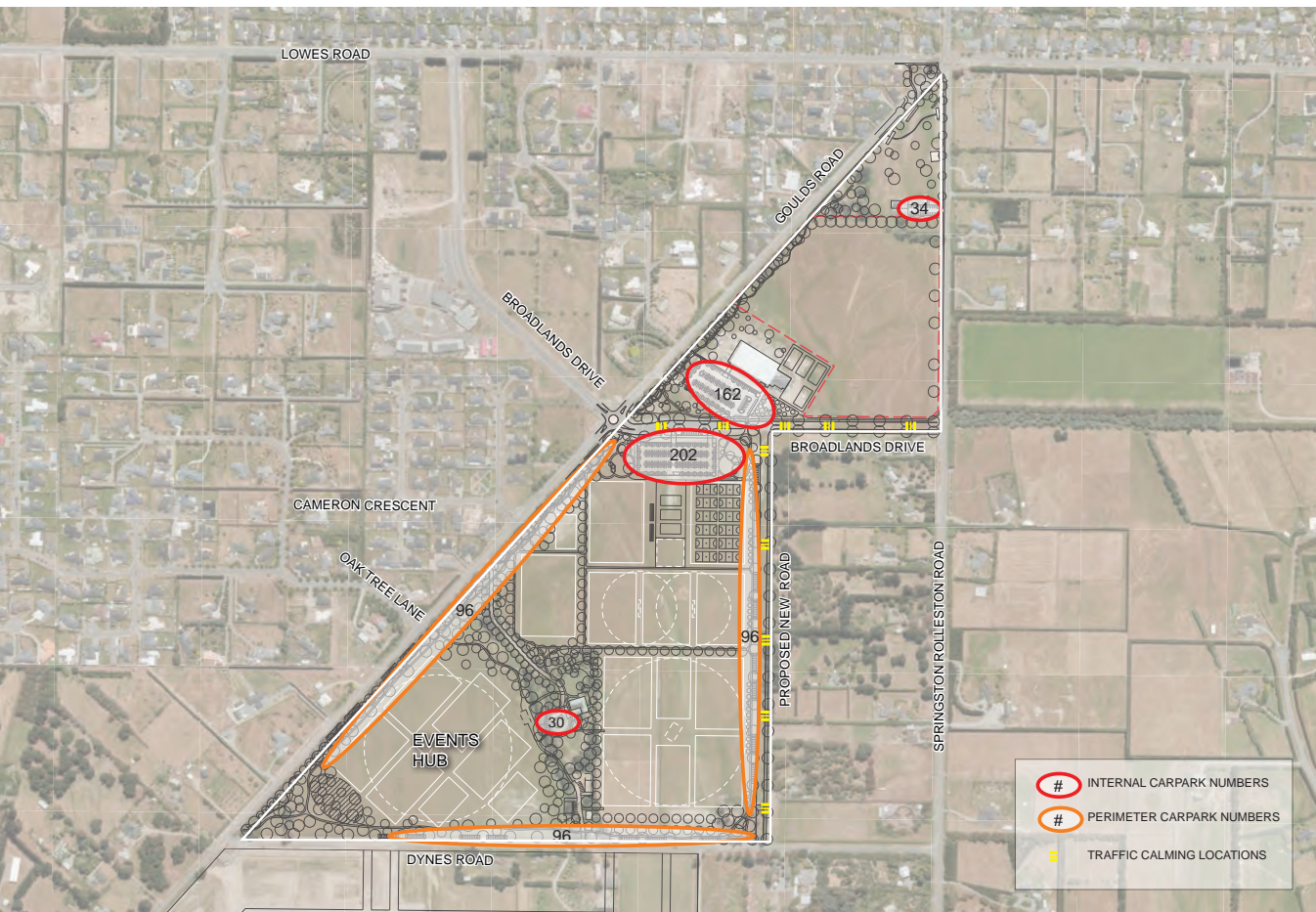
Bikes and mobility scooter parking will be provided at the four Hubs.

See map to the right outlining the approximate number of carparks that will be provided for on site (Note - numbers shown exclude on-street edge (parallel) road parking numbers, but include perpendicular off-street park boundary parking numbers).

Typical Broadlands Drive Section:



Typical Broadland Drive Plan:



# Traffic Calming

Because Broadlands Drive crosses through Foster Recreation Park, safety will be a high priority, especially considering the number of young people likely to be crossing from the High School site to the southern part of the Park. Raised sections of the carriageway will provide much safer crossing options for park users. This treatment is also recommended for the new north-south roadway to the east of the southern Park site. A pedestrian crossing is also recommended across Broadlands Drive.



Example of Traffic Calming : Raised tables and ramps



## Low Impact Design

Low impact design (LID) can be incorporated into many parts of Foster Recreation Park. .

The landscape, ecological and hydrological values of the water races can be improved with relocation, reshaping, and riparian planting. They will then become positive landscape and ecological features in the park; also once planting is established maintenance should be reduced. The visually appealing waterway and pond area through the Fosters Homestead area will also be protected and enhanced with further vegetation and landscape treatment.

Not all grassed areas of Foster Recreation Park will be mown regularly. Some areas adjacent to Foster's Homestead and the Events Oval will be more informal zones, where grass may be mown 3 - 4 times a year. Native ground cover and shrubs adjacent to these areas and the waterways will also be more natural areas with less active maintenance. These areas will be excellent zones for children to play amongst, where undulating terrain and more native vegetation allow informal play and adventure.

Stormwater runoff from hard stand zones shall be collected and used in Bioretention (Rain) Gardens or to water new specimen trees, to supplant requirements of irrigation.



