1. Introduction

1.1. Council’s Vision ‘Active Bass Coast 2018’

*Active Bass Coast 2018* sets out the vision for planning for open space and recreation across the Shire.

*Active Bass Coast 2018* includes the recommendation to upgrade Harold Hughes Reserve: *MAP E. Action 37 - Upgrade Harold Hughes Reserve (Corinella)*

The following vision guides Council’s master planning process for all reserves within the Shire.

“A healthy and connected community that regularly participates in recreation and social activities in both natural and structured open spaces.”

**Active People**
- Adapting to changing trends in sport and recreation participation
- Increasing physical activity and targeting the least active members of the community
- Empowering the community to lead the way
- Ensuring inclusive environments and access for all

**Active Places**
- Providing adequate open space and recreation options in growth areas
- Ensuring equitable and sustainable management of facilities, reserves and foreshores
- Connecting Bass Coast Shire via walking and cycling trails
- Conserving the natural environment while promoting sustainable active recreation

**Active Partnerships**
- Identifying and prioritising regional recreation facilities
- Building equitable and sustainable relationships with community groups
- Partnering with government and organisations to increase funding for open space and recreation
- Boosting the economy via recreation tourism
1.2. Reserve Overview

Harold Hughes bequeathed this land to the local community to be used as a reserve after his death in 1936. The Reserve was cleared in 1969 by the Corinella Children’s Park Committee. Since then, the local community has had strong interest in the use and development of the Reserve.

The Reserve is accessible via Smythe Street, Balcombe Street and Anderson Parade with a pedestrian path running from Smythe Street through to Anderson Parade.

The Reserve is central to the Corinella community and home to the Corinella Bowls Club, Corinella Market, Corinella Hall and the Harold Hughes Monument.

The Reserve has a number of recreation activities available including a playspace, mobile skate ramp, mobile Frisbee Golf nets, tennis courts with pavilion, as well as a public artwork which was installed in 2018.
1.3. **Demographics**

According to the Australian Bureau of Statistics 2016 Census, Corinella has a population of 791. Corinella welcomes regular day-trippers and holiday makers. Like other coastal towns in Bass Coast, there are a large number (39%) of holiday houses indicating Corinella's popularity as a holiday destination. Bass Valley Primary School is located in Corinella, with over 200 students from around the Waterline area.

2. **Planning Principles**

2.1. **Bass Coast Planning Scheme**

Harold Hughes Reserve is zoned Public Park and Recreation (PPRZ). The purpose of this zoning is to set aside the land for public recreation and open space and to protect and conserve areas of significance where appropriate.
2.2. **Active Bass Coast 2018-28 Planning Principles**  
The following prioritising principles underpin our decision making processes and guide our support of community groups and upgrade activities to ensure the appropriate level of service is provided to open space and recreation across the Shire.

**Efficiency**
- Flexible - multi-use design
- Shared facilities
- Sustainable financial management

**Participation**
- Increasing levels of participation
- Reaching target groups

**Diversity**
- Wide range of recreation opportunities
- Wide range of open space settings

**Partnerships**
- Partnering with organisations for improved outcomes

**Universal Design**
- Safety
- Inclusive of gender
- All ages/all abilities

2.3. **Corinella Community Plan 2013**

In 2013, the Corinella community developed their own plan with a shared vision for the local township.

**Vision**
For Corinella to be the place of choice for coastal and country residential and recreational lifestyle.
**Mission**
For residents, ratepayers and visitors to actively participate in community life to enhance the social, cultural, environmental and economic development of our community.

**Values**
The collective community values include:
- People need to and do feel safe
- Community supports and values families
- Community embraces people of all ages, races and religions
- People have pride in their community
- People feel connected
- Community supports local people, businesses and organisations
- People live together harmoniously
- Visitors and holiday makers are welcome
- Community appreciates, values and cares for the environment
- Community supports responsible, sustainable property development, appropriate residential housing and selective commercial development

2.4. **Bass Coast Playspace Strategy 2017**
The *Playspace Strategy 2017* recommends that the existing playspace at Harold Hughes Reserve be upgraded from a local to a district level playspace due to the significant role it plays in the region.

2.5. **Bass Coast Skate Strategy 2018-28**
The Reserve has long been home to the mobile skate ramp that has been rotated between several local townships that are without permanent skate facilities. The *Skate Strategy 2018-28* recommends that the mobile skate ramp be replaced with a permanent incidental skate park, on the existing concrete pad next to the tennis courts.
3. Reserve Usage

3.1. User Groups

- Corinella Angling Club
- Corinella Bowls Club
- Corinella Hall Committee
- Corinella Market

