

Woady Yaloak Equestrian Centre 2022-2032 Master Plan

Background Research Report

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We respectfully acknowledge the Traditional Custodians of the land that the Golden Plains Shire Council offices are situated on, the Wadawurrung and Eastern Marr people, and recognise their continuing connection to the land.

We pay our respects to their Elders past, present and emerging and extend this to all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander People.

PROJECT OVERVIEW AND CONTENTS



Golden Plains Shire appointed SBP and The OCD to develop a masterplan for the Woady Yaloak Equestrian Centre. In undertaking this project, SBP and its project team committed to:

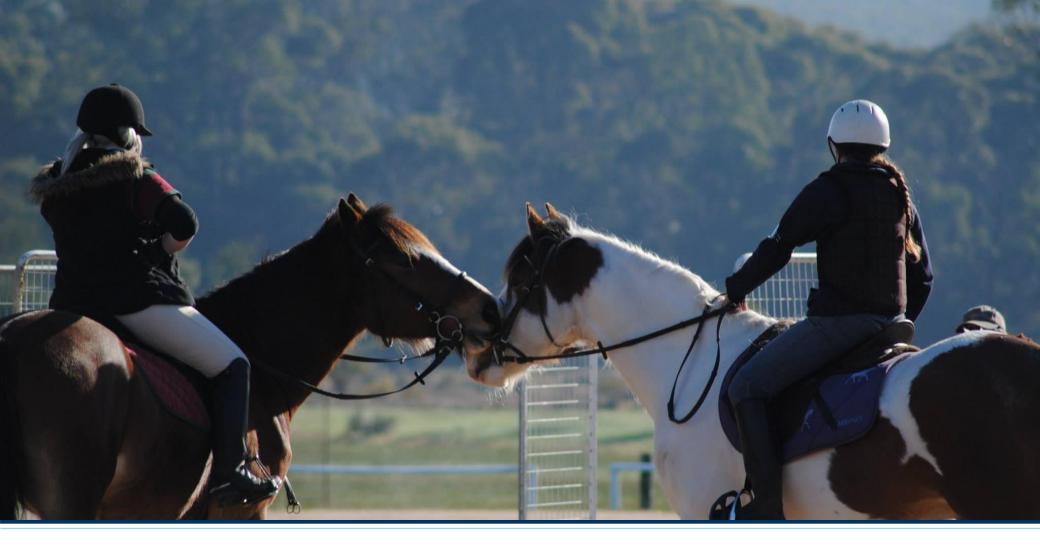
- Assess the demand for sporting and recreation facilities relating to the aforementioned site to determine and prioritise future needs,
- Review the condition and provision of the equestrian and community facilities at the Centre.
- Work with the Woady Yaloak Equestrian Centre Management Entity and regular user groups to identify capital and strategic development opportunities at the Centre.
- Provide recommendations for future developments including costings and funding responsibilities.
- Produce a concept plan detailing existing facilities and the recommended location of potential developments.

This report provides a record of all research, analysis and findings from the masterplan project, and is a supporting document to the final masterplan.

In developing this report, the following activities have been undertaken:

- Initial briefing and planning workshop with key Council staff.
- · Site visits by the consultant team.
- Consultations with eight staff members from four Council departments/teams.
- Detailed review of Council and industry documents, facility guidelines and best-practice.
- Desk research, market and competitor facility analysis.
- A series of consultation sessions with the Committee of Management (CoM).
- Online survey with the GPS community.

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COMMUNITY PROFILE AND USAGE

WYEC EQUESTRIAN PARTICIPATION



Woady Yaloak Equestrian Centre has facilities which cater for multi-disciplined equestrian activities. The main user groups at the reserve are:

- Ballarat Adult Riding Club
- Rokewood Pony Club
- Smythesdale Adult Riders Club
- Smythesdale Pony Club
- Woady Yaloak Eventing Association (Funding committee)
- Casual Users

The member and participant data provided from these tenant clubs and user groups has been reviewed to understand current utilisation.

As shown in the chart to the right:

- Smythesdale Adult Riders Club has the largest user group base, with over 460 event participants and members in 2021.
- There are approximately 150 members between all user groups.
- Casual users make up the smallest user group, with approximately 75 participants using the facilities year round. Casual riders are allocated time slots around other user groups and are given access to the facility on weekdays.
- Adult riding clubs and pony clubs use the facility on weekends. The clubs have designated rally days each month.





Rokewood Pony Club – Hold meetings on the first Sunday of every month and an annual PCV and open training in June.



Smythesdale Adult Riders Club – Hold rallies on the second Sunday of every month. Dressage, showjumping and grid lessons offered at all rallies. Cross country lessons also offered.



Smythesdale Pony Club – Hold rallies on the third Sunday of every month.



Ballarat Adult Riding Club – Hold weekend rallies on the fourth Sunday of every month. Weekday rallies held on the second Sunday of each month.

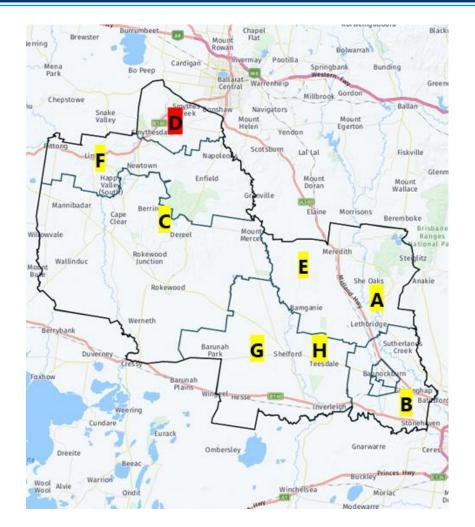
POPULATION CHANGE



Between 2021 and 2041, the population for Golden Plains Shire is forecast to increase by 17,901 persons (74% growth), at an average annual change of 2.6%.

Haddon – Smythesdale and District is expected to see an additional 1,461 residents, which is one of the higher growth forecasts within the Shire.

Ref	Area	2021	2026	2031	2036	2041	Total change
	Golden Plains Shire	24,292	26,242	30,501	36,261	42,193	+17,901
В	Bannockburn South	15	80	1,939	5,017	8,508	+8,493
A	Bannockburn North	6,089	7,172	8,546	10,129	11,612	+5,523
D	Haddon – Smythesdale and District	5,297	5,560	5,965	6,361	6,758	+1,461
н	Teesdale and District	3,814	4,115	4,358	4,674	4,933	+1,119
E	Lethbridge and District	2,460	2,602	2,771	2,928	3,007	+547
G	South East	1,655	1,682	1,779	1,894	2,012	+357
F	North West (Balance)	3,054	3,125	3,209	3,292	3,379	+325
С	Central West	1,908	1,907	1,935	1,966	1,985	+77



Source: .idcommunity Demographic Resources. Golden Plains Shire. Population Summary.

DEMOGRAPHIC OVERVIEW



Golden Plains Shire is located in South-Western Victoria, about 80 kilometres from the Melbourne CBD, situated between Geelong and Ballarat, the Shire is a predominately rural area with numerous townships. The **Haddon** – **Smythesdale and District region, where the WYEC is located, is one of the**

most populated areas within the Golden Plains Shire District.

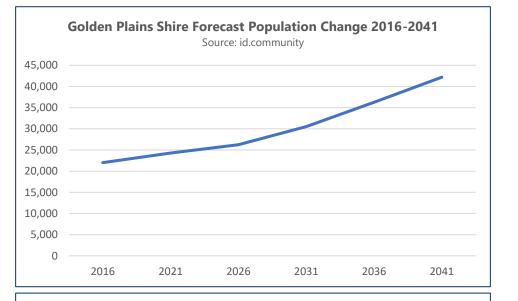
The forecasts for continued population growth within the region are in-line with neighbouring LGA's and Regional Victoria.

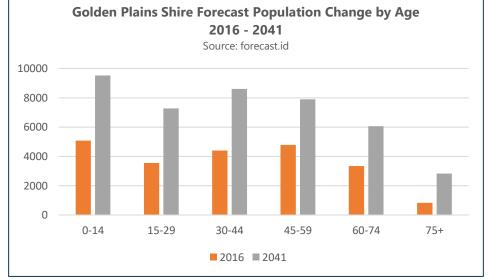
Between 2021 and 2041, the population in Golden Plains Shire is expected to grow by 17,901 residents or 74%. This percentage figure is higher when compared to neighbouring LGA's Geelong (64%), and Ballarat (49%).

0–14-year-olds are expected to remain the highest populated age within the Shire in 2041. While the 75-year-olds are forecasted to more than triple by 2041.

Sources:

- 1. .id.community Demographic Resources (2021). Golden Plains Shire Population Summary.
- 2. Golden Plains Shire (2019). Smythesdale Structure Plan Background Report
- 3. Golden Plains Shire Settlement Strategy (2019).









FACILITY ANALYSIS

REGIONAL EQUESTRIAN FACILITIES



The table below provides a summary of the disciplines, amenities, area and clubhouse provision at Golden Plains Shire and neighbouring LGA equestrian facilities.





		Facility Disciplines					Amenities							Area	
R	lef	General Function and Provision	Dressage	Eventing	Jumping	Show Horse	Perimeter Fencing	Training Area	Stables	Holding Yards	Cross Country Course	Change Rooms	Spectator Capacity	Indoor Arena	Total Surface Area (m ²)
	9	Woady Yaloak Equestrian Centre (GPS)	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark	\checkmark	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	×	172,285
(\bigcirc	Leighdale Equestrian Centre (GPS)	\checkmark	\checkmark	~	\checkmark	~	✓	✓	✓	✓	~	✓	×	143,945
(\bigcirc	Ballarat Pony Club	~	×	~	\checkmark	~	✓	✓	~	✓	~	✓	×	242,905
(\bigcirc	Ballarat Equestrian Centre	~	\checkmark	~	\checkmark	~	✓	✓	~	×	~	 ✓ 	✓	229,354
		Ballarat Equestrian Centre and Riding School	~	×	\checkmark	×	×	~	×	~	×	~	~	×	895,334

WOADY YALOAK EQUESTRIAN CENTRE OVERVIEW



Woady Yaloak Equestrian Centre (WYEC) has the opportunity to be seen as the 'primary' centre of equestrian when compared to facilities in the Golden Plains Shire and neighbouring LGA's.

The Smythesdale Structure Plan recognises that numerous equestrian facilities are provided in the neighbouring city of Ballarat, however, also identifies a significant opportunity to enhance the WYEC to a level which exceeds services offered elsewhere.

Having such facilities could attract Regional, State and National level events in the future, ultimately delivering holistic benefits to the Golden Plains Shire.

The Woady Yaloak Equestrian Centre has excellent facilities including the following equestrian components;

- A full competition size cross country course.
- A fully enclosed sand arena that can hold;
 - Four full sized dressage arenas
 - Two full size show jumping competitions
- Three club rooms with amenity buildings.
- Toilets (16).
- Showers (12).
- Storage sheds (7).
- 94 Holding yards.
- Access to water and electricity.
- · Access to forest riding trails.
- Commercial canteen, first aid room and event offices.





NATIONAL FACILITY GUIDELINES



Preferred Facility Standards

SBP have utilised Equestrian Queensland's Preferred Facility Standards (the nationally endorsed and most widely used Equestrian Facility standards) as the basis for assessing future development priorities which can be linked to hosting larger, higher profile events. The 5-tier system is the most detailed standards document in the industry and covers Dressage, Jumping, Eventing (inc. Cross Country), Driving, Vaulting, and Show Horse. The tiers represent:

- Tier 1 Olympic and World Equestrian Games
- Tier 2 International and National competitions
- Tier 3 State Level Events
- Tier 4 Regional Level Events
- Tier 5 Base Level Events

Currently, Woady Yaloak Equestrian Centre can host Tier 4 (Regional Level) events for Dressage and Tier 5 (Base Level) for Jumping, Eventing, Cross Country and Show Horse.

In order to enable each discipline to host the next highest tier, the Equestrian Centre will need to install:

- Dressage 100-200 lux lighting and 156 additional yards. (Currently Tier 4).
- Jumping Extend the practice arena width by 10m. (Currently Tier 5).
- Eventing Extend the practice arena width by 10m. (Currently Tier 5).
- Cross Country Extend the cross country course by 100m, and develop a cross country training arena measuring minimum 2000m² (Currently Tier 5).
- Driving Extend the practice arenas to 80m x 40m (Currently No Tier).
- Vaulting Develop a competition and practice circle, both 18m in diameter. (Currently No Tier).
- Show Horse Develop a 800m² competition ring (Currently Tier 5).





The following tables (pages 18-24) detail what is required to meet specific Tier requirements. The dot points listed is what WYEC needs to satisfy requisites – these points are not repeated as the Tier's progress. (i.e. the requirement for 100-200 min lux lighting for Tier 3, is not repeated in Tier 2.

Facility Requirements	Dressage: Competitions up to Olympics, World Equestrian Games
Tier 1 Olympic and World Equestrian Games	 Min 100mx80m (8,000m2) within an indoor stadium Min 2,000m2 training arena with competition surface Min 3 round yards Ability to hold 20000+ spectators Min 1,000 lux lighting and sound system suitable for broadcasting Horse inspection holding box Veterinary clinic, min 6 treatment boxes Camp sites required + grooms' accommodation
Tier 2 International and National	 Indoor dressage stadium preferred min 80mx40m (3,200m2) Min 2 round yards and designated safe lunging area Ability to hold 200 Competitors Ability to hold 500-2000 Spectators 200-500 yards (Currently 94), minimum 2 for isolation, min 2 for medical swabbing Ability to hold 130+ camp sites Self-catering and laundry facilities
Tier 3 State Level	 100-200 min lux lighting Lighting and PA system with a split system for freestyles 250 yards for overnight competitions, minimum 1 for isolation, min 2 for medical swabbing
Tier 4 Regional Level	• Already met - 60mx20m (1,200m2) competition arena, Min 60mx20m or min 1,200m2 practice arena, Livestock proof perimeter fencing, well maintained, safe and adequate to prevent injury Competition and training area/s and venue enclosed with suitable fencing Preferably no electric fencing and/or star pickets, Permanent or temporary, furnished office space with electricity
Tier 5 Base Level	• Already met - 60mx20m (1,200m2) competition arena, Min 60mx20m or min 1,200m2 practice arena, Livestock proof perimeter fencing, well maintained, safe and adequate to prevent injury Competition and training area/s and venue enclosed with suitable fencing Preferably no electric fencing and/or star pickets, Permanent or temporary, furnished office space with electricity



JUMPING



Facility Requirements	Jumping: Competitions up to Olympics, World Equestrian Games
Tier 1 Olympic and World Equestrian Games	 Min 100mx80m (8,000m2) within a stadium Min 2,000m2 with competition surface Min 3 round yards Ability to hold 20,000+ spectators Min 1,000 lux lighting and sound suitable for broadcasting Horse inspection holding box and practice strip Veterinary clinic and min 6 treatment boxes Camp sites required + grooms' accommodation
Tier 2 International and National	 Outdoor min 4,000m2 1 jumping arena/max 200 competitor rounds/day Min 2,000m2 per competition arena with competition surface Ability to hold 200-400 competitors Extensive sound system 200-500 yards, min 2 for isolation, min 2 for medication control (swabbing)
Tier 3 State Level	 Min 40mx50m (2,000m2) per competition arena Ability to hold 500-2000 spectators Up to 250 yards (currently 94) for overnight competitions, min 1 for isolation, min 1 for medication control (swabbing)
Tier 4 Regional Level	• Min 50mx30m (1,500m2) Practice Arena
Tier 5 Base Level	• Already met - 4,000m2 with short side of 50m competition arena, Min 40mx30m or min 1,200m2 practice arena, Livestock proof perimeter fencing, well maintained, safe and adequate to prevent injury Competition and training area/s and venue enclosed with suitable fencing Preferably no electric fencing and/or star pickets, Permanent or temporary, furnished office space with electricity.