Rain gardens

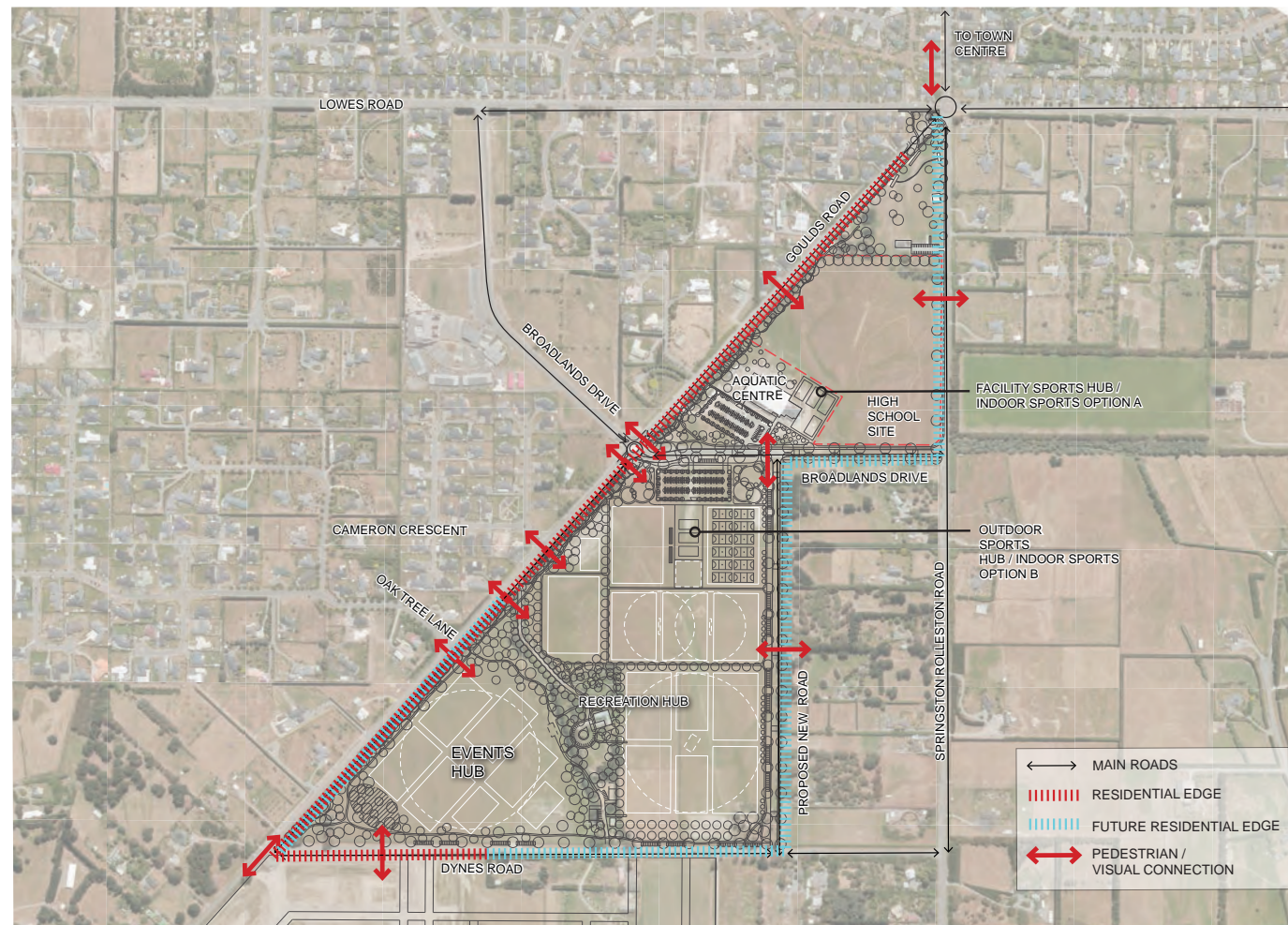


Foster Homestead Pond



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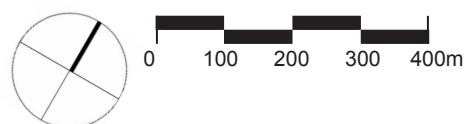


## Residential Edge

The layout and design of the future residential subdivisions will significantly influence the functioning of the Foster Recreation Park. The development of the Foster Recreation Park master plan has provided an opportunity to create an active edge to the park and the potential to add value to both the subdivision and to the park.

The proposed layout and design for Foster Recreation Park incorporates the following key urban design principles:

- The location of new buildings in the Park have been concentrated centrally, adjacent to Broadlands Drive;
- No housing (only roads) along the park edge which avoids owners building back fences along their boundaries;
- Provision for parking along street edges of Park and angle parking to increase capacity;
- Physical, visual and open space linkages with Goulds Road and Dynes Road and the associated walkway and cycleway;
- Adjoining residential properties will provide passive surveillance, and thus provide a level of security and safety to park users;
- Higher value outlook for many properties;
- Slip lanes may be used on the north-south road to service residences. This is aimed at reducing the number of access points onto the road.



Treatment of residential development along edge of the park.



Example of Residential edge



Example of residential development along edge of the park.



Park Furniture and Materials

A robust, well designed suite of park furniture is proposed that is functional, easily maintained and readily available. This will be used throughout the park and thus help to create consistency and a strong identify and aesthetic.

Design will be in accordance with Selwyn District Council regulations and some items such as litter bins will be standard Selwyn District Council models.

Examples of appropriate park furniture:



Picnic tables



Seating



Toilets



Signage



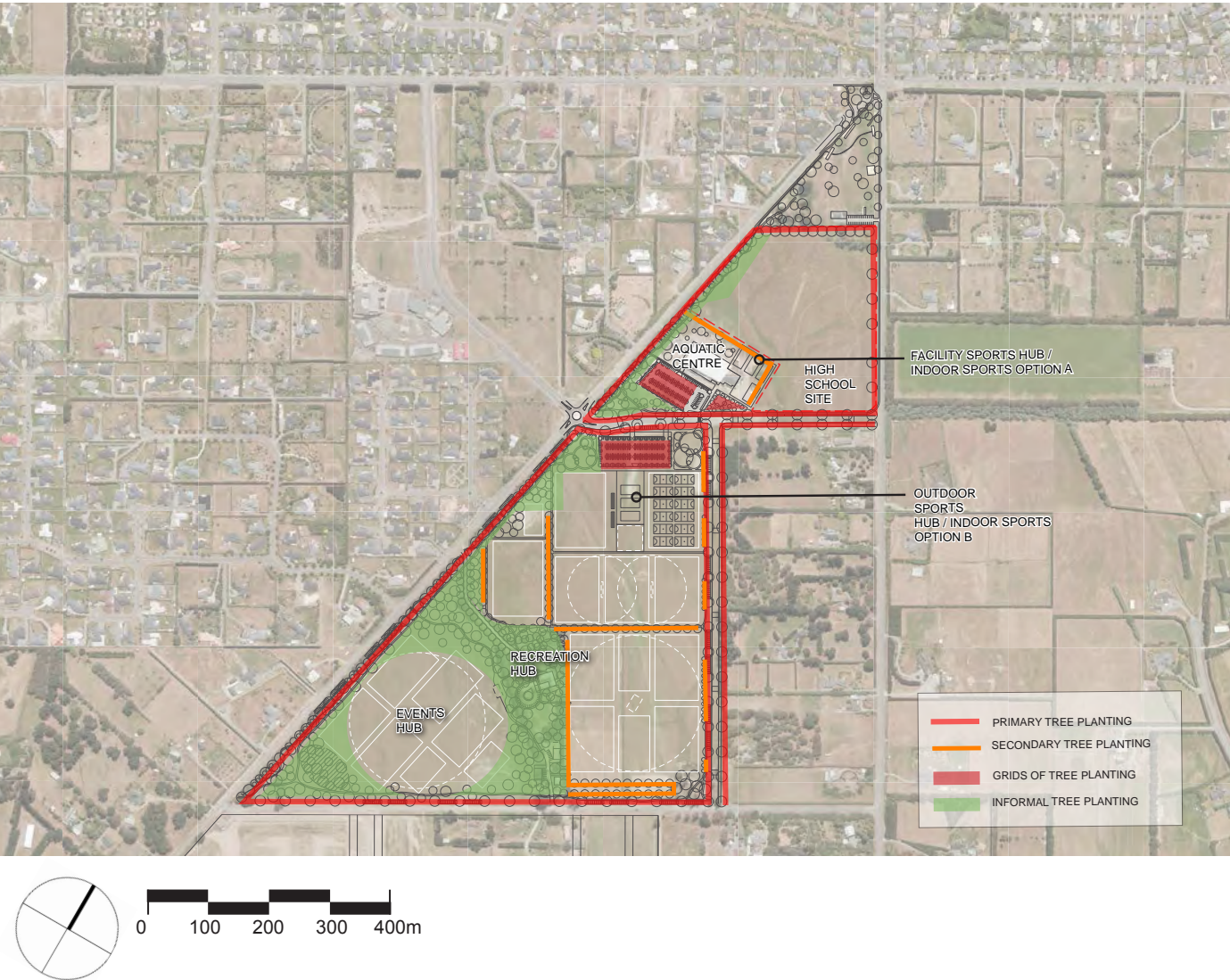
Wayfinding signage



Edge treatment

Foster Recreation Park





Tree Framework

A tree framework throughout all of Foster Recreation Park to add to the existing trees on site will achieve several things:

- Provide a degree of enclosure to what by necessity are large, open playing fields
- Definition, theme and diversity to each of the four hubs
- Provide human scale to many areas
- Improve shade and shelter
- Enhance walkways
- Improve aesthetics
- Strengthen the open space pattern of the park, particularly in its wider context.

The planting proposed will introduce a tree grid in several parts of the park, including carpark areas, but the current, largely informal tree pattern will also be reinforced especially near the Foster Homestead and the Events Oval.