3.2. Infrastructure

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<td>Lawn bowls facilities</td>
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<td>The Corinella Bowls Club pavilion and single synthetic green provide all year round play for formal and informal activities. The Club are active in further developing their facilities and have proposed lighting to provide evening activities.</td>
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<td>Tennis pavilion</td>
<td>Average</td>
<td>The small pavilion was formerly used by the Corinella Tennis Club, which is no longer in operation. The pavilion is currently being used by the Corinella Angling Club for storage purposes.</td>
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<td>Rotunda</td>
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<td>The rotunda is used frequently for informal activities and for events and markets at the Reserve.</td>
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<td>Public toilets</td>
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<td>The public toilets are highly used and are the only public toilets in this area within Corinella.</td>
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<td>Community Hall</td>
<td>Good</td>
<td>Managed by Corinella Public Hall Committee Of Management and regularly used for community events/programs etc.</td>
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4. Consultation

4.1. Consultation Program

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<td>Stakeholder meeting</td>
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### 4.2. Consultation Themes

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| **1 Organised recreation** | • Lawn Bowls                         | • Provide greater electricity points for the growing Corinella Market  
|                            | • Tennis                              | • Continue to support the Corinella Bowls Club through Community Grants and potential lighting for evening activities  
|                            | • Corinella Market                    |                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| **2 Informal recreation**  | • Families (children)                | • Redevelop the existing tennis courts to include multi-purpose activities including basketball, cricket, netball and tennis  
|                            | • Community                           | • Include more skate elements within the planned skate design  
|                            |                                        | • Include flying fox, climbing equipment and a trampoline within the design for the new playspace  
|                            |                                        | • Refurbish public toilets to provide access for all abilities  
|                            |                                        | • Remove two sides of rotunda to open it up yet still provide shelter  
|                            |                                        | • Further discuss community art opportunities within playspace at the Reserve  
|                            |                                        | • Move bins closer to the rotunda for bbq activities and events  
|                            |                                        | • Create full basketball court on the multi-purpose space, so full court games can be played  
| **3 Environment/heritage conservation** | • Corinella Foreshore Committee of Management | • All committee members would like the Reserve to stay informal in its layout and appearance  
|                            |                                        | • All vegetation should be protected and increased if possible and to provide information about local flora and fauna  
|                            |                                        | • Preserve and enhance the local heritage, including an upgrade of the Harold Hughes Monument  
|                            |                                        | • Enhance natural feel of the reserve ie natural playspace  
| **4 Access**               | • Community                           | • Improve path network throughout the Reserve  
|                            |                                        | • Provide more seating/shelter, particularly facing playspace  
|                            |                                        | • Provide play equipment for children of all abilities  
|                            |                                        | • Improve entry to playspace from Smythe Street  |
Figure 1 - Community Priorities

- Upgrade fencing
- Upgrade furniture
- Include community art
- Trampoline (accessible)
- Improve entry to playspace
- Upgrade rotundas
- Swing (accessible)
- Flying fox (equipment for all ages)
- Preserve heritage
- Provide electricity for market
5. Recommendations

- Short Term – 0 to 3 years
- Medium Term – 3 to 5 years
- Long Term – Over 5 years
- Ongoing

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<td><strong>$890,000</strong></td>
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6. Funding

There are several funding streams for recreation and open space reserve improvements. These include:
- Maintenance and renewal of existing infrastructure
- Capital works program for new projects (Council's Annual Budget)
- Open Space Contributions
- External grants

*Active Bass Coast 2018-28* includes a full description of funding options for Master Plan projects.
7. Monitoring and review

It is our intention is to ensure that our Master Plan recommendations remain current and relevant to our changing community needs and expectations as well as responsive to funding opportunities.

Although our Master Plan recommendations aim to be completed within a 10-year period, Master Plan updates may be undertaken at any time to reflect changing needs and priorities.

Master Plan outcomes will be monitored annually in line with Active Bass Coast 2018-28 reporting.

A business case will be completed for each priority to determine funding streams and allocate projects to proceed to Council’s capital works funding processes.
Recommendations

1. Develop new playspace in line with community priorities including nature play zone (refer below)
2. Plant shade trees around playspace to provide adequate shade
3. Resurface tennis courts to create multi-use courts to provide for tennis, basketball, netball, cricket and soccer
4. Remove existing basketball ring and cricket nets as part of court and skate upgrade
5. Create new incidental skate park
6. Provide electricity for market and outdoor events
7. Provide path connection from Smythe St to the rotunda to connect with existing path network
8. Improve entrance to playspace and reserve from Smythe Street
9. Refurbish public toilets
10. Upgrade fencing around the grave site
11. Replace bollards with low planting along carpark edge (refer below)
12. Renovate existing rotundas to open it up ie remove sides
13. Provide new planting beds around new playspace and skate park
14. Install additional and upgrade existing picnic tables and bench seats
15. Provide support for Corinella Angling Club to continue access to existing pavilion for storage purposes until an appropriate facility is secured for the Club.
16. Retain Frisbee Golf nets all year round
17. Protect existing vegetation (throughout)

Existing seat 🛋️ picnic table ☕️
Existing water fountain 💧 BBQ 🍽️

Replace bollards
Nature Play Zone
Accessible picnic table
More path connections