EVENTING



Facility Requirements	Eventing: Competitions up to Olympics, World Equestrian Games
Tier 1 Olympic and World Equestrian Games	 Min 100mx80m (8,000m2) within a stadium for dressage or jumping Dressage/jumping min 2,000m2 with competition surface Gallop track 800-1,000m Min 3 round yards Ability to hold 20,000+ spectators Min 1,000 lux lighting and sound suitable for broadcasting Veterinary clinic and min 6 treatment boxes Camp sites required + grooms' accommodation
Tier 2 International and National	 3 jumping arenas – (main jumping arena min 5,000m2 with short side of min 60m Ability to hold 200-400 competitors Ability to hold 500-2000 spectators Extensive sound system 200-500 yards, min 2 for isolation, min 2 for medication control (swabbing)
Tier 3 State Level	 1 jumping arena/max 150 competitor rounds/day Jumping min 4,000m2 with short side min 50m Jumping min 40mx50m (2,000m2) per competition arena Competition surface preferred Ability to hold 100-500 spectators Up to 250 for overnight competitions, min 1 for isolation, min 1 for medication control (swabbing)
Tier 4 Regional Level	Jumping/ express 40mx30m practice arena
Tier 5 Base Level	• Already met - Dressage 60mx20m (1,200m2) Jumping 4,000m2 with short side min 50m Cross country area or track over undulating ground, primarily turf competition arena, Dressage/jumping min 2,000m2 practice arena, Livestock proof perimeter fencing, well maintained, safe and adequate to prevent injury Competition and training area/s and venue enclosed with suitable fencing Preferably no electric fencing and/or star pickets, permanent or temporary, furnished office space with electricity



CROSS COUNTRY



Facility Requirements	Cross Country: Competitions up to World Equestrian Games
Tier 1 Olympic and World Equestrian Games	 Cross country 6,270m-6,840m long (10-15m wide track) 40-45 obstacles with water and over undulating ground Min 3 round yards Ability to host 20000+ spectators Min 1,000 lux lighting and sound suitable for broadcasting Veterinary clinic, min 6 treatment boxes Camp sites required + grooms' accommodation
Tier 2 International and National	 Cross country up to 7,000m long undulating terrain with water jump Ability to hold 500-2,000 spectators Extensive sound system 200-500 yards, min 2 for isolation, min 2 for medication control (swabbing)
Tier 3 State Level	 Min 6,000m2 Ability to hold up to 250 competitors for overnight competitions 200-500 yards, min 1 for isolation, min 1 for medication control (swabbing)
Tier 4 Regional Level	 Cross country course 650m-3,575m Min 2,000m2 practice/training arena
Tier 5 Base Level	• Already met - Cross country area or track over undulating ground, primarily turf, Cross country min 2,000m2 practice arena, Livestock proof perimeter fencing, well maintained, safe and adequate to prevent injury Competition and training area/s and venue enclosed with suitable fencing Preferably no electric fencing and/or star pickets, Permanent or temporary, furnished office space with electricity



DRIVING



Facility Requirements	Driving: Competitions up to Olympics, World Equestrian Games
Tier 1 Olympic and World Equestrian Games	 Min 120mx70m (8,400m2) within a stadium Allows for driven dressage and obstacle/cones driving (allows for dressage arena 100mx40m plus an extra 10m either side and 20m at the entry end at A) Large area, either a circuit or an area of roads or tracks, at least 5km of tracks is advisable Min 3 round yards Ability to hold 20,000+ spectators Min 1,000 lux lighting and sound suitable for broadcasting Horse inspection holding box and practice strip Veterinary clinic and min 6 treatment boxes 1 stable harness room – 1 per team of horses,1 per two pairs and 1 per three singles, Min 4 stables for isolation, Min 4 stables for medication, Min 2 horse space for farrier Grooms accommodation
Tier 2 International and National	 Marathon – CAIO4* 11.8km—18.5km, CAI3* 11.8km-18.5km Min 100mx100m (10,000m2), practice driven dressage arena provided, set of cones for practicing obstacle/cones Large area either a circuit or an area of roads or tracks, at least 5km of tracks is advisable Primarily turf undulating track with water obstacle for marathon Extensive sound system
Tier 3 State Level	 Min 120mx70m (8,400m2) to allow for driven dressage and obstacle Dressage arena 100mx40m, in some cases a smaller arena 80mx40m Marathon – CAI2* 10.8km-17km Combined marathon/cones – CAI2* and CAI1* 600m-800m Min 100mx100m (10,000m2)
Tier 4 Regional Level	• Min 100mx40m or min 4,000m2 area practice arena
Tier 5 Base Level	Min 80mx40m practice arena



VAULTING



Facility Requirements	Vaulting: Competitions up to World Equestrian Games
Tier 1 Olympic and World Equestrian Games	 Championships competition circle min 26m diameter The public must be at least 15m away from the centre of the vaulting circle Min 3 indoor circles with min 18m diameter Min 1 suitable area for riding near the competition/practice arenas (available during the times that Vaulting arenas are open to athletes for practice and warm-up) Designated safe area for min 3 circles (min 18m diameter) Ability to hold 20,000+ spectators Min 1,000 lux lighting and sound suitable for broadcasting Horse inspection holding box and practice strip Veterinary clinic and min 6 treatment boxes Camping Required + grooms' accommodation
Tier 2 International and National	 In the case of a competition held indoors the height to the ceiling must be at least 5m 1 practice circle is compulsory with the same specs as the competition arena and 3 additional practice circles min 18m For championships, min 3 indoor circles min 18m diameter Min 1 suitable area for riding, near the competition/practice arenas Designated safe area for min 3 circles (min 19m diameter) 200-500 yards Min 500 lux lighting and extensive sound system
Tier 3 State Level	 Min 18m diameter Min 2 practice circles (min 18m diameter)
Tier 4 Regional Level	• Min 1 practice circle (min 18m diameter)
Tier 5 Base Level	Min 18m diameter circle for competition, 1 practice circle (min 18m diameter)



SHOW HORSE



Facility Requirements	Show Horse
Tier 1 Olympic and World Equestrian Games	• N/A
Tier 2 International nd National	 Indoor stadium Ring size 60mx30m (1,800m2) Min 80mx40m or min 3,000m2 Min 500 lux lighting and extensive sound system
Tier 3 State Level	• Min 60mx30m or min 1,800m2
Tier 4 Regional Level	Min 40mx20m or min 800m2 per competition ring
Tier 5 Base Level	 Already met - 40mx20m (800m2) competition arena, Min 40mx20m (800m2) practice arena. Livestock proof perimeter fencing, well maintained, safe and adequate to prevent injury Competition and training area/s and venue enclosed with suitable fencing Preferably no electric fencing and/or star pickets, Permanent or temporary, furnished office space with electricity



NATIONAL EQUESTRIAN CENTRE COMPARISON



The Werribee Park National Equestrian Centre is the highest credentialed facility for Equestrian Events in Australia. The table below provides a comparative analysis with the Woady Yaloak Equestrian Centre.

Facility	Discipli	nes		Amenities							Area
	Indoor Arenas	Jumping	Stables	Yards	Dressage Arenas	Cross Country Course	Change Rooms	Toilets	Showers	Camping	Total Surface Area (m ²)
Woady Yaloak Equestrian Centre (Tier 4 and 5)	0	1x 152m by 74m	0	94	4x 20m x 60m	HCV level 3	YES	YES	YES	Council do not permit camping due to GPS' Local Law.1 General Public Amenity Policy	172,285
Werribee Equestrian Centre (Tier 1 and 2)	1x 97.5m by 47m Riding area 90m by 40m Seating up to 700 spectators 1x 70m by 29m Riding area 67m by 27m	2x 250m by 100m	3 stable blocks which hold horses	370	5x 20m x 60m	International Level	YES	YES	YES	147 powered sites and approximately 170 non powered sites	393,900
Difference	Indoor arena, 700+ seating for spectators as well as 2 riding areas.=	Additional jumping arena with a 98m x 26m extension.	3 stable blocks which hold horses	276	1 dressage arena	Detailed in previous pages	N/A	N/A	N/A	117	221,615

ISSUES AND OPPORTUNITIES



COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT CONSULTATIONS



Overview

The Committee of Management (CoM) consists of 11 representatives from various user groups of the WYEC. Engagement with the CoM was an extensive process spanning the duration of the project.

Two in-person sessions were conducted to identify issues, establish overall priorities, and to provide feedback on potential solutions and designs.

There was also a lengthy follow up feedback process - spanning across three weeks. Members of the Committee were invited to have their input in the project during this period and were provided with information including pre-readings and notes.

Strengths of WYEC (CoM feedback)

- Overall aesthetic of the centre compared to other facilities.
 Emphasis placed on the cross-country course being 'very natural'.
- Accessibility for casual riders.
- Amenities such as toilets, showers and kitchen.
- Breadth of different disciplines offered and equal amount of use for all facilities/arenas.

Weaknesses of WYEC (CoM feedback)

- Creek flooding.
- No indoor arena.
- Limited parking.
- Lack of shelter and shade.
- Lack of general and arena lighting.

The consultations with the Committee of Management identified a series of **overall priorities** for the Woady Yaloak Equestrian Centre and its future development. They included:





Retaining the Site's Largest Outdoor Sand Arena

Additional and More Efficient Carparking Spaces



Additional Horse Yards to Enable Larger Events



An Indoor Arena to Increase Participation Opportunities In All Seasons and Conditions



Mitigating Creek Flooding



Maintaining and Enhancing the Aesthetic of the Centre

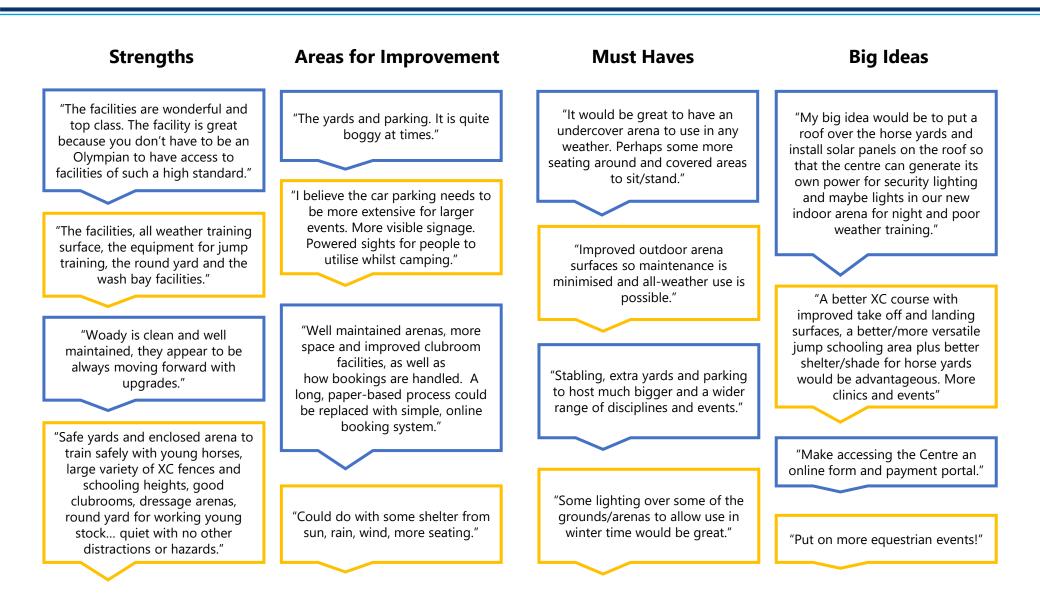


An online Woady Yaloak Master Plan survey with the local community and residents was prepared by SBP and published by Golden Pains Shire Council. The survey was open via the Shire's 'Have Your Say' Page from the 14th of April 2022 to the 11th of May 2022, and received a total of 73 responses. The survey requested feedback from community members on how they currently use the Centre, the specific strengths and weaknesses of the facility and how it can be enhanced in the future. The following is an overall summary of the key findings that emerged.

Strengths	Weaknesses
 Overall size, space and quality of facilities. Multiple discipline offerings and its diverse appeal (e.g. cross country course). General cleanliness, presentation and year-round maintenance across the site. Enthusiastic volunteers running the Centre. Current kitchen and clubroom facilities and the services they offer during event days. 	 Road access from Lords Road can be difficult and unsafe. Shortage of parking causes disorder and congestion. Events are often cancelled during wet weather due to poor drainage and no undercover arena. Arena sizes, surfaces, grading and number of arenas can restrict size and level of events. Lack of lighting making activity impossible during night hours.
Community Suggestions	Currently no online bookings system. Top 5 Improvement Priorities
 Increase site and event capacity with expanded horse yards. Increase complementary amenities such as parking, toilets, water to yards and some powered sites (for food/coffee vans etc.). 	 Install a shaded area (89%). Install an undercover dressage arena (81%). Investigate opportunities to host more state/national championships for various equestrian disciplines (81%). Upgrade the quality of jumps and general equestrian equipment (80%). Enhance car parking capacity (73%).
	 Overall size, space and quality of facilities. Multiple discipline offerings and its diverse appeal (e.g. cross country course). General cleanliness, presentation and year-round maintenance across the site. Enthusiastic volunteers running the Centre. Current kitchen and clubroom facilities and the services they offer during event days. Improve community safety and congestion issues such as emergency vehicle access and site-wide circulation. Expand arena footprint: more arenas, larger main arena, undercover arena. Increase site and event capacity with expanded horse yards. Increase complementary amenities such as parking, toilets, water to yards and some powered sites (for

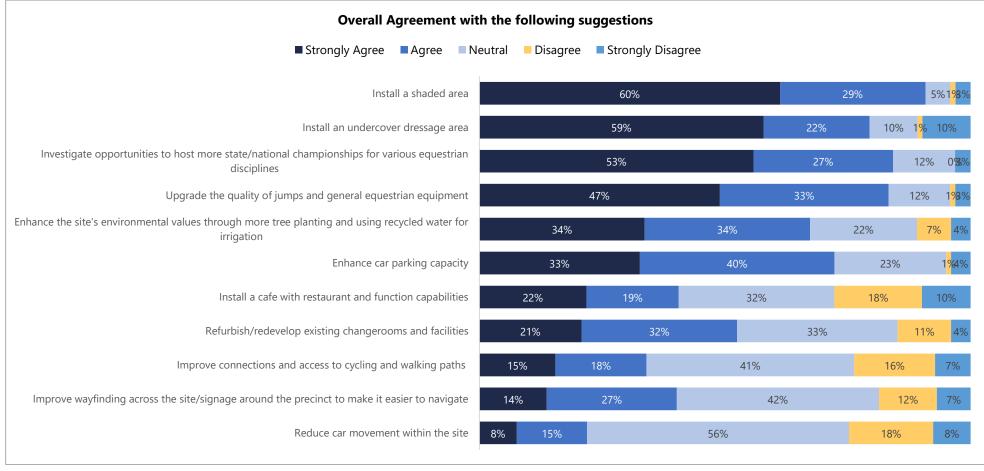
VERBATIM COMMENTS







The table below gives an overview of the level of agreement with suggestions to enhance the Woady Yaloak Equestrian Centre.



Q16. How much do you agree or disagree with the following suggestions for enhancing the Woady Yaloak Equestrian Centre? Base=73

SWOC ANALYSIS



A SWOC analysis was undertaken to document and summarise the strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, and challenges identified from all of the research, consultation, and analysis completed.

STRENGTHS

- There is broad community uses and functions, and the site caters to a diverse range of interests and demographics.
- The site is home to a highly engaged variety of organised sports and user groups.
- The overall 'aesthetic' of the centre is unique when compared to other equestrian facilities.
- Accessibility for casual riders.
- Amenities such as toilets, showers and kitchen.
- Breadth of different disciplines offered.

WEAKNESSES

- The lack of entry points causes damages traffic flow.
- Lack of parking spaces within the site causes safety issues.
- Lack of seating around arenas.
- Lack of shelter and shade around the site.
- No lighting around arenas.
- Public toilet on site is poorly located and not easily accessible.

OPPORTUNITIES

- Determine developments required to enable larger and higher profile events to be held at the Equestrian Centre which may include but not be limited to:
 - development of an indoor dressage arena.
 - increasing the number of horse holding yards.
 - increasing the number of arenas.
 - increasing the number of carparking spots.
 - installing 100-200 lux lighting around the arenas.

CHALLENGES

- Existing overlays including:
 - bushfires
 - floods
 - crown land
 - native vegetation present
- Poor drainage infrastructure, which causes flooding across Lords Road and impacts overall utilistaion.
- Lack of wayfinding signage.





FACILITY CONDITION REVIEW

BUILDING CONDITION



All Council audited buildings within Woady Yaloak Equestrian Centre are currently graded as fair – good. There is no necessary 'urgent need' to renew the condition of any facilities highlighted and (bordered yellow) within the site map. (Pictured below).