Trees and other planting will be based on an overall strategy and implementation plan, which can be budgeted for annually. The strategy will provide a planting plan with design details, species to be used, and guide how they should be managed and maintained.

The existing Gum trees along the Goulds Road boundary will be retained in the short term until vegetation associated with the new waterway and new western edge tree planting has been installed and allowed to grow on.

There is potential to include fruit and nut trees as part of the planting plan.



Informal tree planting



Structured tree planting - Grids



## Celebrating History and Interpretation

There are great opportunities to celebrate Foster Recreation Park interesting geological, social and cultural history along the walkways and paths, along the relocated waterway and near the Foster Homestead. This could be done in situ with interpretation signs and panels. Such elements are part of the park furniture and therefore need to be considered as part of this suite of elements and not in isolation

Other interpretation panels could describe and illustrate future development stages and proposals, such as the realignment and rehabilitation of the Waterway.

There is potential for a community project to restore the old timber house to the south of the Foster Homestead and convert it for a community use of some kind.



## Foster Recreation Park

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# 11. implementation programme

## Council Costs

Council budgets shown below include operational costs and capital costs. Capital costs relate to physical works such as street upgrades, open space enhancements or development of Council land/assets. Capital costs must be secured through the Council's Annual Plan process, unless they are deemed to be minor works which can be funded through budgets already allocated in a current annual or Long Term Plan.

It is noted that the figures shown within the implementation table are preliminary costings. The Council will still need to complete detailed costings in conjunction with the Council's Annual and Long Term Plan. Council activities and priorities change over time and therefore the projects will be contestable as part of the review of the Long Term Plan. This review involves the identification and prioritisation of projects across the whole district and is undertaken three yearly.

For Council Costs:

\$ = below \$50,000      \$\$\$ = \$200,000 - \$1m      \$\$\$\$\$ = above \$5m  
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## First Five Years (2014 - 2018)

Priority Actions/Moves	Who	Council Role	Estimated Cost	Possible Funding Source
• Outdoor Sports Hub Stage 1 (Toilets change storage)	Council	Builds basic facility	\$\$\$	Development contributions/ general rate contributions/loan
• Outdoor Sports Hub Stage 1 (basic club lounge, bar & kitchen)	Governing entity & member clubs/ Council	Facilitation and minority funder	\$\$\$	External grants, club funds and SDC grant/loan
• Outdoor sports fields (8 ha approx)	Council	Delivers works	\$\$\$\$	Development contributions and gain on land sale
• Game level lighting (1 field \$250K) and training lighting (7 fields @ \$50K each)	Council/ governing entity & member clubs	Delivers works	\$\$\$	Development contributions and club contributions
• Play facility	Council	Delivers works	\$\$\$	Development contributions and external grants
• Car park stage 1 including 90 additional car parks at the Aquatic Centre (5,000m <sup>2</sup> @ \$65m <sup>2</sup> )	Council	Delivers works	\$\$\$	Development contributions
• Landscape treatment (pathways, park furniture, planting, and off road technical bike track)	Council	Delivers works	\$\$\$	Development contributions
• Shelter planting	Council	Delivers works	\$	Development contributions/targeted rates
• Reconfiguration of Brookside (changing wickets & realign fields and lighting)	Council/clubs	Delivers works	\$	Development contributions/targeted rates/external grants
• Health & fitness centre	Council /partner	Deliver project and seek partnership	\$\$\$	Development contributions/external grants/loan
• Rugby Clubroom	Council/ governing entity & member clubs	Facilitation and part funder	\$\$\$	External grants, governing entity and club funds, and SDC grant/loan

## Second Five Years (2019 - 2023)

Priority Actions/Moves	Who	Council Role	Estimated Cost	Possible Funding Source
• Indoor sports court facility stage 1 (2 courts)	Council	Deliver project and seek partnership	\$\$\$\$	Development contributions/external grants/loan
• High school facilities	MOE	Advocate for partnership and community access	MOE	No council funding
• Broadlands Drive extension to Springston-Rolleston Road	MOE/Council	Delivers works and part funder	\$\$\$	Development contributions and MOE contribution
• Outdoor events hub (toilets, stage, power & lighting)	Council	Delivers works and seek partnership	\$\$\$	Development contributions/ loan/external grants
• Outdoor sports fields (8 ha approx)	Council	Delivers works	\$\$\$	Development contributions
• Game level lighting training lighting (5 fields @ \$50K each)	Council/ governing entity & member clubs	Delivers works and part funder	\$\$\$	Development contributions, governing entity and club contributions
• Foster Homestead works and ancillary facilities	Council	Deliver project and seek partnership	\$\$\$	Development contributions/targeted rates/external grants

## Third Five Years and Beyond (2024 +)

Priority Actions/Moves	Who	Council Role	Estimated Cost	Possible Funding Source
• Outdoor sports fields (8 ha approx)	Council	Delivers works	\$\$\$	Development contributions
• Game level lighting training lighting (5 fields @ \$50K each)	Council/ governing entity & member clubs	Delivers works	\$\$\$	Development contributions/ governing entity and member club contributions / loan/external grants
• Outdoor sports hub stage 2 expansion of club facilities	Council/ governing entity & member clubs	Facilitation and minority funder	\$\$\$	External grants, governing entity and member club funds and SDC grant/loan
• North-south road development and associated parking	Council / private developers	Facilitation and part funder	\$\$\$\$	Development contributions
• Outdoor sports hub stage 2 car park expansion	Council	Delivers works	\$\$\$	Development contributions
• Indoor courts stage 2	Council	Deliver project and seek partnership	\$\$\$\$	Development contributions/external grants/loan
• Netball courts hub (12 courts)	Council/ Selwyn Netball and governing entity & member clubs	Delivers works and part funder	\$\$\$	Development contributions/external grants/loan/ Selwyn Netball and governing entity & member club contributions
• Artificial field with floodlighting	Council/ governing entity & member clubs	Delivers works and part funder	\$\$\$\$	Development contributions/external grants/loan/ governing entity and member club contributions



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## 13. appendices

Appendix 1: Field Dimensions and Orientation (Refer to page 39)

Appendix 2: Summary of Submissions (Refer to page 40)

## 14. supporting document

Refer to FRP Needs Assessment Report

## Foster Recreation Park



## Appendix 1: Field Dimensions and Orientation

### Ideal Orientation of sports fields

**Football, five-a-side, Australian rules, Gaelic, Rugby league, Rugby union** – between 20° west of north and 45° east of north.

**Cricket** pitches must run approximately north/south to minimise the risk of batsmen or bowlers facing a low sun. The pitch axis must point in a direction between 55° and 325° on the compass.

**Tennis** courts must be oriented with play along an approximate north/south axis.

### Dimensions

**Football:** The field of play is rectangular. The length of the sideline must be longer than the length of the goal line. Measurements are as follows:

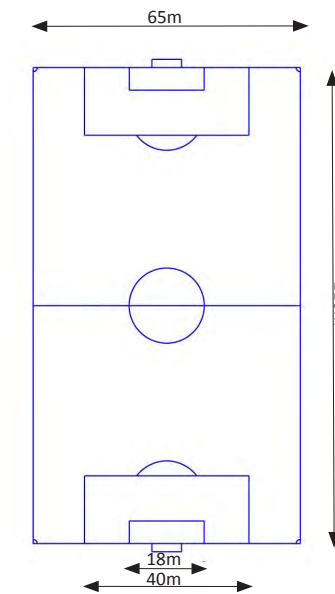
- length – minimum 90m - maximum 120m
- width – minimum 45m - maximum 90m