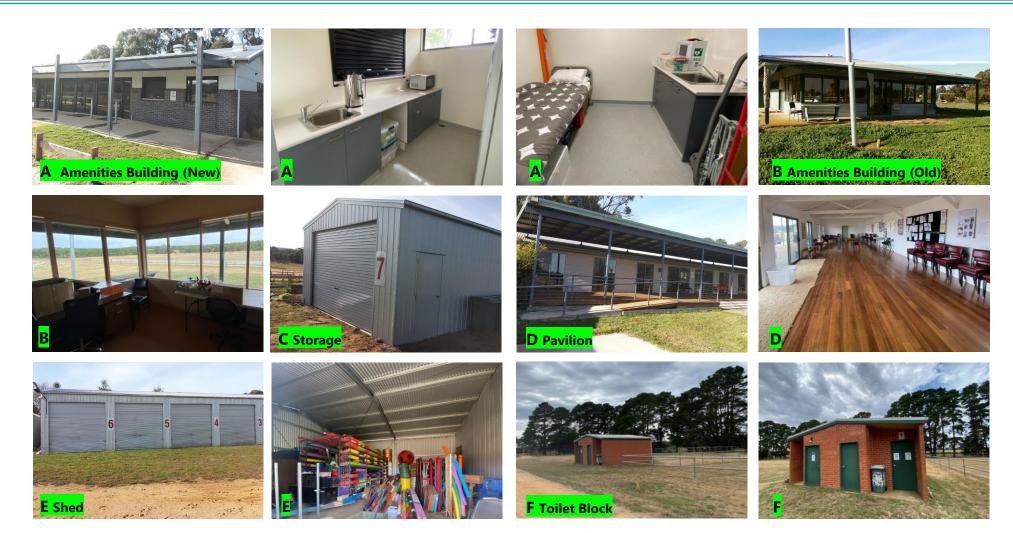
A selection of photographs from site inspections are provided on the following page.

Building	Overall Condition Index
BUIL0000214 (A) Amenities Building (New)	2.33
BUIL0000213 (B) Amenities Building (Old)	2.93
BUIL0000162 (C) Kiosk and Storage	2.43
BUIL0000215 (D) Pavilion	2.75
BUIL0000163 (E) Shed	2.44
BUIL0000247 (F) Toilet Block	3.09

Overall Condition Index – GPS' Asset Management Department assess facilities on a scale of 1 - 5 where 1 is excellent, and 5 is very poor. GPS aims to renew buildings when they reach an overall assessment of '4'.

SITE AUDIT IMAGES





Specific Notes

- **D** Floor boards will eventually need full replacing, as the current ones can not be sanded down anymore.
- F Highest condition assessment score (3.09), therefore expected to be replaced first out of the current facilities.





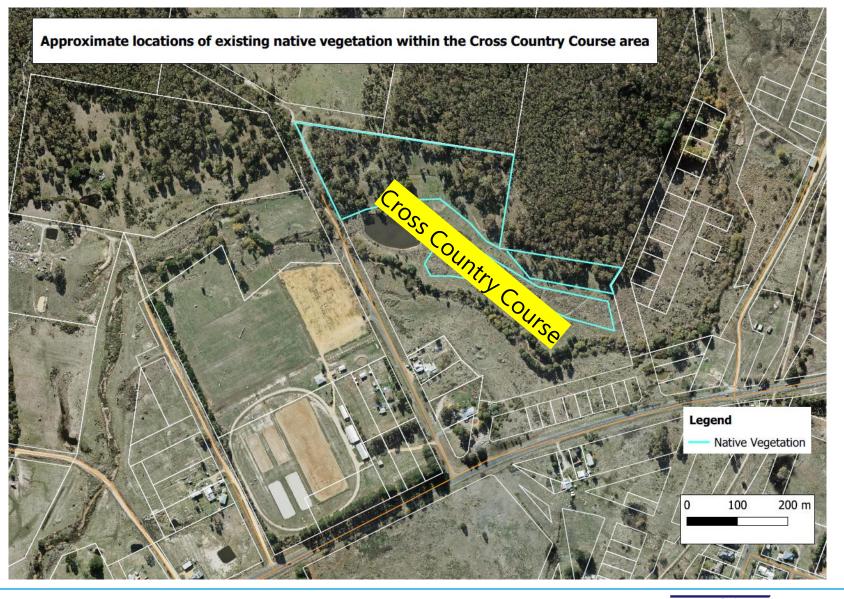
ADDITIONAL SITE CONSIDERATIONS

NATIVE VEGETATION



There is a watercourse that runs through the site which is flanked by vegetation and native trees. Most of this land is identified as land of cultural heritage sensitivity.

The land to the East of the Equestrian Centre where the Cross-Country Course is situated consists of native vegetation along the northern boundary with additional patches along the Woady Yaloak floodplain.



FLOOD OVERLAYS



Significant portions of the Woady Yaloak Equestrian Centre are subject to Environmental Significance Overlay Schedule 2 (ESO2) – Watercourse Protection.

In its most recent advice, dated 11th August 2021, the Corangamite Catchment Management Authority (CCMA) provided mapping data showing the increased risks of flooding broadly follows the tributaries that run through both the town and Equestrian Centre.

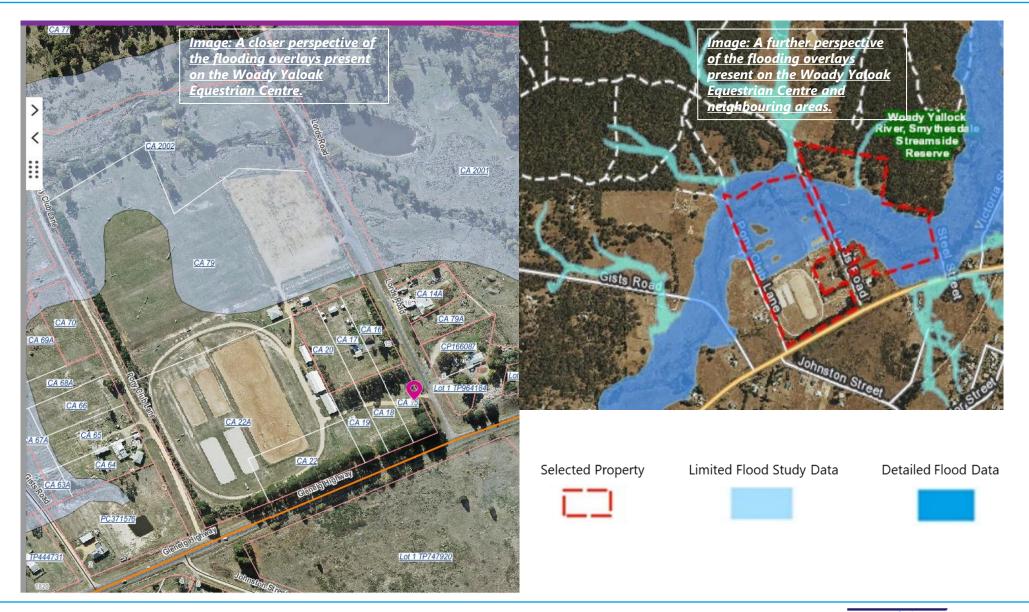
Currently, the Equestrian Centre is prone to flooding along Lords Road which causes traffic and safety issues.

Additional overlay images are provided in the following pages...



FLOOD OVERLAYS – ADDITIONAL MAPPING





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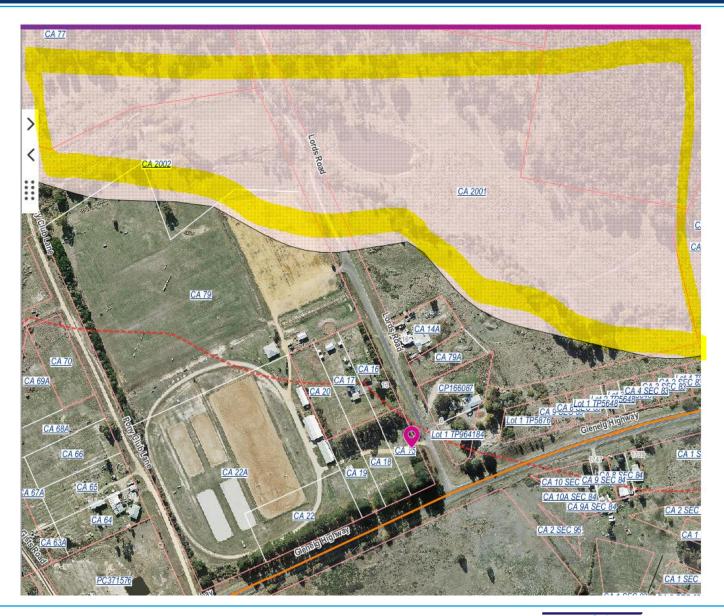
BUSHFIRE OVERLAYS



Most of Smythesdale (the suburb where Woady Yaloak Equestrian Centre is located) is surrounded by heavily vegetated public reserves and private land. There are significant fuel loads in the vicinity of the town to the west, east and north - posing a major bushfire risk.

The majority of the town (89.4%) is subject to the Bushfire Management Overlay (BMO) which is indicative of the most serious fire risk. Approximately half of all land within the Woady Yaloak Equestrian Centre (52%) is subject to the the BMO.

The majority of the population live just outside of the BMO, giving them a lower threshold of bushfire risk.



CROWN LAND



There is extensive Crown Land within Smythesdale.

Much of the crown land encompasses a mix of forested areas, community facilities and vacant lots.

The majority of the crown land in Smythesdale is situated within the Bushfire Management Overlay (BMO) and in such cases the land is likely to remain undeveloped.



WATER FOUNTAIN



Council is being gifted a water fountain for the Woady Yaloak Equestrian Centre.

There has been a proposed installation location (pictured on the right).

Council have expressed its desire for this to be actioned.







GUIDING PRINCIPLES AND KEY RECOMMENDATIONS

GUIDING PRINCIPLES



The master plan Guiding Principles were developed to support the future planning, detailed design and development of the Equestrian Centre. Following these principles will ensure each specific project is completed with alignment to the overall vision and objectives established by the community and Council throughout this project.



Adaptable

Maintain site flexibility for multiple current and future uses.



Connected

Improving site-wide functionality including parking and wayfinding.



Reliable

Address the constraints that limit year round availability (i.e. multiple cross country access points).



Fair access to facilities and services that are designed through application of Councils gender equity toolkit.



Integrated

Design outcomes which factor in current user group requirements, Council planning constraints and future community needs.



Sustainable

Environmentally responsible with a specific focus on protecting and enhancing the native vegetation on the site.





The following recommendations have emerged from a foundation of robust research, data analysis and modelling which will ultimately shape the future planning and development of the Woady Yaloak Equestrian Centre. The specific projects and enhancements to the site have been organised into six categories

Category	Recommendations	Rationale
Equestrian Arenas	 New covered arena currently located in the main sand arena. Approximately (83m x 55m). Two new sand arenas complimenting the four current ones. (60m x 20m). 	Site user groups including the Committee of Management have expressed a desire for a covered arena. The proposed all weather facility and two new sand arenas will enable larger events to be hosted at WYEC.
Structures	 Upgrade creek crossing for emergency vehicle access. New yards and float parking along Lords Road main entrance, bottom car park, and opposite the sand arenas. Upgrade shaded areas surrounding the scorers hut. Upgrade current outdoor toilet block to include disabled use. Additional storage sheds and water storage. 	The creek along Lords Road is prone to flooding and numerous events are interrupted due to inadequate emergency service access during floods. Upgrading the crossing will enable emergency vehicles to service the facility. There are currently 94 yards within with the Centre with many participants using their own floats as temporary yards. Installing additional yards and stables will reduce the need to bring in temporary yards which creates additional space for circulation.
Parking	 Complete Re-design of bottom carpark containing a gravel loop road and an area specifically for large trucks, as well as a new one-way point for exiting vehicles. Dedicated 'visitor parking' area next to the current toilet hut. A dedicated area for overflow parallel parking along Lords Road, catering for days where the Centre is at capacity. 	There is currently a lack of formalised parking during event and rally days. The north carpark constantly overflows and there is no defined parking spaces or parking signage. A complete redesign of the parking including a gravel loop, truck area, dedicated area for overflows, as well as one-way circulation for existing vehicles will ease congestion and increase circulation within the site.



KEY RECOMMENDATIONS



Category	Recommendations	Rationale
Arena Circulation	 Relocated gate access to lower field – a defined entry and exit point. Re-aligned loop road between the lower field and sand arenas. 	Relocating gate access with clearly defined entry and exit points will improve current congestion (Northern field) within the site. This provides beneficiaries including improved wayfinding for users and the overall flow of the site.
	 Build new water fountain donated by Council. Importance of choosing the correct species to plant trees. 	There are currently no taps around the Equestrian Facility that disburse drinking water. Building a water fountain will provide site users and visitors with access to water.
Landscaping		The overall aesthetic of the Centre was identified as a key strength by the Committee of Management. Trees and native vegetation provide the Centre with a unique identity. Planting more native trees will protect users from various weather elements e.g. sun and rain, protects other native vegetation, enhance soil and footing health.
Gates/Access/ Others	 Implement an online bookings system. Password coded gates. Ensure adequate lighting is provided to the main undercover arena and surrounding areas, where required. 	The current bookings system at the Woady Yaloak Equestrian Centre does not meet community expectations. Currently only those with a tangible 'key' can access and open the gates to the Centre, and many question when the Centre is actually available for use. Implementing an online bookings system which clearly displays Centre availability,
		with an electric powered password gate will benefit users and increase participation.

The Master Plan

The following page provides the visual illustration of the master plan and lists the specific actions within each of the recommended categories. Each action is numbered and displayed on the plan for easy reference.

The final page of this document provides an overlay of the current site, with the proposed master plan to display the key changes and implications of the recommendations.

DRAFT CONSIDERATIONS

EQUESTRIAN ARENAS

() MAIN SAND ARENA. (160M X 55M)

S RE-ORIENTATED PIPE YARD

(12) 6 X SAND ARENAS. (60M X 20M)

19 ROUND YARD.

STRUCTURES

UPGRADE TOILET FACILITY.

NEW COVERED AREA.

B FUTURE STORAGE SHEDS.

TUTURE STORAGE SHEDS AND WATER STORAGE.

PARKING

(2) NEW STALLS AND FLOAT PARKING.

DEDICATED VISITOR CAR PARKING.

• NEW STALLS AND FLOAT PARKING.

10 NEW STALLS AND FLOAT PARKING.

1 NEW STALLS AND FLOAT PARKING.

22 LARGE TRUCK PARKING AREAS.

23 NEW GRAVEL LOOP ROAD.

24 NEW STALLS AND FLOAT PARKING.

(3) NEW STALLS AND FLOAT PARKING.

20 NEW STALLS AND FLOAT PARKING.

30 ON STREET OVERFLOW PARALLEL PARKING.

ARENA CIRCULATION

REALIGN ENTRY AND GRAVEL CIRCULATION
 REALIGN LOOP ROAD AND PLANT NEW TREES.
 IMPROVE AND REALIGN LOOP ROAD ACCESS.

LANDSCAPING

OPEN AREA FOR ACCESS TO MAIN ARENA.

(1) UPGRADE SHADED AREAS SURROUNDING BUILDING.

2 CAMPING AREAS AND TEMPORARY PATRON STALLS.

GATES/ACCESS/OTHERS

(1) UPGRADE ACCESS TO PONY CLUB LN.

(1) RELOCATE WASH - DOWN AND WATER SOURCE.

(2) RELOCATED GATE ACCESS TO LOWER FIELD.

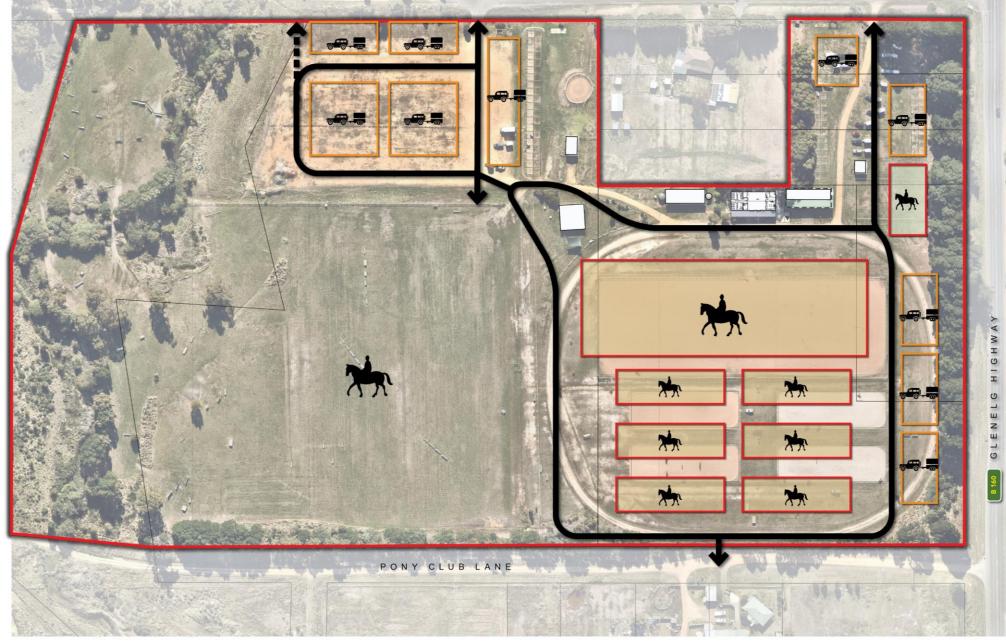
(2) OPTIONAL ACCESS LOCATION FOR EXISTING VEHICLES.

UPGRADE CREEK CROSSING FOR EMERGENCY VEHICLE ACCESS

ENSURE THAT ADEQUATE LIGHTING IS PROVIDED TO THE MAIN UNDERCOVER ARENA AND SURROUNDING AREAS WHERE REQUIRED.



LORDS ROAD





APPENDIX: MASTERPLAN COSTINGS AND FUNDING

MASTERPLAN COSTINGS



The specific projects and enhancements to the site have been organised into the following six categories:

- Equestrian Arenas.
- Structures.
- Parking.
- Gates/Access/Other.
- Arena Circulation.
- Landscaping.

The costings are based on a range of inputs including industry benchmarks, case studies, development rates based on specific projects and previous studies completed by Council. In broad terms, the costs presented can be considered to include the following (where relevant):

- Clearing/demolition;
- Structure development;
- Finishes/fittings;
- Service connections, and;
- Contingencies.

The costs are intended to be indicative with the understanding that specific costings would be prepared as more detailed planning is completed for each specific project. The costs provided do not include escalation which is a key consideration for the timeframe and budget allocations for implementation of the master plan.

All benchmark costings need to be treated cautiously in the current environment, where community survey facility costs are as much as 400% higher than last year.

Summary	Cost (Base)	Cost (Base) plus 20%
Equestrian Arenas	\$4,941,205	\$5,929,446
Structures*	\$1,835,000	\$2,202,000
Parking	\$665,000	\$798,000
Gates/Access/Other	\$576,500	\$691,800
Arena Circulation	\$260,000	\$312,000
Landscaping	\$220,000	\$264,000
Total	\$8,497,705	\$10,197,246

*NB: Structures' pricing, which include the new covered area for the large Equestrian Arena, will be subject to extensive variability depending on class, structure, materials and supporting infrastructure. Clearer costings will be determined as detailed design work is completed.



Given the breadth and diversity of projects included within the Masterplan, a range of funding strategies will need to be considered as each project progresses into planning and detailed design phases.

Option	Benefits	Implications	Potential Projects
State and Federal Government Grants	 Large funding opportunities. Opportunity to access multiple funding grants for a single project. Increases public profile of the project. 	 Subject to identifying suitable grants which align with master plan timeframes. Significant time and resources required to complete documentation and advocacy. 	 Equestrian Arenas, Structures, Parking
Sport-specific funds and grants	Guarantees alignment with best- practice sport-specific design guidelines.	 Subject to access, alignment, availability and terms. 	 Equestrian Arenas, Structures, Parking
Direct Council Funding	Maintain complete control over project delivery.	 Competing with other Council projects and priorities. 	Gates/Access/Other, landscaping, Arena Circulation

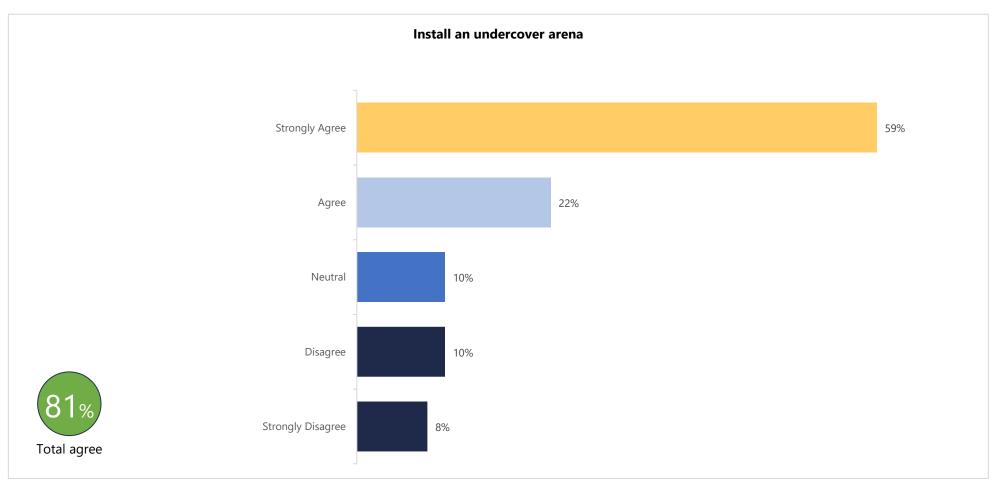


APPENDIX: SURVEY SUMMARY





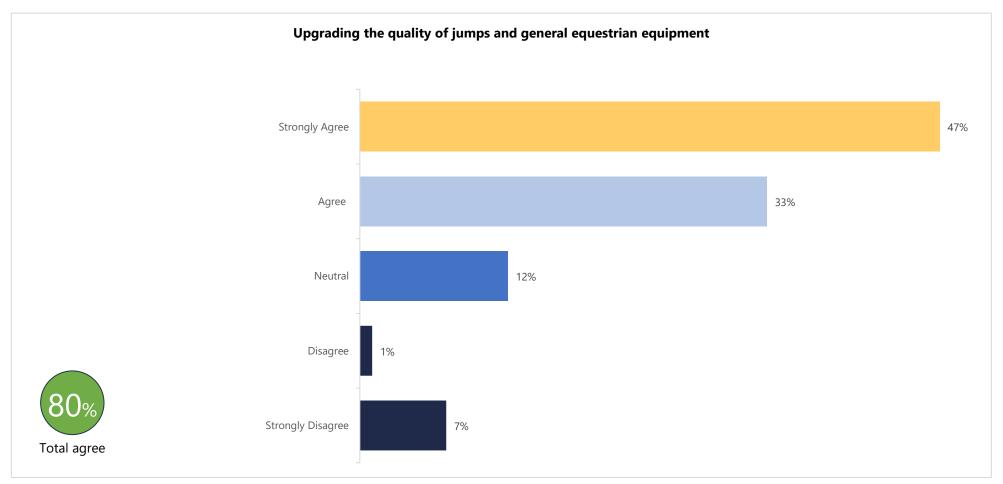
81% of respondents agree that an **undercover arena** should be installed within WYEC. 59% of the 81% **strongly agree** with this idea. This is the one of the most supported initiatives in the survey.







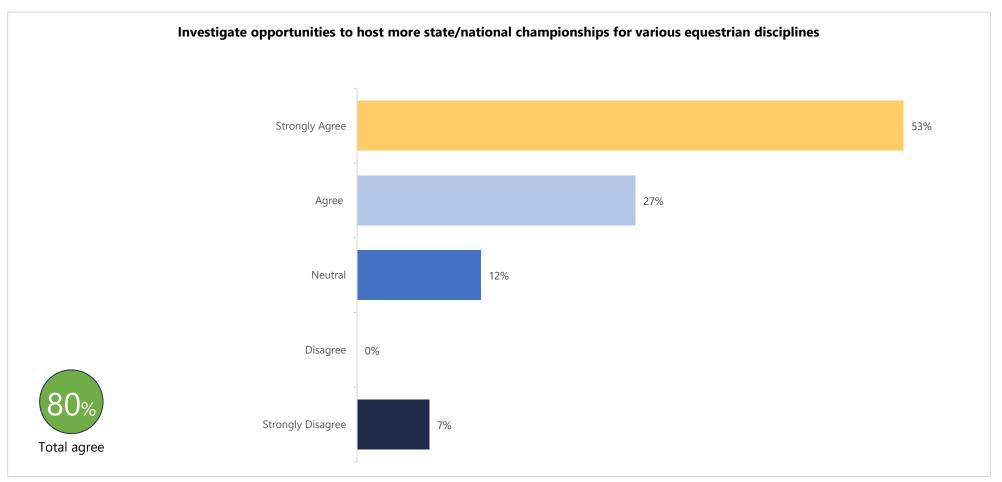
80% of the respondents agree that the **quality of jumps and general equestrian equipment should be upgraded.** This is one of the highest supported initiatives.







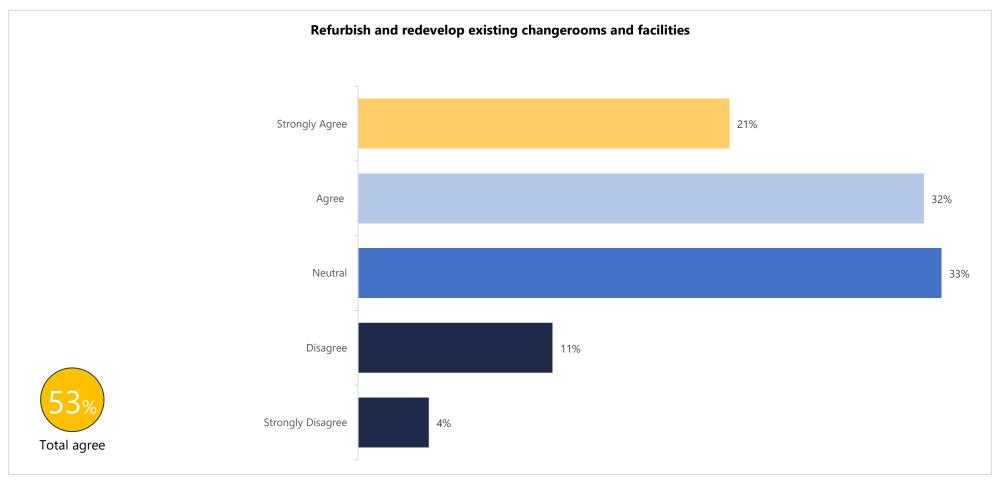
80% of the respondents agree that WYEC should **investigate opportunities to host more state/national championships for various disciplines**. Only 7% of respondents disagreed with this initiative – the lowest rate of disagreement amongst survey respondents.







53% of respondents agree with refurbishing and redeveloping existing changerooms and facilities.



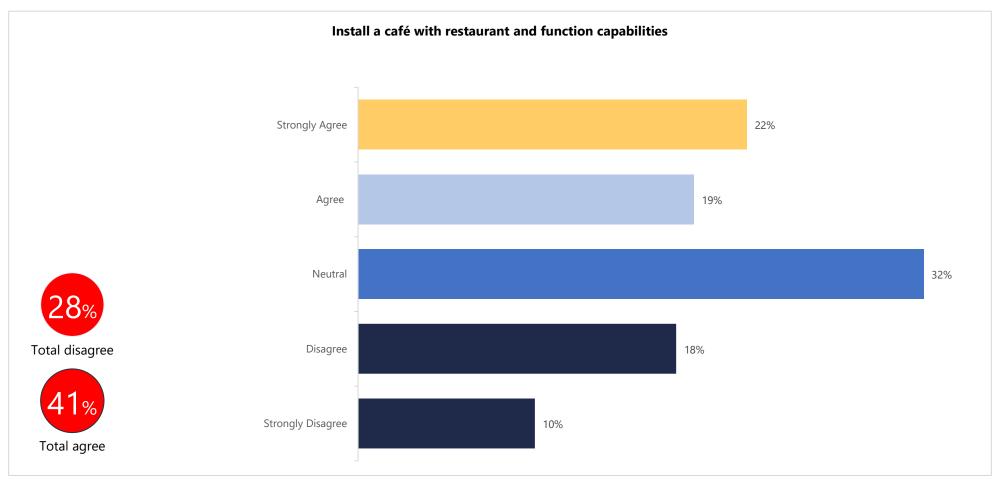
Q16. How much do you agree or disagree with the following suggestions for enhancing the Woady Yaloak Equestrian Centre? Base=73

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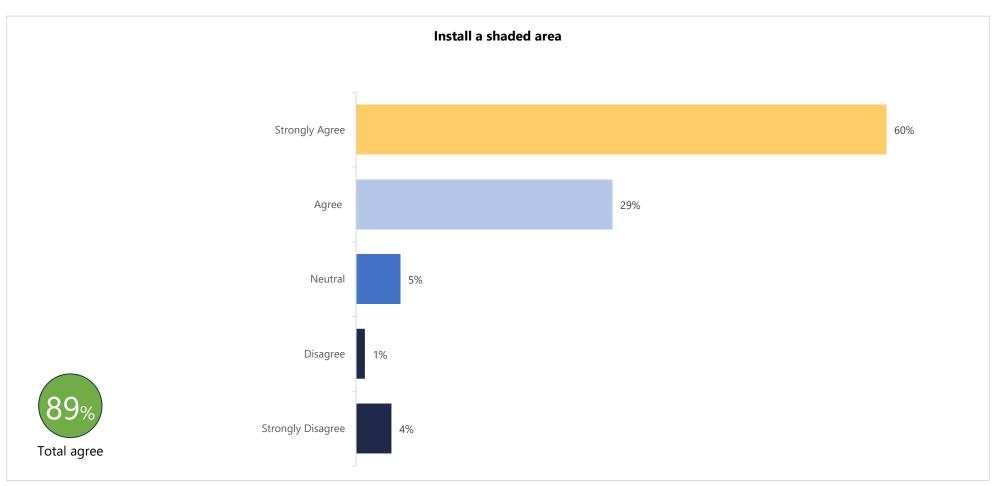
28% of the respondents disagree with **installing a café with restaurant and function capabilities.** This is the highest proportion of disagreement amongst all initiatives posed in the survey.







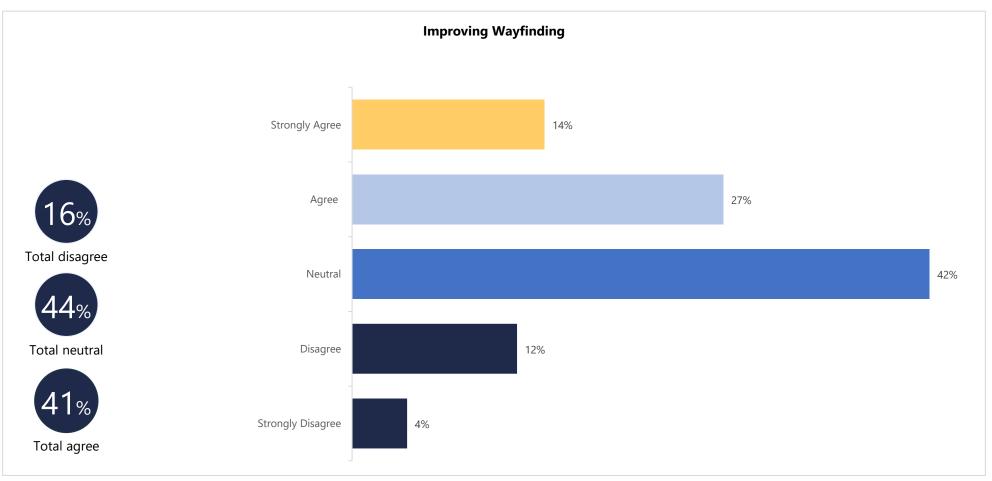
89% of respondents agree a **shaded area should be installed**. 60% of the 89% **strongly agree** with this idea. This is the highest supported initiative of the survey.