International matches

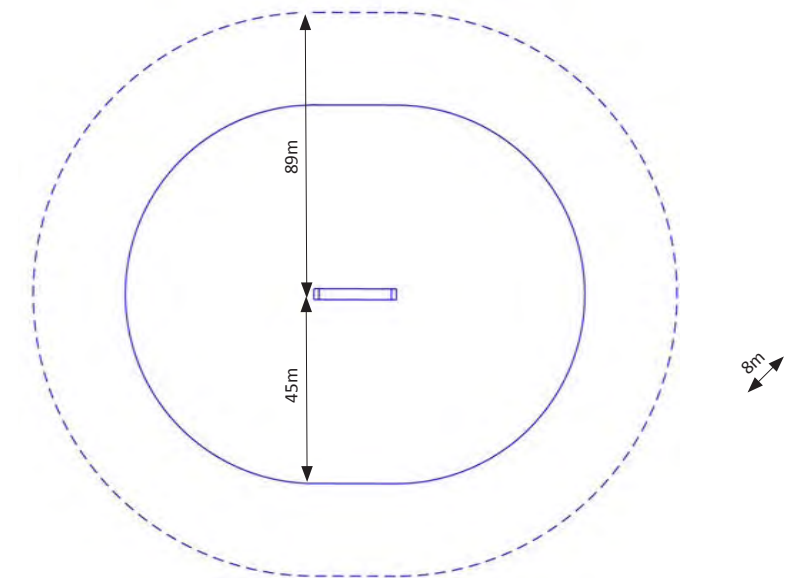
- length – 105m
- width – 68m

It is recommended that there is a minimum 3m space around the pitch. In the interest of player safety it is advisable to increase this distance wherever possible

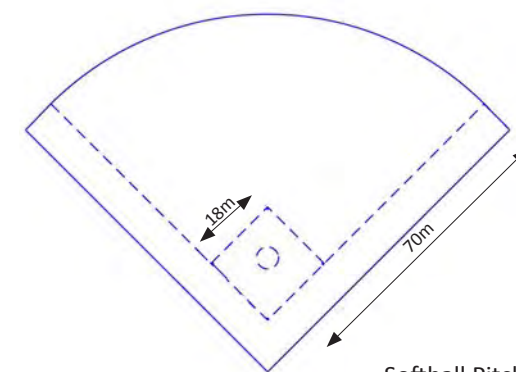
**Rugby:** The field of play is 100m long and 70m wide. Each in-goal area is 22m long and 70m wide. The distance from the goal line to the dead ball line is a minimum of 10m. That is field length range from 120m to 144m long by 70m wide.



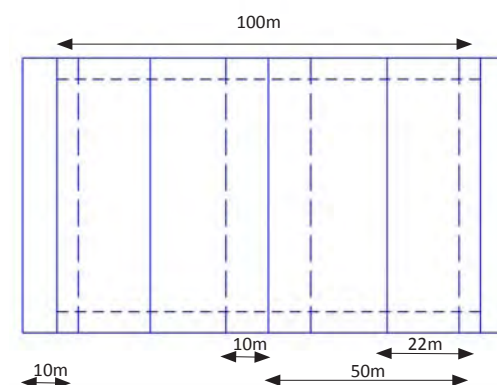
Football Field



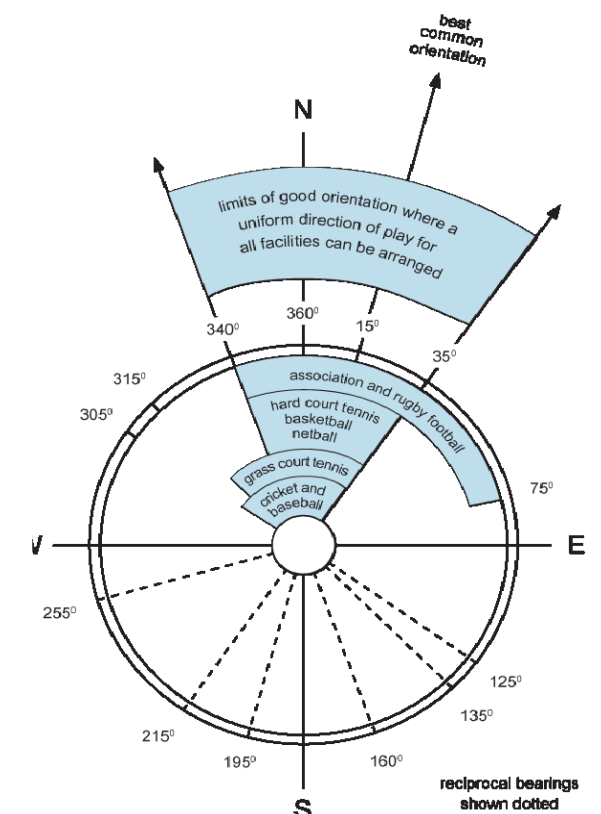
Cricket Oval



Softball Pitch



Rugby - Rugby League Field



Ideal Field Orientation





# Foster Recreation Park

## Summary of Submissions

April 2014

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# Foster Recreation Park

### 1. Introduction

This report is a summary of the submissions received on the Draft Foster Recreation Park Master Plan (hereafter the 'Draft Master Plan'). It also contains a staff response and recommendations to the comments received. Information presented by submitters at the hearing session held on 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2013 has also been captured and incorporated into the report although this generally includes re-stated written submissions.

Public consultation ran for six weeks, between 16 September and 25 October. Three drop in sessions were held so that people could view the Draft Town Centre Master Plan as well as Draft Foster Recreation Park Master Plan, as well as the ask questions of staff, discuss their ideas and concerns, and make comments on the Plan. In total 136 people attended these sessions.

With respect to distribution, full copies of the Draft Master Plan were made available online and at all Council Service Centres and the Selwyn Aquatic Centre and Rolleston Community Centre, for the duration of the public consultation period. Full copies were also posted to a specific number of individuals and organisations, and were provided to others on request.

A shorter 'summary brochure' was also prepared and distributed to the letterboxes of approximately 5900 households within or close to Rolleston (Rolleston, West Melton, Weedons Reserve Rating Area). A feedback form was also included within the brochure and copies were also available at the Council Headquarters, Rolleston Community Centre, Aquatic Centre and Service Centres.

It is evident from submission responses that the brochure was used by many submitters to inform their comments on the Draft Master Plan, and the full project explanations or rationale may not have been as well understood by those submitters without having a look at the full Master Plan document.

### Methodology

All feedback responses were entered into SurveyMonkey. Not all submitters responded to all of the submission form questions.

160 submissions were received with 151 from residents and 9 from stakeholder organisations. Submissions were received from following organisations

- Rolleston Rugby Club
- Rolleston Softball Club
- Canterbury Basketball Association
- Mainland Football
- Weedons Reserve Committee
- Canterbury Rugby Football Union
- Sport Canterbury
- Rolleston Residents Association
- Bowls New Zealand

Almost half (47.8%) or 66 submitters of the 138 submitters who answered the question on how they would usually travel to the Park live within walking distance of Foster Recreation Park (as they indicated that they would usually walk to the Park).

Qualitative responses have been prepared into a series of tables, which are presented under the relevant heading or topic. Key points repeated by multiple respondents as well as one-off ideas from submitters are also included, to convey the nature and range of comments put forward about the Draft Master Plan.

The Summary of Submission Report was presented to a Council Workshop on 28<sup>th</sup> January 2014 to enable consideration of submissions received and how these will be addressed in the Master Plan. Any amendments identified through this process have been included in the final version of the Foster Recreation Park Master Plan



## 2. Quantitative Results

Only two quantitative questions were asked on the submission form as qualitative comment was primarily being sought for improvements to the Draft Master Plan.

### 2.1. Level of Support for the Master Plan

96% of submitters support the direction of the Draft Master Plan

Q1 Overall, do you support the direction of the Draft Foster Recreation Park Masterplan?