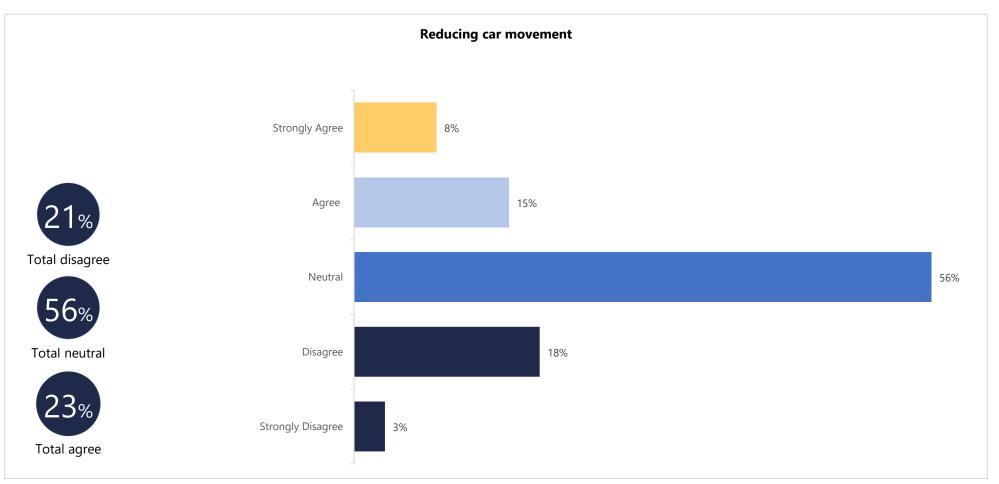
42% of respondents (neutral) neither agree or disagree with **improving wayfinding** in WYEC.







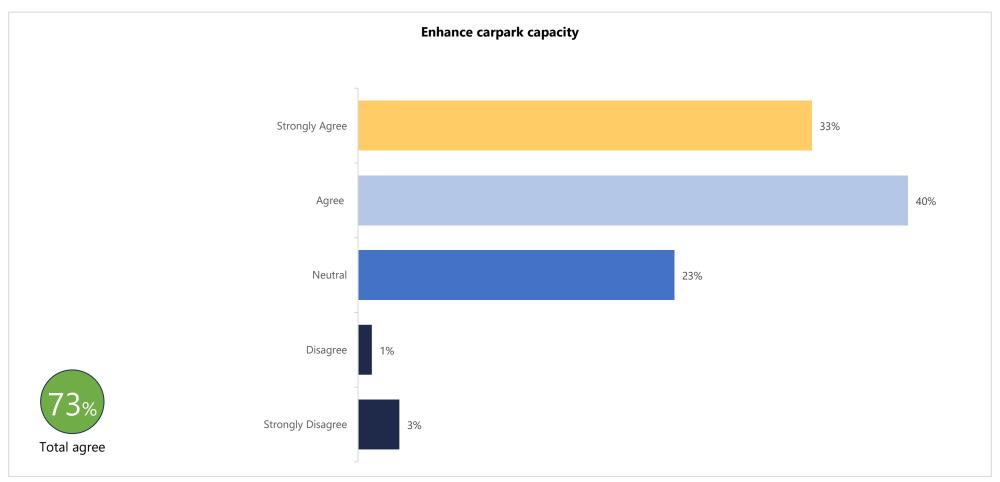
56% of respondents (neutral) neither agree or disagree with **reducing car movement** within WYEC.. This is the only initiative where the majority (over 50%) of respondents do not have a preference.







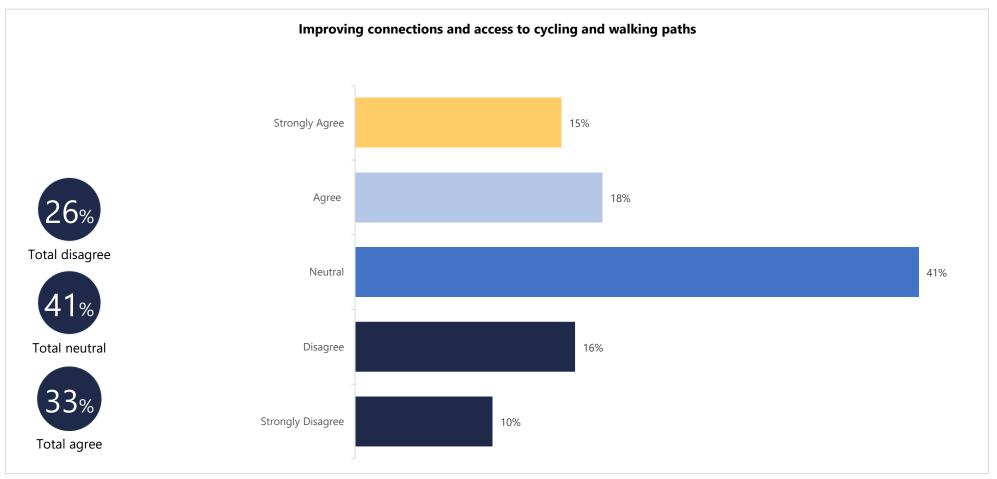
73% of respondents agree that carpark capacity should be enhanced within WYEC.







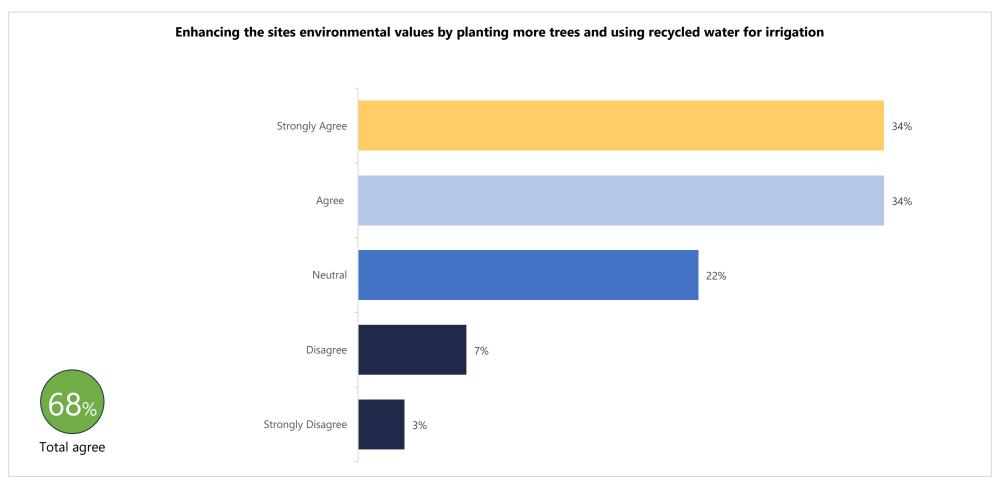
41% of participants neither agree or disagree with **improving connections and access to cycling and walking paths**.







68% of respondents agree the WYEC should enhance its environmental values by planting more trees and using recycled water for irrigation.





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APPENDIX: DOCUMENT REVIEW

DOCUMENT REVIEW SUMMARY



Overview

SBP and The OCD have reviewed a range of documents and data in preparing this report. We have prepared a formal review report of a series of background documents and strategies to provide a deeper understanding of the Golden Plain Shire's principles, policies and practices, and how they will influence the Master Plan.

Specifically, we have undertaken a detailed review of:

- Woady Yaloak Equestrian Centre Master Plan 2017-2022
- Leighdale Equestrian Centre Master Plan 2020 2030
- Golden Plains Shire (2013-2017) Open Space Strategy
- Golden Plains Shire (2020-2030) Sport and Active Recreation Strategy
- Golden Plains Shire 2017-2021 Economic Development and Tourism Strategy
- Golden Plains Shire 2019-2021 Communications and Marketing Strategy
- Golden Plains Shire Active Ageing and Inclusion Plan (AAIP) 2020-2024
- Woady Yaloak Equestrian Centre Management Agreement GPS/WYEC
- Woady Yaloak Equestrian Centre External User Agreement
- Woady Yaloak Equestrian Centre Casual User Agreement
- Woady Yaloak Equestrian Centre Home User Agreement

An outline of the key insights from each document and how these relate to the Master Plan is provided over the following pages.





DOCUMENT	Woady Yaloak Equestrian Centre Management Agreement GPS/WYEC
DOCUMENT OVERVIEW	 The purpose of the Management Agreement is to define the relationship between Council and the Woady Yaloak Committee of Management (CoM). This includes identifying the respective roles of each party in relation to the effective management of the property; and establishing occupancy arrangements to enable the CoM to fulfil its responsibilities under this Agreement.
EVIDENCE/ FINDINGS	 The management agreement of Woady Yaloak Equestrian Centre was renewed on the 30th August 2021 and expires on the 30th August 2022. The CoM responsibilities include: Keep the Property, include fittings, furniture and equipment in good repair and condition. They will be responsible for the maintenance and operation of buildings, plant, and equipment. Administration of the terms and conditions for the use of the property. Provide the Chief Executive Officer, or his/her delegate with an annual report of activity and its obligations. Keep the property secure at all times. Allow Council to use premises for sponsored events at no cost. At least 30 days notice will be given for such use. All things necessary to ensure responsible, prudent, transparent financial management of the property. E.g. hire charges. No alcohol is permitted to be sold unless The Management Entity has obtained a temporary or permanent liquor license. No smoking or gambling is permitted inside the property. Council insures the property.
KEY INSIGHTS/ IMPLICATIONS	• Council has limited responsibilities/roles in managing the Woady Yaloak Equestrian Centre. The management agreement document emphasises the CoM is to manage and maintain the property for the benefit of community without the day-to-day involvement of the Council. Council will act in an advocacy and advisory capacity when necessary.





DOCUMENT	Woady Yaloak Equestrian Centre External User Agreement
DOCUMENT OVERVIEW	 The purpose of the WYEC External User Agreement is to set the conditions for which a person/company hires the facility in exchange for a sum of money.
EVIDENCE/ FINDINGS	 Whole centre hire includes the use of all three buildings (including commercial canteen, first aid room and event office's), all cleaning and toilet products, toilets (16), showers (12), water, electricity and water jump. Rates: Whole centre - \$600 for one day (plus Facility Fee). \$300 per subsequent day (plus Facility Fee). Yard Hire Fee - \$35. Facility Fee - \$15 per horse per day. Bond - Cleaning \$300 - refundable after final inspection. A \$100 security charge is required for events under 100 patrons. A \$500 security charge is required for events over 100 patrons. If an event is cancelled 7 days prior to booked date, the WYEC Committee has the right to retain all security monies. Payments to be made to Woady Yaloak Equestrian Centre bank account All external users will be required to sign a Voluntary Assumption of Risk and Agreement Form Club/Organisations are required to obtain appropriate insurance to cover all equipment they own. Council will not take any responsibility for equipment owned by Clubs or Hirers. WYEC Committee of Management has the right to reject applications to use the Centre if it is deemed unsafe. All rejections to hire the Centre will be made in writing after consultation with Council representatives. No cross country or showjumping is to take place unless the Centre has been hired specifically for this purpose. Hirers of Council facilities are to ensure that noise emanating from functions is not a cause for public annoyance. No loud noise is permissible after 11pm.
KEY INSIGHTS/ IMPLICATIONS	• Woady Yaloak Equestrian Centre has concise and coherent policies highlighted in their external user agreement. It is expected all hirers are familiar with these conditions prior to contractual agreement.





DOCUMENT	Woady Yaloak Equestrian Centre Casual User Agreement
DOCUMENT OVERVIEW	 The purpose of the WYEC External User Agreement is to set the conditions for which a person/company hires the facility on a causal basis in exchange for a sum of money.
EVIDENCE/ FINDINGS	 Family Membership (Yearly) - \$150 (2 adults/2 children) Extra \$20 for each family members. Single Yearly Membership - \$135. 6 - month Membership - \$85 (Plus \$10 for each additional family member). Monthly Membership - \$40. WYEC Home Membership (Single Yearly) - \$70. Payments to be made to Woady Yaloak Equestrian Centre Bank Account. Casual users are advised to take out their own Public Liability Insurance to cover potential liability claims that could occur. Applications to book the centre must be made seven days in advance. Casual users cannot use the centre when it has prior bookings in place. Casual users strictly cannot invite other riders to join them on the grounds unless they have completed the appropriate paperwork and paid monies owing to the bookings officer. Cross country/show jumping riders must have another person accompany them when jumping. Maximum Casual Users at the Centre for any given time is 40. The maximum in each dressage arena is 20.
KEY INSIGHTS/ IMPLICATIONS	• Woady Yaloak Equestrian Centre has concise and coherent policies highlighted in their external user agreement. The Centre also has multiple membership offerings for Casual Members which include family, single, and monthly options. Given technological improvements to payment and booking systems, it may be worth a review of the casual user agreement and its supporting processes.





DOCUMENT	Woady Yaloak Equestrian Centre Home User Agreement
DOCUMENT OVERVIEW	• The purpose of the WYEC Home User Agreement is to set the conditions for which a person/company hires the facility consistently (70% of the financial year) and who holds at least one major event per year at the Centre.
EVIDENCE/ FINDINGS	 Each Home User Group is responsible for notifying the CoM of any changes to its Office Bearers within one week of change. At no time is a member of a home user group to use the Centre for private instruction. Members wishing to use the Centre in their own time must take out casual use hire. If the Centre is booked for an event on the day prior to a rally or booked event, the Home User Group can set up around the booking but must not impinge the event. Home User Groups must conduct pre-inspections of the Centre at least four weeks prior to the event with members of the CoM. It is the responsibility of the Home User Group to ensure the Centre is always maintained in a clean and tidy state. The CoM will carry out periodical inspections and should the Centre not be in a satisfactory state, the costs incurred of reinstating the facility will fall to the Home User. By October each year, individual home user groups must inform the CoM, secretary of the next year's calendar of proposed event dates. Fees are set by the CoM no later than April each year and included in the agreement when sent to Home Users. Home users are required to sign the agreement by the end of June. 2021 Rates: Competitions including cross country course rates- \$250 per day Per rally per month \$210 (20 members or more) \$170 (19 members or less) Overnight Camp or Two-Day Rally \$250 to be reviewed- from 12 noon on day one (no camping or card fees) Clinics \$150 Navigation rides \$150
KEY INSIGHTS/ IMPLICATIONS	 Agreements are reviewed by the CoM in conjunction with the Golden Plains Shire each year and are to be made available to the Home User Groups. Currently there are four home user groups that host weekend rallies on a rotational basis. Some user groups also host weekday rallies. There are four weekend rallies per month (Sundays), and two weekly rallies per month (Wednesday).





DOCUMENT	Woady Yaloak Equestrian Centre Master Plan 2017-2022
DOCUMENT OVERVIEW	• The purpose of the previous Masterplan was to identify future requirements of the centre to enable it to host Equestrian Australia eventing competitions to 3-star level.
EVIDENCE/ FINDINGS	 The facility had two function buildings with shower, toilet, meeting and catering facilities, numerous storing sheds, all weather arenas (some as dedicated dressage arenas), levelled grass areas, and a cross country course for beginners (PCV gr 5 through to EA national 2-star level). Consultations were conducted with facility user groups as well as peak sporting bodies including EV and high-level officials. Facilities at the centre were considered 'a sufficient standard' to be considered a regional Equestrian Facility, In order to progress to an EA 3-star level, the masterplan recommended the following: Increase the distance of the cross-country phase and improve footings in some areas. Additional 500m of distance to be sourced for three-star rating. Parcel of land between WYEC and Smythesdale Recreation System had been suggested as a potential acquisition. Add a dedicated vehicle crossings of the creek. This is necessary to allow event and emergency services to safely access all parts of the cross-country course without the risk of colliding with a horse while events are in progress. Add additional parking space. Car-parking has always been scarce with frequent congestion posing obvious safety concerns. The recommendation was to open space directly opposite the lower truck gate (across Lords Rd). Add additional yards recommended, so horses can be held. On some days there were more horses than there was accommodation. Action was for an additional 100 yards to be constructed. Location was given but possibilities included competitor camping area, Glenelg Hwy boundary. A topping of sand be sourced for the multi-use arena as a priority. The surrounds of the permanent dressage arenas be improved. Building of Course huts for judges. Removal of trees along Glenelg Highway boundary. Permanent fencing of a show jumping arena – EA rules require that show jumping courses be enclosed. Construction o
KEY INSIGHTS/ IMPLICATIONS	• Due to numerous reasons, Council did not action many of the recommendations posed in this case. The rationale behind the decisions were due to funding, covid, and a lack of cost estimate guidance. Many of these issues are still outstanding. The new masterplan will need to consider the following recommendations provided in the previous plan: increasing the cross-country distance, adding a dedicated vehicle crossing, adding additional car parking space, adding additional yards, removal of hazardous trees and constructing a new indoor arena.





• The purpose of the Open Space Strategy is to guide Council in relation to the planning, provision and management of open space.
 After consultation with members of the community. Council identified five key objectives of their open space strategy. These are: An active, vibrant healthy and connected community. A profile of open space that Council and the community have the capacity to deliver, properly maintain and effectively manage. A range of suitably designed and accessible open space areas that are optimally used and adequately satisfy the various needs of the Golden Plains' community, now and into the future. An equitable distribution of open space across the municipality. The protection, conservation and enhancement of open space areas with environmental and heritage values. The strategy provides overall Shire recommendations, as well as recommendations for each town. Some of the key Shire-wide actions include: Adopt the policy that new open space areas will only be developed if there is an adequate maintenance and management regime in place and funding committed to implement the maintenance regime. Develop an asset management plan for Council managed/controlled open space areas. Review the management of passive recreation reserves currently managed by S86 and DSE community committees. Identify locations in open space areas for the provision of seating, shelters, water fountains and bicycle racks. Explore opportunities for community use of outdoor facilities at schools and the joint development of outdoor facilities by schools and Council Develop a position paper on the provision of camping facilities in the Shire. Develop and implement a signage policy/program.
• Any decision in relation to open space within the Shire will be based on the level to which it satisfies strategic priorities outlined above. Recommendations provided in the final masterplan must first align with and consider the mentioned criteria. This will assist WYEC in securing endorsements for proposed upgrades, developments, and changes. Examples for consideration may include developing an asset management plan for WYEC, prioritsting the protection and conservation of environmental values, developing and implementing signage programs, as well as maxamising community use through various initiatives.





DOCUMENT	Golden Plains Shire (2020-2030) Sport and Active Recreation Strategy
DOCUMENT OVERVIEW	• This document outlines Golden Plains Shire's key directions and priorities for recreation provision within the Shire and the action it proposes to take during the 10-year period between 2020 and 2030.
	• By 2030, Golden Plains Shire envisions improved access to a diversity of enjoyable and affordable physical activities, held in locations and at times that maximise opportunities for the community to be active.
	 Through the community's participation in physical activities, GPS residents will improve their health, fitness, skills and retain or make new social connections.
	 The aim of the strategy is to encourage the 35.5% of adults who are sedentary or insufficiently active, and the 81% of children and young people who do not participate in at least an hour of physical activity per day to commence participation in physical activities on a regular basis.
EVIDENCE/	 Additionally, a main objective within the strategy is also to get those who are already active to continue or increase their levels of participation in sport and active recreation.
FINDINGS	The three key pillars of focus that Council are trying to promote through this strategy are:
	Active and healthy- Focuses on participation and programs. diversity, activation
	Livability- Focuses on places and spaces, quality environment management
	Connectedness- Community cohesion through sport and recreation, volunteers, gender equality and inclusion
	• The Sport and Active Recreation Strategy acknowledges equestrian specifically - 'a real opportunity to further enhance equestrian facilities in the Shire. No other Council in the G21 area has such facilities (Werribee is the closest facility), the further development of such facilities could enable the attraction of state and national level events'.
	• The shire has a high level of horse ownership, with suitable landscapes, existing equestrian facilities, and the desire by more young women to ride horses resulted in Council quoting 'an investment in this area could be very beneficial'.
KEY INSIGHTS/ IMPLICATIONS	• The strategy highlights the objectives that Council desires relating to physical activity. The Woady Yaloak Equestrian Centre Masterplan must cater for such demands with an emphasis placed on maximising utilisation. The strategy also makes mention of regional facility classification and how Council has identified the possibility of great beneficiaries through necessary investment. GPS envision the facility hosting state and national level events, which in turn will lead to the achievement of objectives highlighted within the Active Recreation Strategy.





DOCUMENT	Golden Plains Shire Active Ageing and Inclusion Plan (AAIP) 2020-2024
DOCUMENT OVERVIEW	 Golden Plains Shire have recently developed a framework that continues to support people with disabilities and other access challenges to engage with Council and access all areas of the organisations operations. The AAIP provides the framework for Council to address disability access and inclusion issues across all areas of the organisations operations.
EVIDENCE/ FINDINGS	 The AAIP seeks to improve the overall quality of life for people living, working and visiting the Shire, by removing barriers which directly or indirectly discriminate against aged people, and people living with a disability. The AAIP document: Identifies areas where there are access barriers or access opportunities; Outlines actions to remove barriers to realise opportunities; Includes timeframes for actions; Identifies who has responsibility for ensuring actions are completed; and Outlines how communication, monitoring, review and evaluation of the AAIP will occur It is envisaged the plan will build a stronger, more vibrant community through increased participation in community life for aged residents and people with a disability; which in turn demonstrates Council's leadership in the areas of access, inclusion and equality. The plan additionally wants to ensure facilities and services provided by Council are accessible, equitable and inclusive; improves outcomes across Council's various roles of construction planning, regulation and the provision of programs and services; values the rich social and economic contributions people with a disability and older people make to families and communities; and support independence, wellbeing and quality of life for all people as they age. According to the Australian Bureau of Statistics 2019, approximately 4,033 of these Golden Plains Shire residents are likely to have a disability, 2,339 of which need assistance. Added to these figures, 6% or 1,423 residents will have a temporary impairment at any one time.
KEY INSIGHTS/ IMPLICATIONS	• The AAIP will continue to guide Council into the future as it identifies the needs of older residents and people with a disability, and assist Council to improve awareness of ageing, disablement and all associated issues within the Shire. Para-equestrian and riding for the disabled are both horse/equestrian related activities that give people with a classifiable physical or visual impairment the opportunity to ride horses. The WYEC Masterplan will explore the possibility of hosting such associations for people with disabilities. This satisfies the criteria of many polices highlighted by Council such as promoting social activity and generating economical benefits.





DOCUMENT	Golden Plains Shire 2017-2021 Economic Development and Tourism Strategy
DOCUMENT OVERVIEW	 The purpose of this document is to provide Council with a strategy that outlines the facilitation of economic development and tourism activities.
EVIDENCE/ FINDINGS	 The vision of the economic development and tourism strategy is a healthy, safe, vibrant, prosperous and sustainable community supported by strong leadership, transparent governance and community partnerships. Council wants to achieve this vision through: demonstrating good governance and involving the community in decision making. working and advocating in partnership with our community to address social, economic and environmental challenges. promoting gender equality and equity and inclusion for all. sustaining a focus on long term outcomes and delivering increased public value through good decision-making and wise spending. building awareness and strategic alliances with government, regional groups and community. Five key pillars have been identified in order to help deliver economic development and tourism functions: 1. Investment and attraction 2. Business support 3. Tourism development 4. Lobbying and advocacy 5. Partnerships
KEY INSIGHTS/ IMPLICATIONS	• The WYEC Masterplan and its recommendations will need to consider objectives highlighted within GPS' economic development and tourism strategy. Upgrading and developing the facility to maximise use will in turn lead to economic benefit such as increased number of casual riders, increased amount of memberships purchased. The prospect of hosting regional to state level events will also attract a significant amount of visitors to the site. The simple direction would be to increase facility usage and maximise opportunities for participation, which will lead to economic benefit.





DOCUMENT	Golden Plains Shire Environment Strategy 2019-2027
DOCUMENT OVERVIEW	• The Golden Plain Shire Environment Strategy sets the strategic direction for environmental sustainability in the region over the next eight years.
EVIDENCE/ FINDINGS	 Golden Plains is comprised of two distinct environments or bioregions; the Central Victoria Uplands and the Victorian Volcanic Plains. These bioregions support 372 flora species and 191 fauna species. Major threats to flora and fauna communities in Golden Plains include land use change from native pasture to cropping, subdivision for urban growth, illegal clearing, weed invasion and lack of enforcement action, continued removal and fragmentation of habitat, altered fire regimes and ongoing reduction in rainfall.
	 Golden Plains Shire is also home to three major river systems including: the Moorabool, Leigh and Woady Yaloak rivers. Major threats to local rivers, streams and wetlands include: over extraction, low flowrates, limited flow regimes, dams and water storage lowering environmental flows, poor quality streamside zones due to weed infestation, contaminated runoff from agriculture and urbanised areas.
	 The strategy is formulated by five Strategic Directions. These form the basis of the visions within the environment strategy. They include: Environmentally connected communities - To create a culture where the Golden Plains Shire community is connected (to their environment), engaged (with Council), and empowered to improve their personal and collective environmental sustainability practices.
	 Greener Economies – To foster and support environmentally sustainable industries, business, agriculture and tourism, by working in partnership with local business, government and community.
	 Thriving Natural Environments - To protect and enhance the natural environment by reducing environmental impacts and supporting ecosystems to thrive.
	 Sustainable urban and rural design - To provide a well-designed built environment that minimises environmental impacts, improves livability and supports community resilience
	• Council Leadership - To provide good governance and leadership through the integration of environmentally sustainable practices across Council and in the community.
KEY INSIGHTS/	• The Woady Yaloak Equestrian Centre Master Plan will need to have heavy alignment with the GPS Environment Strategy. Specific considerations to be made include bushfire and flooding overlays, management designation and native vegetation. All recommendations made
IMPLICATIONS	must consider these factors whilst also factoring in the requirement of enhancing sustainability and ecological health. The recommendations must be environmentally responsive and provides provision for the improvement of livability supporting community resilience.





DOCUMENT	Smythesdale Structure Plan Background Report – November 2021
DOCUMENT OVERVIEW	 The Smythesdale Structure Plan Background Report has been prepared to ensure that the final Structure Plan is well informed and stimulates discussion during community consultation activities that will occur as the structure plan is prepared.
	 Smythesdale is one of two towns in Golden Plains Shire that is sewered (since 2013), providing the opportunity for some medium density allotments within the sewer district. Smythesdale is strategically positioned with good access to Ballarat. There are some ecological challenges within the town with the following highlighted:
EVIDENCE/	 Bushfires – Most of Smythesdale is surrounded by heavily treed public reserves and private land, meaning there are very significant fuel loads in the vicinity of the town particularly to the west, east and north - posing a major fire risk. In the event of a significant bushfire in the surrounding landscape, the Smythesdale and Scarsdale Townships will experience ember attack resulting in localised fires and possible building fires.
FINDINGS	 A minimum bushfire construction standard of BAL 12.5 applies which is principally to mitigate the impact of ember attack, however a higher bushfire construction standard may be required based on the assessment undertaken.
	 A bushfire moderation zone along the Woady Yaloak River is also envisaged between the Woady Yaloak Equestrian Centre and Whites Road, Smythesdale. The purpose is to provide a barrier to the spread of bushfire by reducing its speed and intensity using fire resistant indigenous species in a manner that suppresses the risk of fire to the Smythesdale township. Flooding – In its most recent advice, dated 11th August 2021 the CCMA has provided mapping data showing increased risk of flooding in a 1 in 100-year flooding events. This map shows risks of flooding in the tributaries that run through the town.
KEY INSIGHTS/ IMPLICATIONS	• The final masterplan will need to take into consideration the many factors highlighted in the Smythesdale Structure Plan background report. For this to happen, the planning must consider the risks posed from bushfires and floods. All background documents including figures and percentages, will be collated and reviewed prior to any recommendations being given.



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APPENDIX: USER GROUP OVERVIEWS

USER GROUPS





Rokewood Pony Club

The Rokewood Pony Club was formed in 2001 and is proudly supported and operated by a group of volunteers, supporters, members and their families who share a common commitment to working as a team to provide a safe, happy and educational environment for all of our members and their animals. Rokewood Pony Club holds meetings on the first Sunday of the month and hosts an annual PCV & Open Combined Training competition in June.



Smythesdale Adult Riders Club Inc.

SARC holds its monthly rally at the Woady Yaloak Equestrian Centre on the second Sunday of every month. Dressage, show jumping and grid lessons are offered at all rallies with experienced instructors. Lessons are conducted on our all-weather sand arenas. Cross country lessons are also offered when the course is open.

The location of the grounds also provides the option of trail rides along quiet back roads, the rail trail and through local bush land adjoining the Centre. Club meetings are held on the Monday evening in the week preceding the monthly rally at 7.00pm in the Amenities Building at the WYEC and all members are encouraged to attend and participate in the functioning of their club.



Smythesdale Pony Club

Smythesdale and District Pony Club Inc. is a fun, friendly club that promotes safe, responsible horsemanship, while encouraging individuality and exposure to a wide variety of equestrian disciplines within P.C.A.V. guidelines. The club encourages the development of lifelong skills including leadership; teamwork; fair play and responsibility as well as developing a sense of community. We have a holistic approach to the welfare of horse and rider alike, and promote self-awareness, family involvement, development of friendships, self-esteem, and respect for all with adherence to the code of conduct. Rallies are held on the third Sunday of each month.

BALLARAT



Ballarat Adult Riding Club

Ballarat Adult Riding Club (BARC) is a close-knit horse-riding club for riders 18 years and over, established in 1984. They host 2 rallies per month with quality instruction, provided in a professional, friendly and supportive environment. Anyone over 18 years of age (or turning 18 during the HRCAV financial year) can join. The club has membership options for weekend lessons, weekday lessons, and non-instructional membership. Weekend rallies are held on the 4th Sunday of each month between February and November. January & December rally dates are different each year. The May rally date also varies. Weekday rallies are held on the 2nd Wednesday of each month between February and November. A few weeks before a rally, an 'event' is set up on the club's private Facebook page for members to book in for up to 2 lessons each per rally. Members are able to book in their choices of flat, show jumping, poles and cross-country lessons, dependent on availability at the time.

Weekend rally plan:

Weekend rallies usually start at 10am. Flat lessons have up to 4 riders in each lesson, poles and jumping lessons may have up to 6. Each rider attends their allocated lesson/s (up to 2 lessons per member at each rally).





APPENDIX: STAKEHOLDER CONSULTATIONS



Statutory Planning Coordinator (25/2/22)

From a planning perspective, the Statutory planning coordinator was able to provide the following information:

- The main parcel of land (5 Lords Road) is in the Rural Living Zone (RLZ).
- The land over the road that is without the infrastructure is listed under the same address and ownership. This is zoned Public Conservation and Resource Zone (PCRZ). I am not sure that the RLZ and RCRZ are the appropriate zones for these sites long term I note the anomalies amendment has just been done and will not be done again for some time. Whilst the existing zonings won't prevent you from master planning and developing the sites into the future I do wonder if something like a Special Use Zone would be more appropriate going forward, particularly for the PCRZ parcel.
- Land Subject to Inundation (LSIO) and a small portion to the Salinity Management Overlay (SMO) with Design and Development Overlay 7 (DDO7) also applying, though it is not as relevant as the other overlays in terms of importance.
- The landholding appears to be made up of about 9 titles.
- As I understand, any future development won't be by or on behalf of council, if this is the case and on account of the zonings and overlays, planning permits will be required. If this is the case, I suggest that all buildings and works (masterplan) be covered off via 1 permit not individual permits over time, this gets very messy.
- From a planning perspective, when looking at a site, we consider constraints and opportunities, so we would immediately be considering areas that might need to be avoided such as sensitive watercourse areas and native vegetation and areas of flooding.
- Entry and exit to the site/s is very important given the volume at times of events/gatherings, and safe entry given the size of vehicles, where entry and exit points sit in relation to the Glenelg Highway (DoT road) which requires planning approval for any new entry points, alteration to existing and needs to be considered with any new uses also take into account nearby dwellings when locating entry/exit and planned infrastructure.

Strategic Planning Coordinator/Senior Strategic Planner (28/2/22)

From a planning perspective, the Strategic Planning Coordinator and Senior Strategic Planner were able to provide the following information:

- Golden Plains Shire are currently working on the Smythesdale Structure plan, the finalisation of the plan will be held off for later in the year.
- The town of Smythesdale is not entirely sewered.
- There are plans to expand the nearby recreation area. There may be a potential scenario to integrate the Equestrian Centre with the cricket/soccer oval.
- Mapping from CMA about flooding and overlays can be found in the background report.