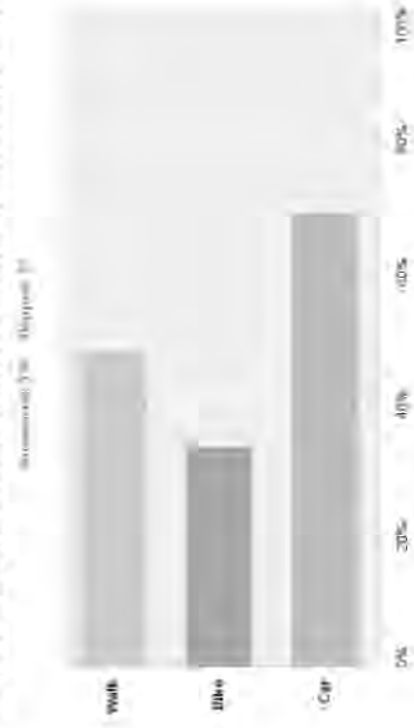


### 2.2. Mode of transport to Foster Recreation Park

Submitters were asked to identify which modes of transport to Foster Recreation Park

- Almost half (47.8%) indicated that they would usually walk to the Park).
- A third (33.3%) would bike

Q2 How will you usually travel to Foster Recreation Park?



- Just over two thirds (68.8%) would use a car.

## 4. Summary Of Stakeholder Organisation Issues and How Addressed

The issues raised in submissions from the nine stakeholder organisations are summarised in the table below with a comment on how these will be addressed. The full texts of the submissions are in the Appendix at the end of this report. Note that most of the organisations below also presented their submissions at the hearing held on 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2013 and the information in the following table captures any additional issues and responses.

Stakeholder Organisation	Summary of stakeholder issue	How it will be addressed
Mainland Football	SDC to consider re-prioritising an artificial surface for all-weather training and games as a stage 1 initiative. This will deliver quality training facility and winter capacity equivalent of 5 soil fields. Collaborative shared arrangement for codes but not suitable for hockey \$800,000 capital cost and \$30,000 per annum for maintenance	Development of an artificial surfaced field will not deal with Saturday peak demand for concurrent use of multiple fields – the priority need. Artificial surfaced field has merit as a complementary development and is an option for the future as set out in the staging plan ( <i>Longer term 2024+ on p. 21</i> ). The planned 5 outdoor courts at high school are likely to be an artificial surface that can be used for football training as an interim measure. <b>Recommendation: No change to MP staging plan</b>
Sport Canterbury	Sport Canterbury is about getting, and keeping, people engaged with sport and recreation. Comments SDC for its commitment to recreation and sport Strong alignment between the MP and the key planning principles of the spaces, places and people plan created by the Sport and Recreation Earthquake Leadership Group. Sport Canterbury supports the sharing of spaces and facilities by a number of codes working collaboratively, sharing resources, problems and solutions. The needs of the community will be serviced in a more efficient and effective way. The proximity of the high school is commended and adds to potential for more sharing. As a district experiencing the country's fastest population growth, on-going investment and enhancement into other locations such as Brookside Park will be vital moving forward.	Need for wider investment strategy beyond FRP such as Brookside and future reserves. <b>Recommendation: No change to MP as Future Land Use (need) is addressed on page 20. More detailed plans for enhancement at Brookside Park will be prepared to accommodate user changes identified in the MP.</b>
Bowls New Zealand	There is no bowling club in Rolleston. In future the residents will want to play bowls without having to leave Rolleston. Bowls NZ would like to ultimately see provision for two bowling greens with initially one green (36.6x36.6 would allow for 8 rinks). A learners green would be a welcome addition; this could be the width of one rink but with an artificial surface. Also support FRP being a multi-sport facility and sports working under one umbrella; share social space, office/meeting rooms. A community club would need to be established but at this stage there is little point calling for expressions of interest from the community until there is an indication from SDC that there is land available for a club. A centrally situated club would suit the growing community and hopefully stop any other clubs being established in the area in the future. Bowls is a game that can be played by all ages, all abilities; it is a good sport for people with disabilities, it is a good family sport and a green would be an asset to the community.	The draft MP stated: <i>Bowls could be located in the future a Rolleston Recreation Reserve</i> (p. 20, para. 9). The rationale was the predominantly older resident demographic in bowls would lend itself to being close to other amenities (library, community centre, medical, shopping) at Rolleston Reserve. However, potential to co-locate with the FRP clubroom as part of footprint between fields 1 and 2, particularly if indoor court facility is developed linked to the Aquatic Centre. In addition the Rolleston Reserve will come under increasing pressure to maximize available space for public use which will conflict with a fenced off bowling facility unless it replaces hard-court footprint. Locate at FRP broadens age profile of users. <b>Recommendation:</b> <b>Update the MP to reflect the Bowls NZ preference for FRP.</b>