STAKEHOLDER CONSULTATIONS – ASSET MANAGEMENT



Building and Facilities Officer/Coordinator Asset Management (28/2/22)

The Building and Facilities Officer as well as the Coordinator for Asset Management were able to provide the following information:

- Wendy's roles is to store data and information to do with capital works programs.
- · Simone's role is to maintain facilities and breakdowns in buildings.
- Building sites within the WYEC have condition scores. These have been supplied in the prior pages.
- Simone notes there will be a need for more public toilets if they are looking to expand.
- Simone notes there will be a need to increase power if they want increase utilisation. This can be done by increasing the capacity of switch boards. Upgrades are done through PowerCor.
- Wendy notes the floor replacement should be a priority as it can not be replaced anymore. (Arena)

The Buildings and Facilities Office supplied building inspection reports, asset data, and will send through asset management reports.



STAKEHOLDER CONSULTATIONS – NATURAL RECOURSES OFFICER/SUSTAINABLE ASSETS



Natural Recourses Officer/Sustainable Assets (2/3/22)

From an environmental perspective, the Natural Recourses Officer and Sustainable Assets Officer were able to provide the following information:

- There are large old trees in the cross-country track, which pose obvious safety concerns. People park under these trees at times. There will be a need to avoid placing infrastructure in and around the large of trees as they can pose a risk to public safety.
- Trees on the main road are coming to the end of their lifespan.
- There has been lots of planting of trees on Pony Club Lane. So far no issues have arisen from such.
- There is a plan to create a walking loop around Smythesdale.
- A cultural heritage plan may be required if looking to expand the cross-country track.
- Another consideration is trying not to remove natural vegetation. This will cause a long process. No16 estate could be a chance to extend land. However, flood overlays are present where the building lies.
- Weeds to note in the reserve are Gorse and Blackberry which undergoes treatment every two years. There are other larger woody weeds such as Hawthorn and Willow which occur along the Woady Yaloak River, to date these have not been controlled due to the cost involved. There are also weed infested areas present near the highway.
- There are a few deceased estates on Lords Road.
- The WYEC is a bushfire neighbourhood safe place.
- If there is any extension to the Cross Country Course or expansion of parking space etc. it may trigger a requirement for a Cultural Heritage Management Plan. Any alteration to the fall and flow of the land adjoining the Woady Yaloak River may also trigger a referral to the Corangamite Catchment Management Authority.
- Rabbits are present in the reserves however no known burrows have been observed, If they become problematic, Council will investigate.
- There is an opportunity to look at sustainability features for any capital infrastructure improvements (e.g. solar installations, solar lighting, insultation/double glazing, water tanks, use of recycled materials). Investment now will make long term savings for the future.

Environment and Sustainability Coordinator (2/3/22)

From an environmental perspective, the Environment and Sustainability Coordinator was able to provide the following information:

- Golden Plains Shire are currently conducting an integrated water management project in Smythesdale. Won't have many implications on Woady itself.
- Council have looked at creating an artificial wetland near the oval. The purpose of this project is to use storm water to water the oval.





APPENDIX: WYEC DETIALED EVALUATION

Woady Yaloak Equestrian Centre - Detailed Evaluation



The following is a detailed evaluation of the Woady Yaloak Equestrian Centre and its facilities. The evaluation was conducted during site visits.

Site Details		Cross-Country Cou	rse	Arena 3 – Location	Outdoo
Site Length	550m	Facility has a cross-country course	Yes	Arena 3 – Length	60m
Site Width	481m	Course Length	400m	Arena 3 – Width	20m
% of site used for Equestrian Sport	100	Course Width	240m	Arena 3 - Total area	1,200m ²
Perimeter fencing	Yes	Course Area	96000m ²	Arena 3 – Surface	Sand
Site access	One Road	Course Surface	Turf	Arena 3 - Most recent resurfacing	2021
Equestrian Club leasee	WYEC Association	Arena's		Arena 3 - Lighting	No
Equestrian Club sub-leasee	User Groups	How many arenas does facility have	5	Arena 4 – Location	Outdoor
Current lease expiry date	30th Nov, 2023	Arena 1 - Location	Outdoor	Arena 4 – Length	60m
Land owner	GPS Council	Arena 1 - Length	60m	Arena 4 – Width	20m
Site/zoning overlays	Flooding and Bushfire Overlays	Arena 1 - Width	20m	Arena 4 - Total area	1,200m ²
Total carparking spaces	100	Arena 1 - Total area	1,200m ²	Arena 4 – Surface	Sand
Venue capacity	400	Arena 1 - Surface	Sand	Arena 4 - Most recent resurfacing	2021
Open Space Precinct	Yes	Arena 1 - Most recent resurfacing	2021	Arena 4 - Lighting	No
Ward	Yes	Arena 1 - Lighting	No	Arena 5 – Location	Outdoor
Club Activity		Arena 2 – Location	Outdoor	Arena 5 – Length	152m
Number of members	148	Arena 2 – Length	60m	Arena 5 – Width	74m
Number of major events per year	3	Arena 2 – Width	20m	Arena 5 - Total area	11,248m ²
Ave number at standard events/year	20	Arena 2 - Total area	1,200m ²	Arena 5 – Surface	Sand
Number of one-off events per year	3	Arena 2 - Surface	Sand	Arena 5 - Most recent resurfacing	2021
Total number of days arena is used per month for non-event activity	23	Arena 2 - Most recent resurfacing	2021	Arena 5 - Lighting	No
Ave number using the arena on these non-event activity days	5	Arena 2 - Lighting	No		

N/A – Not Applicable (Unmeasured/Unknown) No – WYEC Does Not Possess

Woady Yaloak Equestrian Centre - Detailed Evaluation



Practice/Training A	rea	Firs
Is there an area for warming up	Yes	Sto
Stables		Inte
Are there stables	Yes	Inte
Horse Inspection/Holdin	g Areas	Inte
Horse inspection/holding areas	N/A	Inte
Horse inspection/holding areas - L	N/A	Ext
Horse inspection/holding areas - W	N/A	Ext
Veterinary/Clinic treatment boxes	N/A	Ext
Clubhouses (combir	ned)	Ext
Clubhouse/changerooms	Yes	Car
Age of building (year constructed)	Various	Car
Building dimensions – Length	68.19m	Car
Building dimensions – Width	35.99m	Car
Building dimensions – Height	7.5m	Fur
Number of toilets	12	
Accessible entry	Yes	Spe
DDA audit completed	Yes	Nu
Female changerooms	Yes	Em
Male changerooms	Yes	Adı
First aid room/supplies	Yes	Car
First aid room dimensions - Length	N/A	Irrig
First aid room dimensions – Width	N/A	Тоі

First aid room dimensions – Height	N/A
Storage Areas	Yes
Internal Storage	Yes
Internal storage dimensions - Length	15m
Internal storage dimensions – Width	15m
Internal storage dimensions – Height	5m
External storage?	Yes
External storage dimensions - Length	21.97m
External storage dimensions - Width	8.26m
External storage dimensions - Height	7m
Canteen/serving facilities?	Yes
Canteen/serving dimensions – Length	7.5m
Canteen/serving dimensions – Width	7.5m
Canteen/serving dimensions – Height	2.5m
Function/meeting room facilities?	Yes
Other Areas/Amen	ities
Spectator viewing area	Yes
Number of spectator seats	20
Emergency vehicle parking bay	N/A
Admin/scoring area	Yes
Camping spaces	No
Irrigation	N/A
Toilets (not within clubhouse)	2

N/A – Not Applicable (Unmeasured/Unknown) No – WYEC Does Not Possess



APPENDIX: DETAILED GUIDELINES CRITERIA



The following two pages list and detail what is required from the Equestrian Centre to host Regional, State, International and Olympic level (Tier 1-4) events for each discipline.

Facility Standard	Dressage (Olympics, World Equestrian Games)	Jumping (Olympics, World Equestrian Games)	Eventing (Olympics, World Equestrian Games)
	Min 100mx80m (8,000m2) within an indoor stadium Min 2,000m2 training arena with competition surface Min 3 round yards Ability to hold 20000+ spectators Min 1,000 lux lighting and sound system suitable for broadcasting Horse inspection holding box Veterinary clinic, min 6 treatment boxes Camp sites required + grooms' accommodation	Min 100mx80m (8,000m2) within a stadium Min 2,000m2 with competition surface Min 3 round yards Ability to hold 20,000+ spectators Min 1,000 lux lighting and sound suitable for broadcasting Horse inspection holding box and practice strip Veterinary clinic and min 6 treatment boxes Camp sites required + grooms' accommodation	Min 100mx80m (8,000m2) within a stadium for dressage or jumping Dressage/jumping min 2,000m2 with competition surface Gallop track 800-1,000m Min 3 round yards Ability to hold 20,000+ spectators Min 1,000 lux lighting and sound suitable for broadcasting Veterinary clinic and min 6 treatment boxes Camp sites required + grooms' accommodation
Tier 2 International and National	Indoor dressage stadium preferred min 80mx40m (3,200m2) Min 2 round yards and designated safe lunging area Ability to hold 200 Competitors Ability to hold 500-2000 Spectators 200-500 yards (Currently 94), minimum 2 for isolation, min 2 for medical swabbing Ability to hold 130+ camp sites Self-catering and laundry facilities	Outdoor min 4,000m2 1 jumping arena/max 200 competitor rounds/day Min 2,000m2 per competition arena with competition surface Ability to hold 200-400 competitors Extensive sound system 200-500 yards, min 2 for isolation, min 2 for medication control (swabbing)	1- 3 jumping arenas – (main jumping arena min 5,000m2 with short side of min 60m Ability to hold 200-400 competitors Ability to hold 500-2000 spectators Extensive sound system 200-500 yards, min 2 for isolation, min 2 for medication control (swabbing)
Tier 3 State Level	100-200 min lux lighting Lighting and PA system with a split system for freestyles 250 yards for overnight competitions, minimum 1 for isolation, min 2 for medical swabbing	Min 40mx50m (2,000m2) per competition arena Ability to hold 500-2000 spectators Up to 250 yards (currently 94) for overnight competitions, min 1 for isolation, min 1 for medication control (swabbing)	1 jumping arena/max 150 competitor rounds/day Jumping min 4,000m2 with short side min 50m Jumping min 40mx50m (2,000m2) per competition arena Competition surface preferred Ability to hold 100-500 spectators Up to 250 for overnight competitions, min 1 for isolation, min 1 for medication control (swabbing)
Tier 4 Regional Level	Already met	Min 50mx30m (1,500m2) Practice Arena	Jumping/ express eventing arena min 4,000m2 with short side min 50m Cross country course 650m-3,575m
Tier 5 Base Level	Already met	Already met	Already met





Facility Standard Requirements	Cross Country (World Equestrian Games)	Driving (Olympics, World Equestrian Games)	Vaulting (World Equestrian Games)	Show Horse
Tier 1 Olympic and World Equestrian Games	Cross country 6,270m-6,840m long (10-15m wide track) 40-45 obstacles with water and over undulating ground Min 3 round yards Ability to host 20000+ spectators Min 1,000 lux lighting and sound suitable for broadcasting Veterinary clinic, min 6 treatment boxes Camp sites required + grooms' accommodation	Min 120mx70m (8,400m2) within a stadium Allows for driven dressage and obstacle/cones driving (allows for dressage arena 100mx40m plus an extra 10m either side and 20m at the entry end at A) Large area, either a circuit or an area of roads or tracks, at least 5km of tracks is advisable Min 3 round yards Ability to hold 20,000+ spectators Min 1,000 lux lighting and sound suitable for broadcasting Horse inspection holding box and practice strip Veterinary clinic and min 6 treatment boxes 1 stable harness room – 1 per team of horses,1 per two pairs and 1 per three singles, Min 4 stables for isolation, Min 4 stables for medication, Min 2 horse space for farrier Grooms accommodation	Championships competition circle min 26m diameter The public must be at least 15m away from the centre of the vaulting circle Min 3 indoor circles with min 18m diameter Min 1 suitable area for riding near the competition/practice arenas (available during the times that Vaulting arenas are open to athletes for practice and warm-up) Designated safe area for min 3 circles (min 18m diameter) Ability to hold 20,000+ spectators. Min 1,000 lux lighting and sound suitable for broadcasting Horse inspection holding box and practice strip Veterinary clinic and min 6 treatment boxes Camping Required + grooms' accommodation	N/A
Tier 2 International and National	Cross country up to 7,000m long undulating terrain with water jump Ability to hold 500-2,000 spectators Extensive sound system 200-500 yards, min 2 for isolation, min 2 for medication control (swabbing)	Marathon – CAIO4* 11.8km—18.5km, CAI3* 11.8km-18.5km Min 100mx100m (10,000m2), practice driven dressage arena provided, set of cones for practicing obstacle/cones Large area either a circuit or an area of roads or tracks, at least 5km of tracks is advisable Primarily turf undulating track with water obstacle for marathon Extensive sound system	In the case of a competition held indoors the height to the ceiling must be at least 5m 1 practice circle is compulsory with the same specs as the competition arena and 3 additional practice circles min 18m For championships, min 3 indoor circles min 18m diameter Min 1 suitable area for riding, near the competition/practice arenas Designated safe area for min 3 circles (min 19m diameter) 200-500 yards Min 500 lux lighting and extensive sound system	Indoor stadium Ring size 60mx30m (1,800m2) Min 80mx40m or min 3,000m2 Min 500 lux lighting and extensive sound system
Tier 3 State Level	Min 6,000m2 Ability to hold up to 250 competitors for overnight competitions 200-500 yards, min 1 for isolation, min 1 for medication control (swabbing)	Min 120mx70m (8,400m2) to allow for driven dressage and obstacle Dressage arena 100mx40m, in some cases a smaller arena 80mx40m Marathon – CAI2* 10.8km-17km Combined marathon/cones – CAI2* and CAI1* 600m-800m Min 100mx100m (10,000m2)	Min 18m diameter Min 2 practice circles (min 18m diameter)	Min 60mx30 m or min 1,800m2
Tier 4 Regional Level	Cross country course 650m-3,575m Min 2,000m2	Min 100mx40m or min 4,000m2 area Practice Arena	Min 18m diameter circle (min 18m diameter)	Min 40mx20m or min 800m2 per competition ring
Tier 5 Regional Level	Already met	Min 80mx40m or min 3,000m2 area Practice Arena	Min 18m diameter circle (min 18m diameter)	Already met





DRESSAGE			Key WYEC posses	ses WYEC does not posses
	Tier 4 - Regional	Tier 3 - State	Tier 2 – International/National	Tier 1 – Olympic and World Equestrian Games
Competition Arenas	Minimum 1 Dressage Arena (Max 60 competitor tests a day)	Minimum 1 Dressage Arena (Max 60 competitor tests a day)	Indoor dressage stadium preferred min 80mx40m (3,200m2) and multiple outdoor dressage arenas 1 dressage arena/max 60 comp tests/day	Min 100mx80m (8,000m2) within a stadium
Training Arenas	Min 60mx20m (1,200m2) or min 60mx20m per 2 competition arenas (competition surface preferred)	Min 60mx20m (1,200m2) or min 60mx20m per 2 competition arenas (competition surface preferred)	Min 60mx20m (1,200m2) or similar m2 size area per competition arena with competition surface	Min 2,000m2 with competition surface
Surface	All-weather sand based equestrian artificial footing or maintained turf	All-weather sand based equestrian artificial footing	All-weather sand based equestrian artificial footing	All-weather sand based equestrian artificial footing
Lunging Area	Designated safe lunging area	Min 1 round yard and designated safe lunging area	Min 2 round yards and designated safe lunging area	Min 3 round yards
Admin and Office Areas	Permanent or temporary, furnished office space with electricity	Permanent or temporary, furnished office spaces with electricity and separate scoring office	Multiple administration facilities required for admin, press, scoring and officials	Extensive administration facilities
Competitors	10-100	100-200	200-400	Olympics – 60 athletes and 60 horses WEG – 70+ athletes and 70+ horses WEG para – 60+ athletes and 60+ horses
Spectators	20-100	100-500	500-2,000	20,000+
Lighting Sound	PA system	Lighting and PA system Split system for freestyles	Min 500 lux lighting and extensive sound system	Min 1,000 lux lighting and sound system suitable for broadcasting
Horse Inspection/Holding Areas	Not required	Required for state championships	Required	Inspection strip min 50m long (firm level surface), 2m wide Horse inspection holding box Veterinary clinic, min 6 treatment boxes
Stabling Yards	Not required, day yards recommended	Up to 250 for overnight competitions Min 1 for isolation Min 2 for medication control (swabbing)	200-500 stables Min 2 for isolation Min 2 for medication control (swabbing)	60+ stables Min 4 stables for isolation Min 4 stables for medication
Camping	Not required	Electricity and water available, toilet/shower facilities	130+ camp sites required Self-catering and laundry facilities	Required + grooms' accommodation
Water	Multiple taps Min 1 wash bay	Multiple taps Min 1 washbay with 60 horses Irrigation	Min 1 tap/20 horses Min 1 washbay per 60 horses Irrigation	Min 1 tap/20 horses within stable complex 1 wash bay per 30 horses, each bay min 12m2. Irrigation