<b>Rolleston Softball Club</b>	<p>Fast growing currently 226 members after only our second season. The club has affiliated with Rolleston Rugby Football Club (RRFC), purely because Club has no clubrooms of its own. We currently use the clubrooms during the softball season to encourage team building and development of youth within our club.</p> <p>Primarily, this submission is for the proposed relocation of the Rolleston Softball Club to Brookside Park.</p> <p>As a club, we are not against the development of Foster Park as sporting areas are needed for the development of sporting codes within the Selwyn District. Foster Park has the potential to accommodate many sporting codes, which is the main driver for many Rolleston based clubs.</p> <p>Due to Rolleston Softball Club being allocated to Brookside Park without proper consultation, the Club submitted the following concerns:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>The information provided about Brookside Park is very limited and vague as to what is proposed for Softball development on this Park. It does not explain in detail the council's contribution for Softball, in comparison to Foster Park where everything has been disclosed for development for other codes.</li><li>There is no space allocated for a Softball Skin Diamond. A premier diamond is a key aspect in the 5-year plan for our club. We have identified talent that we wish to remain in our sport and within Rolleston, and we need this facility to retain their talents.</li><li>A permanent diamond can be used for multiple events, not just for Rolleston Softball, but for national or even international tournaments.</li><li>Rolleston Softball Club has an Under 19 team that plays at Mainland Park (Home of Canterbury Softball) and at times will play on their skin diamond which teaches them a different dynamic, which is paramount to the development of our youth into premier grades.</li><li>We are not against the move to Brookside Park, however further consultation with the Rolleston Softball Club Committee is required. This is due to Selwyn District Council assuming that we would just follow RRFC and their clubrooms.</li><li>Over the last two years, we have built a beneficial relationship with RRFC that sees members from each code, playing both sports.</li><li>We prefer to stay independent, so that we stand as one identity under the banner of Canterbury Softball Association, who support our club's code of ethics and believe we are an integral part of development of softball within the Selwyn District.</li></ol> <p>These are only some of our concerns about the proposed move to Brookside Park. We believe that with further consultation between Selwyn District Council and Rolleston Softball Club these concerns of ours can be addressed.</p>	<p>Club was consulted through a questionnaire, follow-up face-to-face meeting and then a pre-release briefing along with other club stakeholder organisations. The Needs Analysis Report and summary in MP state that softball will require at least doubling of current provision by 2021 (p. 19, para. 12)</p> <p>Both FRP and Brookside were identified as options for softball with the intention of providing the Club with a choice of location as the Club was uncertain as to its preference during the consultation phase to prepare the draft MP. Feedback during the consultation was co-location with the Rolleston Rugby Club was advantageous for the Softball Club and this option was included in the MP (points 5, 6 &amp; 7 of submission). The Club has not been allocated to Brookside or FRP. The MP can be amended to reflect the Club preference.</p> <p><i>Brookside Park is an option to meet the needs of rugby by relocating the rugby clubrooms and share with touch, softball and cricket (artificial wickets)</i> (p. 19, para. 17).</p> <p><i>The land area required for football and its likely year round operation indicates that it is an anchor user of FRP, along with softball</i> (p. 20, para 1)</p> <p>The MP states potential for softball to share the skin diamond and safety fencing with Baseball</p> <p><i>Baseball is an emerging sport and can share facilities with softball</i> (p. 20, para. 8)</p> <p>The current description provides flexibility appropriate for a MP (see below) and further consultation with the Club will be undertaken during the detailed development plan for Brookside Park (points 1, 3, 4 &amp; 5 of submission).</p> <p>Statements made at the hearing now indicate Brookside as a preference with appropriate facilities provided (Space for skin diamond and one running-line diamond).</p> <p><i>Softball and athletics may wish to continue to co-locate with rugby and this can be accommodated at Brookside Park with marked track and field, marked grass diamonds plus backstop and side foul ball safety fencing. There is space for a skin diamond (with removable outfield fencing) in the future occupying part of the Park. Baseball is an emerging sport and could potentially share the diamonds with softball. The scale and location of any clubroom that compliments the existing facilities at the Park will need to be determined.</i></p> <p>There is room at both Brookside and FRP to include a skin-diamond and this can be drawn in on concept plan once Club preference is known (point 2 of submission).</p> <p>The Club can remain independent as a sovereign entity (point 7 of submission). However, the club will need to share facilities with other codes consistent with the vision, objectives and principles of the MP. The intent is for the sharing of clubroom facilities to optimize sustainability, land use and investment</p> <p><b>Recommendations:</b></p> <p><b>Continue to consult with the club on plans and update the MP to reflect the Club preference in terms of FRP and/or Brookside.</b></p> <p><b>Insert skin-diamond onto concept plan when location preference is known.</b></p>
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<b>Rolleston Rugby Club</b>	<p>LIKE: New facilities. Favourable to some sport codes but not all. Sharing of school and community facilities.</p> <p>DISLIKE: Revenue Identity Control Not enough fields for future growth Cost IMPROVEMENTS: Designated rugby field for growth or new club. (See draft plan for Brookside Park in Appendix).</p> <p>A revised plan for the layout at Brookside Park has been prepared by the club including location of club rooms. Expectation that Council will pay for relocation of facilities from Rolleston Reserve to Brookside Park</p>	<p>Consultation feedback prior to drafting MP was preference to shift to Brookside. Club submission is too brief to comment beyond stating the intent is to manage demand for fields. Initial strongest demand is for football fields. Relocating football to planned larger land area with more fields at FRP reflected this demand. Over time the relative popularity between codes will be managed through allocation of fields at both Brookside and FRP.</p> <p><b>Recommendation: Develop Brookside park plan to incorporate revised field layout and clubroom location.</b></p> <p><b>Consider allocation of rugby fields at FRP as code demand becomes clearer</b></p>
<b>Canterbury Rugby Union</b>	<p>Rugby as the major winter sport in Canterbury, would clearly like to work closely with Selwyn District Council on this project in order to develop and help satisfy demands for rugby in Rolleston with possibility of second club.</p> <p>1. Provision on Foster Recreation Park for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Two full sized senior playing fields (minimum one field with lights for matches)</li><li>One full sized training field (with lights)</li><li>Two junior fields</li><li>At least one of the full sized rugby grounds be allocated within the Outdoor Sports Hub, either alongside the proposed indoor sports facilities, or adjacent to.</li><li>Support for a floodlit artificial surface with shock absorberency</li></ul> <p>2. Relocation or construction cost for the Rolleston RFC clubrooms</p> <p>3. A floodlit field at Brookside Park</p>	<p>See above regarding managing demand. Rolleston Rugby Club and Canterbury Rugby Union appear to agree on concerns regarding the future number of rugby fields but differ on location preferences.</p> <p>Development of an artificial surfaced field will not deal with Saturday peak demand for concurrent use of multiple fields – the priority need. Artificial surfaced field has merit as a complementary development and is an option for the future as set out in the staging plan (<i>Longer term 2024+ on p. 21</i>).</p> <p>Intent is ultimately for all fields to be floodlit at FRP is described on pages 24 and 25. Need to amend MP to include description of Brookside Park flood lighting.</p> <p><b>Recommendation: Amend MP to include floodlighting upgrade at Brookside Park. Expand on other enhancements required at Brookside to accommodate relocation of Rugby activities.</b></p> <p><b>Consider allocation of rugby fields at FRP as code demand becomes clearer</b></p>
<b>Canterbury Basketball Association</b>	<p>Basketball is growing rapidly in Canterbury. The Association states 10% growth year on year over the past 3 years. Basketball is one of the fastest growing participation sports in New Zealand.</p> <p>Data from the Recent Sport New Zealand's Young Person's survey has identified that Basketball is the number one sport that all boys and girls in all age brackets (5-18 years) want to either play more of or participate in for the first time. In addition, it is one of the top 10 participation sports for 11-18 year old boys and girls.</p> <p>Basketball is fast becoming a year round sport with participation opportunities already occurring beyond the traditional season timelines. This, in combination with the push to include 3*3 into the regular schedule of activities makes basketball a key user and significant stakeholder of such a facility. The Association operates a hub and spokes facility provision model and Rolleston is a significant spoke.</p> <p>Canterbury Basketball Association urges the Selwyn District Council to consider not the current requirements, but to place confidence in the growth, demands and needs in the future and to plan and future proof in this phase. The Association urges the Selwyn District Council to reconsider the timing of the projects to ensure that indoor court space is developed in Stage 1.</p> <p>3-4 indoor courts needed for hub and also request outdoor court space for 3 on 3.</p>	<p>The MP recognizes the need for indoor courts as follows:</p> <p><i>Most comparable sized population centres in New Zealand have a multi-court indoor facility of at least 2 courts with many having 3, 4 or 5 courts. There is currently latent demand from basketball for a facility with 2-3 courts. The site selected will need the capacity to expand to up to 4 courts as population growth occurs and demand increases for indoor courts</i> (p.20, para. 2)</p> <p><i>Current provision of outdoor courts at Rolleston Reserve will over time convert to more informal recreation focus for pick up games of tennis, basketball and netball or shooting hoops</i> (p.20, para. 4)</p> <p>However, the critical shortfall in field sport provision to meet existing participation demands has been assessed as a higher priority. In addition, the significant cost of indoor facilities has meant a 2-stage development in the Second and Third five-year development phases have been recommended in the MP.</p> <p><b>Recommendation: No change to the timing of indoor court development.</b></p>

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<b>Rolleston Residents Association</b>	Wilderness Areas, The Youth Park area, The sports fields and how they are set out, The planned clubrooms area (Will it be big enough?); The exercise/fitness area. Lack of toilets Lack of car parking spaces The proposed size of the youth park Have fitness stations around the tracks Ensure tracks are accessible for all - elderly people, bikes, prams etc. Big area for entertainment Water fountains for drinking	The submission is too brief to comment beyond a general comment that the MP addresses accessibility, fitness stations, parking, drinking fountains and toilet provision. Concerns regarding size of youth park and clubrooms and car park numbers can be clarified via further discussion with the Association but it believed these are of sufficient area/capacity to service the park. <b>Recommendation: Ensure toilet location are more clearly identified on the plan</b>
<b>Weedons Reserve Committee</b>	LIKE: That Weedons will become the "hub" for cricket in Selwyn DISLIKE: Is there enough room? Park not big enough IMPROVEMENT: Enlargement for future development More sports catered for	The submission is too brief to comment beyond a general comment that the MP addresses future land needs on p. 20. <b>Recommendation: No change to MP as Future Land Use (need) is addressed on page 20.</b>

5. Themes from comments by individuals

A plethora of different views were promoted in individual submissions but recurring themes were identifiable that can provide qualitative information for decision-making. A representative summary of submitters' views is presented in the following tables:

5.1. Dislike

Even with 96% support for the overall direction of the Draft Master Plan there were some recurring messages from the comments about what submitters did not like about the Draft Master Plan.

Message	Typical Submission Comments - DISLIKE	Comment
<b>Want it now</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Timeline bit hard for some sports to wait until 2024 for extra facilities especially with growth of some sporting codes.</li><li>At this stage, there is not much that I dislike about the concept and plans for FRP. Timelines for its creation could be an issue as a lot of what is planned could be used now.</li><li>To slow No rugby fields for school rugby need 3 No senior rugby fields need 2</li><li>Some of the facilities will take some years to build such as artificial turf &amp; Clubrooms, these facilities are required now rather than in 3 or 4 years.</li></ul>	Population growth and new settlers have higher expectations of infrastructure being in place (especially former city residents). Affordability and funding constraints have driven timing in staging plan. Some projects may advance or be delayed depending on stakeholder motivation and momentum to pursue external funding. <b>Recommendation: No change to MP</b>
Concern FRP will <b>not be big enough</b> to meet future demand, especially with 'loss' of land to high school	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>There is nothing to dislike my only concern is that it won't be big enough to cope with future growth</li><li>High school land should be registered with more reserve land 'no net loss'</li></ul>	This issue is addressed in the Future land Use section of the Draft Master Plan (p. 20) signalling additional land will be needed somewhere between 2031 and 2041

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<b>Parking</b> not seen as sufficient	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Doesn't look like enough car parking for the amount of areas.</li><li>Lack of car parking spaces</li><li>Plan does not seem to show adequate parking unless all along the roadside is to be used. Many of the outdoor areas will be well used in the winter months and no one wants to have to walk too far in wet, cold weather. When there is a big event it would seem the folk in Faringdon will have their streets used as parking.</li><li>There is a massive lack on onsite parking. Take out a couple of sports fields and put in more parking. We don't want people parking in the residential areas outside our houses.</li><li>Lack of Car Parking Each sports area needs its own car parking area I currently use the pool weekly, I normally walk, but on the occasion I have needed to take the car due to wet weather I found it impossible to get a park, example when I arrive @ 9.45am the car park is almost full or full. Which leaves me to park on the road, not ideal when you have a toddler and its wet. This will only get worse as more people use the pool and the facilities grow in the area.</li></ul>	There are 716 off-road parking spaces in MP well distributed to provide parking close to fields. In comparison, Christchurch District Plan requires 15 parking spaces per field or 6 spaces per outdoor court. MP has generous provision in comparison. <b>Recommendation: No change to MP. Explore bringing extension of pool car park forward.</b>
More provision for <b>dog</b> walking/exercise areas	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>The dog park is often used by the Dog Training Club - it would be good if there were an additional area that was always available for use even when the Club is in the main dog park.</li><li>Dog Park should be larger.</li><li>There are more dogs than there is room to exercise them. Either the existing park needs to be extended at the expense of some of the sports fields or a second dog park needs to be established. Or loosen rules for dogs in the new parks i.e. allow off leash exercise.</li><li>Dog Park is going to be a little small in 20 years time when there is a town of 20,000 to service! Perhaps some consideration to buying rural land nearby to add another dog park to Foster Rec Park.</li><li>The dog park needs to be either extended or a second one created. At the moment there are 50kg dogs socialising with 1-2kg dogs and that is just asking for trouble (and several accidents have occurred around the country with large dogs killing/badly injuring small ones simply because of the size difference). Another dog park for small/old dogs wouldn't take up much more room and would be more sensible and safe.</li></ul>	There is merit in considering a second off-leash exercise area with signage indicating it is for smaller dogs. <b>Recommendation: Indicate an area in MP for off-leash exercise for smaller dogs. Explore potential to extend the Dog Park once Goulds Rd is closed. Identify alternative sites in Rolleston for Dog Parks. Ensure public are aware of change to Dog Control Bylaw allowing dogs on parks under effective control.</b>
<b>Noise</b> from events area	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>I would like to see [fields] # 11 &amp; # 12 swap around. If # 11 is going to be used for concerts and outdoor sports tournament I think it would be better suited to where # 12 is. This would help with noise levels affecting Gould Road Residents</li></ul>	Images in MP have the recreation/events as one hub. This has caused confusion as several submitters have referred to fields 11 and 12 rather than fields 17-23 as the event hub. <b>Recommendation: Split recreation/events hub into separate events hub and a separate recreation hub (Foster Homestead)</b>
<b>Rugby</b> at Brookside rather than at the 'main' park not seen as logical	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>I feel that all clubs should be present. The absence of the rugby club seems unusual also I believe a bowling clubs would be a great asset for the Rolleston community.</li></ul>	Rugby can be at FRP as fields will be allocated by Council according to demand with regular reviews. <b>Recommendation: No change</b>
<b>Naming</b> as Foster Recreation Park not seen as appropriate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Why call it 'Foster' Rec Park? Fosters were well paid for this land and name should be with community consultation.</li><li>The name "Foster Recreation Park" is a boring name.</li></ul>	<b>Recommendation: No change</b> <b>Recommendation: No change</b>

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Doubt of workability of clubs sharing of clubrooms	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>I am wary of how it will work clubs sharing one Pavilion/Space</li> <li>No mention of clubrooms/facilities for cricket, rugby or tennis club to call their own</li> </ul>	<p>Sharing embedded in vision, objectives and principles of MP. Clubs in process of working through how, when and where they will be sharing facilities and other resources.</p> <p><b>Recommendation: No change</b></p>
Walking & cycling	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Lack of "Natural" environment for cycle and walking paths. It's always nice to walk and cycle through bush and feel really far away from an urban environment - think Bottle Lake Forrest, or even Deans Bush on the smaller scale.</li> <li>It needs to have areas that people can use for walking and running. How about some exercise trails. We are not all young sports people, so the recreation area needs to give equal opportunity for 'low impact' fitness options.</li> <li>You've got plenty of playing fields now. Use it for something else. There are no mountain bike tracks around here that I know of. News flash here people, mountain bikers are usually people that have money that they could spend in Rolleston if there were suitable tracks here to attract them.</li> </ul>	<p>Potential for variety of cycling experiences at FRP. Wilderness areas designed to provide 'natural setting'.</p> <p><b>Recommendation: Identify the former gravel pit as location for some technical riding tracks. Explain that Reids Pit is to be developed as off-road cycle track.</b></p>
Goulds Road cul-de-sac and traffic volume causing a hazard with High School, Park and Aquatic Centre all at one location	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>I think cutting off Goulds Rd could be a problem as it will send a lot more traffic past Clearview School or will send Faringdon residents on a massive detour round Springston-Rolleston Rd. I would like to keep Goulds Rd as a direct route to the new town centre but with improved roading/traffic signals around the intersection with Lowes Rd/Springston-Rolleston Rd area</li> <li>The idea of making Goulds Road a cul de sac is crazy! This should remain a main road and should be widened now as it is very busy and dangerous.</li> <li>I think this will encourage cars to shortcut through residential areas (this is already a problem in some streets), particular if Rolleston Drive is a link from SH1 as proposed. If the cul de sac goes ahead provision for parking should be made at the dog park end of the proposed plan</li> <li>I live on Goulds Road, so I'm concerned about the possible increase in traffic due to this development.</li> </ul>	<p>Higher traffic volumes will occur with mitigation to improve safety covered in MP. Traffic modelling shows Goulds Road as causing more congestion as fifth road at intersection.</p> <p><b>Recommendation: No change to MP, continue with cul-de-sac concept. More targeted consultation with affected properties on Goulds Rd to explain concept.</b></p>
Landscape and plantings plus CPTED	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The large gum trees along Goulds Road are both ugly and a hazard as demonstrated in the recent storm. They should be felled or thinned now.</li> <li>Too many trees for safety reasons teenagers will go there and there needs to be clear visibility so to prevent any inappropriate behaviour as these people tend to hide in bushes and tree lined areas.</li> </ul>	<p>CPTED guidelines will be applied to detailed design in planting plan.</p> <p><b>Recommendation: No change to MP. Plan to reduce height of gums is already in train. Install cameras for high risk areas.</b></p>
Toilet provision is unclear and insufficient	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No toilets are shown on the plan. A park this size needs 2 or 3 blocks.</li> </ul>	<p>Toilet provision is adequate.</p> <p><b>Recommendation: No change to MP but clearly identify toilet locations in MP.</b></p>
Concern expansion of Aquatic Centre is prevented by co-location of dry facilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Is there room to extend the pool as needed, Hydroslides etc.</li> </ul>	<p>Aquatic Centre has provision for expansion towards Goulds Road.</p> <p><b>Recommendation: No change to MP</b></p>

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Message	Typical Submission Comments - DISLIKE	Comment
Too sport focused	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>20 playing fields seems slightly excessive - the sports area of FRP appears to be very well planned but I don't think we need 20 sports fields. Not everyone in Rolleston is sports oriented, which is why I feel that parks, walking and cycling, seating areas and maybe a fountain would be nice.</li> </ul>	<p>Overwhelming support for overall direction of MP infers balance between sport and passive recreation is about right</p> <p><b>Recommendation: No change to MP</b></p>
Facilities that are not included	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Are there any shelters to be built around the sports fields?</li> <li>Lack of squash court facilities</li> </ul>	<p>Shelters can be added (if proven as needed) once Park is operational. Plantings designed to provide some shelter.</p> <p>Squash courts can be added to planned indoor court facility during feasibility planning of facility.</p> <p><b>Recommendation: No change to MP</b></p>

## 5.2. Improvements

There were some recurring messages about what submitters would like to see in the way of improvements in the Draft Master Plan

Message	Typical Submission Comments - IMPROVEMENTS	Comment
Walking and cycling	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Consideration of using the Proposed Walkways adjacent to Goulds Road as access for Residents of Faringdon and ODP Area 10 to High School, Aquatic Centre, Township as an alternative to footpath on busy Goulds Road between Dynes Road and Shearalea Subdivision.</li> <li>We would encourage walking &amp; cycling tracks to be a priority to get developed &amp; up &amp; running, as there are no off-road cycling opportunities currently available.</li> <li>I would like to see the walking/cycling track round the outside and through the middle become a priority project so that the public can start making use of the land for recreational purposes immediately. At the moment we only have the option of walking around the houses.</li> <li>It would be very good if there was a mountain bike track around the park which families could ride with one or two technical parts for experience riders. Please refer to McLean's Island which is great asset. What would be great would be the use of the gravel pit. I don't think this would cost much.</li> </ul>	<p>Strong message to deliver a viable network of walking and cycling tracks as part of Stage 1.</p> <p><b>Recommendation:</b> Add to the Stage 1 development the establishment of walking/cycling track around perimeter of Park and link tracks to provide shorter loops. Amend Staging and Implementation Programme as needed</p> <p>Add to Stage 1 development the establishment of mini mountain bike park in former gravel pit (with some informal technical tracks). Amend Staging and Implementation Programme as needed</p>
Dog park extension or 2 <sup>nd</sup> dog exercise area	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Extension of the dog park with areas for small dogs and big dogs</li> <li>The dog park is our main concern, we use this area for the dogs most days, we think it is great but would like to see the water area / stream have a larger swimming area for the big dogs who like to swim, this area is very popular and could be improved, we have seen this at the Quarry where the swimming hole/pond is where everyone heads for. If a section could be fenced off for small dogs, I know a number of people have said this would make the park more user friendly (people and dogs).</li> </ul>	<p>There is merit in considering a second off-leash exercise area with signage indicating it is for smaller dogs.</p> <p><b>Recommendation: Indicate an area in MP for off-leash exercise for smaller dogs. Explore potential to extend the Dog Park once Goulds Rd is closed. Identify alternative sites in Rolleston for Dog Parks.</b></p>

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Youth park	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Am unclear whether this includes a skate park, as it appears the existing one will disappear in this plan. Definite need for skate park for kids and youths.</li></ul>	Consider skate provision along with feedback from youth forum. <b>Recommendation: Add skate park as option to description of youth play zone.</b>
Landscape & planting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>If the stock water race is made into a stream in the park, provision needs to be made for cleaning it. If stones are used to line it, as in the Faringdon subdivision, it will be very difficult to clean, and slime/algae build up will be a serious problem.</li><li>More shaded picnic areas and a proper garden with flowers. It doesn't have to be huge but at the moment Rolleston is really missing a space where all ages can enjoy a garden with flowers.</li><li>Thin or remove gum trees Widening of Goulds Road and what about a water feature like a pond fed by the water race, as in the dog park or Waterford Mews on Lowes Road</li><li>Retain trees</li><li>Botanic Reserve? Community garden? Food Forest?</li><li>Just please put as much thought into landscaping / planting as any other part of the plan, and don't think that thickets of natives is the cheap and culturally sensitive way to go. Great to have areas of native planting for bird and insect life, but have these where they don't block sunlight, impede visibility from main roads / pathways (safety issues) or become a depository for rubbish. Invest in good specimen trees for their beauty and variety and appropriateness for public safety/visibility.</li></ul>	Strong theme to take care and be judicious in changes to trees. MP has balanced between wind shelter for sport and recreation users, CPTED principles, protecting potentials for gardens and dell areas. Use of waterways to enhance recreation and amenity value is another strong theme. MP provides for optimising this aspect Detailed landscape and planting plan will address these issues and suggestions. <b>Recommendation: No change to MP.</b>
Parking	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>More parking or information on how much would be provided on current plan.</li><li>There doesn't seem to be any parking close to the playing fields in area 11 and 12 at Faringdon end. Parents watching young children playing sport with toddlers / babies or/and grandparents often need to be in their car during games. Area 7 seems a logical car park area.</li></ul>	There are 716 off-road parking spaces in MP well distributed to provide parking close to fields. In comparison, Christchurch District Plan requires 15 parking spaces per field or 6 spaces per outdoor court. MP has generous provision in comparison. <b>Recommendation: No change to MP</b>
Additional activities/ facilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Would like consideration be given to having a small area set aside for a Radio Controlled Car Racetrack, similar to what is at Ruapuna Speedway. It wouldn't take up much space but would cater for those in the community who enjoy this pastime.</li><li>A bird aviary like Dunedin botanical gardens A duck pond like Ashburton but with eels to feed as well as ducks Bike track to ride on Art sculptures that are interactive with water features.</li><li>A large gym is gold people. The gyms out here are crap, cold and expensive. They are a money-spinner if you do them correctly. Go through a snap fitness gym and think bigger scale. Gold!</li><li>Addition of squash courts Mini Golf</li><li>That indoor sports facilities include a gym and squash courts.</li><li>Rugby league field</li></ul>	Informal use of Park for Radio Controlled machines needs careful management to avoid conflict with other users. Prefer an alternative venue to be identified for this activity. <b>Recommendation: No change to MP</b> Squash courts can be added to the planned indoor court facility during feasibility planning of facility. <b>Recommendation: No change to MP</b> A health & fitness centre is already identified in Second Five Years. <b>Recommendation: The health &amp; fitness centre be brought forward into First Five Years</b>

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5.3. Word Use by Individual Submitters

There were recurring themes as described above and an analysis of the most frequently used words in responses from individual residents show some strong correlations with themes described above. Frequency of word use by individual submitters was as follows:

Use of Word	Theme
102	Walk, walking, walkways, track, tracks, bike, cycling
78	Park, parks
76	Sports
69	Dog, dogs
51	Recreation, recreational, play, playing
42	Parking
38	School
36	Family, kids, groups, children
32	Road
31	Fields
30	Space, spaces
27	Facilities, facility
23	Goulds
20	Pool
19	Trees
18	Community
17	Club, clubs
17	Small
16	Safe, safety
15	Traffic
12	Water
8	Public
8	Rugby
8	Squash
8	Wilderness

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