JUMPING			Key WYEC possess	ses WYEC does not posses
	Tier 4 - Regional	Tier 3 - State	Tier 2 – International/National	Tier 1 – Olympic and World Equestrian Games
Competition Arenas	Indoor min 1,200m2 with short side min 25m or Outdoor min 4,000m2 with short side min 50m 1 jumping arena/max 200 competitor rounds/ day	Indoor min 1,200m2 with short side min 25m Outdoor min 4,000m2 with short side min 50m 1 jumping arena/max 200 competitor rounds/ day	Indoor min 1,200m2 with short side min 25m Outdoor min 4,000m2 1 jumping arena/max 200 competitor rounds/ day	Min 100mx80m (8,000m2) within a stadium
Training Arenas	Min 50mx30m (1,500m2)	Min 40mx50m (2,000m2) per competition arena Competition surface preferred	Min 2,000m2 per competition arena with competition surface	Min 2,000m2 with competition surface
Surface	All-weather sand based equestrian artificial footing or maintained turf	All-weather sand based equestrian artificial footing or maintained turf	All-weather sand based equestrian artificial footing or highly maintained turf	All-weather sand based equestrian artificial footing
Lunging Area	Designated safe lunging area	Min 1 round yard or designated safe lunging area	Min 1 round yard and designated safe lunging area	Min 3 round yards
Admin and Office Areas	Permanent or temporary, furnished office space with electricity	Permanent or temporary, furnished office space with electricity	Multiple administration facilities required for admin, press, scoring and officials	Extensive administration facilities
Competitors	10-100	100-200	200-400	Olympics – 75 athletes and 75 horses WEG – 100+ athletes and 100+ horses
Spectators	20-500	500-2000	500-2,000	20,000+
Lighting Sound	PA system	PA system	Extensive sound system	Min 1,000 lux lighting and sound suitable for broadcasting
Horse Inspection/Holding Areas	Not required	Required for state championships	Required	Inspection strip min 50m long (firm level surface), 2m wide Horse inspection holding box and practice strip Veterinary clinic and min 6 treatment boxes
Stabling Yards	Required for agricultural shows, day yards recommended	Up to 250 for overnight competitions Min 1 for isolation Min 1 for medication control (swabbing)	200-500 stables Min 2 for isolation Min 2 for medication control (swabbing)	75+ stables Min 4 stables for isolation Min 4 stables for medication control (swabbing) Min 2 horse space for farrier
Camping	Required for agricultural shows	Required Electricity and water available, toilet/shower facilities	Required Electricity and drinking water available, toilet/ shower facilities	Required + grooms' accommodation
Water	Multiple taps Min 1 wash bay	Multiple taps Min 1 wash bay/60 horses Irrigation	Min 1 tap/20 horses Min 1 wash bay/60 horses Irrigation	Min 1 tap/20 horses within stable complex 1 wash bay per 30 horses, each bay min 12m2 with Irrigation



EVENTING			Key WYEC posses	ses WYEC does not posses
	Tier 4 – Regional	Tier 3 - State	Tier 2 – International/National	Tier 1 – Olympic and World Equestrian Games
Competition Arenas	1 dressage arena/max 40 competitors/day 1 jumping arena/max 150 competitor rounds/ day Jumping/ express eventing arena min 4,000m2 with short side min 50m	1 dressage arena/max 40 competitors/day 1 jumping arena/max 150 competitor rounds/day Jumping min 4,000m2 with short side min 50m	1 dressage arena/max 40 competitors/day 1 jumping arena/max 150 competitor rounds/ day 2- 3 jumping arenas – (main jumping arena min 5,000m2 with short side of min 60m	Min 100mx80m (8,000m2) within a stadium for dressage or jumping
Training Arenas	Dressage 60mx20m or min 1,200m2 Jumping min 40mx30m or min 1,200m2	Dressage min 60mx20m (1,200m2) per 2 competition arenas Jumping min 40mx50m (2,000m2) per competition arena Competition surface preferred	Dressage min 60mx20m (1,200m2) per competition arena with competition surface Jumping min 40mx50m (2,000m2) per competition arena with competition area	Dressage/jumping min 2,000m2 with competition surface Gallop track 800-1,000m
Surface	All-weather sand based equestrian artificial footing or maintained turf	All-weather sand based equestrian artificial footing or maintained turf	All-weather sand based equestrian artificial footing for dressage and show jumping competition areas	All-weather sand based equestrian artificial footing
Lunging Area	Designated safe lunging area	Min 1 round yard or designated safe lunging area	Min 1 round yard and designated safe lunging area	Min 3 round yards
Admin and Office Areas	Permanent or temporary, furnished office space with electricity	Permanent or temporary, furnished office space with electricity	Multiple administration facilities required for admin, press, scoring and officials	Extensive administration facilities
Competitors	10-100	100-300	200-400	Olympics – 65 athletes and 65 horses WEG – 70+ athletes and 70+ horses
Spectators	20-300	100-500	500-2,000	20,000+
Lighting Sound	PA system	PA system	Extensive system	Min 1,000 lux lighting and sound suitable for broadcasting
Horse Inspection/Holding Areas	Not required	Required for state championships	Required	Inspection strip min 50m long (firm level surface), 2m wide Horse inspection holding box and practice strip Veterinary clinic and min 6 treatment boxes
Stabling Yards	Not required, day yards recommended	Up to 250 for overnight competitions Min 1 for isolation, Min 1 for medication control (swabbing)	200-500 stables Min 2 for isolation Min 2 for medication control (swabbing)	65+ stables Min 4 stables for isolation Min 4 stables for medication control (swabbing) Min 2 horse space for farrier
Camping	Not required	Electricity and water available, toilet/shower facilities	Electricity and drinking water available, toilet/ shower facilities	Required + grooms' accommodation
Water	Multiple taps Min 1 wash bay	Multiple taps Min 1 wash bay/60 horses Irrigation	Min 1 tap/20 horses Min 1 wash bay/60 horses Irrigation	Min 1 tap/20 horses within stable complex 1 wash bay per 30 horses, each bay min 12m2. With Irrigation



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	Tier 4 - Regional	Tier 3 - State	Tier 2 – International/National	Tier 1 – Olympic and World Equestrian Games
Competition Arenas	Cross country course 650m-3,575m	Cross country course 650m-3,575m	Cross country up to 7,000m long undulating terrain with water jump	Cross country 6,270m-6,840m long (10-15m wide track) 40-45 obstacles with water and over undulating ground, primarily turf
Training Arenas	Min 2,000m2	Min 6,000m2	Min 6,000m2	Min 6,000m2
Surface	Maintained turf	Maintained turf	Cross country highly maintained turf	Primarily turf undulating track with water obstacles for cross country
Lunging Area	Designated safe lunging area	Min 1 round yard or designated safe	Min 1 round yard and designated safe lunging area	Min 3 round yards
Admin and Office Areas	Permanent or temporary, furnished office space with electricity	Permanent or temporary, furnished office space with electricity	Multiple administration facilities required for admin, press, scoring and officials	Extensive administration facilities
Competitors	10-100	100-300	200-400	Olympics – 65 athletes and 65 horses WEG – 70+ athletes and 70+ horses
Spectators	20-300	100-500	500-2,000	20,000+
Lighting Sound	PA system	PA system	Extensive system	Min 1,000 lux lighting and sound suitable for broadcasting
Horse Inspection/Holding Areas	Not required	Required for state championships	Required	Inspection strip min 50m long (firm level surface), 2m wide Horse inspection holding box and practice strip Veterinary clinic, min 6 treatment boxes
Stabling Yards	Not required, day yards recommended	Up to 250 for overnight competitions Min 1 for isolation, Min 1 for medication control (swabbing)	200-500 stables Min 2 for isolation Min 2 for medication control (swabbing)	65+ stables Min 4 stables for isolation Min 4 stables for medication control Min 2 horse space for farrier
Camping	Not required	Electricity and water available, toilet/shower facilities	Electricity and drinking water available, toilet/ shower facilities	Required + grooms' accommodation
Water	Multiple taps Min 1 wash bay	Multiple taps Min 1 wash bay/60 horses Irrigation	Min 1 tap/20 horses Min 1 wash bay/60 horses Irrigation	Min 1 tap/20 horses within stable complex 1 wash bay per 30 horses, each bay min 12m2 and Irrigation





DRIVING			Key WYEC	
	Tier 4 - Regional	Tier 3 - State	Tier 2 – International/National	Tier 1 – Olympic and World Equestrian Games
Competition Arenas	Dressage arena 100mx40m (4,000m2), in some cases a smaller arena 80mx40m (3,200m2) may be used Arrangements must be made so spectators cannot approach closer than 5m from the edge of the arena	Min 120mx70m (8,400m2) to allow for driven dressage and obstacle Dressage arena 100mx40m, in some cases a smaller arena 80mx40m Arrangements must be made so spectators cannot approach closer than 5m from the edge of the arena Marathon – CAI2* 10.8km-17km Combined marathon/cones – CAI2* and CAI1* 600m-800m	Min 120mx70m (8,400m2) to allow for driven dressage and obstacle/cones Allows for driven dressage arena plus an extra 10m either side and 20m at the entry end at A Marathon – CAIO4* 11.8km—18.5km, CAI3* 11.8km- 18.5km	Min 120mx70m (8,400m2) within a stadium Allows for driven dressage and obstacle/cones driving (allows for dressage arena 100mx40m plus an extra 10m either side and 20m at the entry end at A)
Training Arenas	Min 100mx40m or min 4,000m2 area	Min 100mx100m (10,000m2)	Min 100mx100m (10,000m2), practice driven dressage arena provided, set of cones for practicing obstacle/cones Large area either a circuit or an area of roads or tracks, at least 5km of tracks is advisable	Min 100mx100m), (practice dressage arena 100mx40m provided and set of cones for practicing obstacle driving) Large area, either a circuit or an area of roads or
Surface	Maintained turf	Maintained turf or all-weather sand based equestrian artificial footing (surface must be specific to driving requirements) Primarily turf undulating track with water obstacle for marathon	Highly maintained turf or all-weather sand based equestrian artificial footing (surface must be specific to Driving requirements) Primarily turf undulating track with water obstacle for marathon	tracks, at least 5km of tracks is advisable All-weather sand based equestrian artificial footing for Dressage/Cones (surface must be specific for Driving requirements) Primarily turf undulating track with water obstacle for Marathon
Lunging Area	Designated safe lunging area	Min 1 round yard or designated safe lunging area	Min 1 round yard and designated safe lunging area	Min 3 round yards
Admin and Office Areas	Permanent or temporary, furnished office space with electricity	Permanent or temporary, furnished office space with electricity	Multiple administration facilities required for admin, press, scoring and officials	Extensive administration facilities
Competitors	10-50	20-100	50-100	WEG – 15+ teams and 90+ horses
Spectators	10-50	20-200	100-300	20,000+
Lighting Sound	Not required	PA system	Extensive sound system	Min 1,000 lux lighting and sound suitable for broadcasting
Horse Inspection/Holding Areas	Not required	Required for state championships	Required	Inspection strip min 50m long (firm level surface), 2m wide Horse inspection holding box and practice strip Veterinary clinic and min 6 treatment boxes
Stabling Yards	Not required, day yards recommended	Up to 250 for overnight competitions Min 1 for isolation Min 1 for medication control (swabbing)	50-200 stables Harness rooms Min 1 for isolation Min 1 for medication control (swabbing)	90+ stables 1 stableas harness room – 1 per team of horses,1 per two pairs and 1 per three singles Min 4 stables for isolation Min 4 stables for medication Min 2 horse space for farrier
Camping	Not required	Water available	Driving – 25mx18m (450m2) per athlete Electricity and drinking water available, toilet/ shower facilities	Grooms' accommodation
Water	Multiple taps Min 1 wash bay	Multiple taps Min 1 wash bay/60 horses Irrigation	Min 1 tap/20 horses Min 1 wash bay/60 horses Irrigation	Min 1 tap/20 horses within stable complex 1 wash bay per 30 horses, each bay min 12m2 Irrigation





VAULTING			Key WYEC posses	
	Tier 4 - Regional	Tier 3 - State	Tier 2 – International/National	Tier 1 – Olympic and World Equestrian Games
Competition Arenas	Min 18m diameter circle	Min 18m diameter In the case of a competition held indoors the height to the ceiling must be at least 5m	Min 18m diameter In the case of a competition held indoors the height to the ceiling must be at least 5m	Championships competition circle min 26m diameter Indoor arena, the height to the ceiling must be at least 5m The public must be at least 15m away from the centre of the vaulting circlee
Training Arenas	Min 1 practice circle (min 18m diameter)	Min 2 practice circles (min 18m diameter)	1 practice circle is compulsory with the same specs as the competition arena and 3 additional practice circles min 18m For championships, min 3 indoor circles min 18m diameter If the competition takes place indoors the possibility for practicing indoors must be available to all athletes Min 1 suitable area for riding, near the competition/practice arenas	1 practice arena is compulsory to be as the competition arena Min 3 indoor circles with min 18m diameter Min 1 suitable area for riding near the competition/practice arenas (available during the times that Vaulting arenas are open to athletes for practice and warm-up)
Surface	All-weather sand based equestrian artificial footing or maintained turf	All-weather sand based equestrian artificial footing Indoor preferred	All-weather sand based equestrian artificial footing Indoor preferred	All-weather sand based equestrian artificial footing
Lunging Area	Designated safe area for min 2 circles	Designated safe area for min 2 practice circles (min 18m diameter)	Designated safe area for min 3 circles (min 19m diameter)	Designated safe area for min 3 circles (min 18m diameter)
Admin and Office Areas	Permanent or temporary, furnished office space with electricity	Permanent or temporary, furnished office space with electricity	Multiple administration facilities required for admin, press, scoring and officials	Extensive administration facilities
Competitors	10-50	50-100	100-150	WEG – 50+ athletes and 20+ horses
Spectators	20-100	100-200	200-500	20,000+
Lighting Sound	PA system	PA system	Min 500 lux lighting and extensive sound system	Min 1,000 lux lighting and sound suitable for broadcasting
Horse Inspection/Holding Areas	Not required	Required for state championships	Required	Inspection strip min 50m long (firm level surface), 2m wide Horse inspection holding box and practice strip Veterinary clinic and min 6 treatment boxes
Stabling Yards	Not required, day yards recommended	Up to 50 for overnight competitions Min 1 for isolation Min 1 for medication control (swabbing)	30-60 stables Min 1 for isolation Min 1 for medication control (swabbing)	20+ stables Min 4 stables for isolation Min 4 stables for medication control (swabbing) Min 2 horse space for farrier
Camping	Not required	Water available	Required Electricity and drinking water available, toilet/ shower facilities	Required + grooms' accommodation
Water	Multiple taps Min 1 wash bay	Multiple taps Min 1 wash bay/60 horses Irrigation	Min 1 tap/20 horses Min 1 wash bay/60 horses Irrigation	Min 1 tap/20 horses within stable complex 1 wash bay per 30 horses, each bay min 12m2 Irrigation





SHOWHORSE			Key WYEC possesses	WYEC does not posses
	Tier 4 - Regional	Tier 3 - State	Tier 2 – International/National	Tier 1 – Olympic and World Equestrian Games
Competition Arenas	Min 40mx20m or min 800m2 per ring	1 main ring 60mx30m (1,800m2) For 2 or more rings min 40mx20m (800m2)/ ring	Indoor stadium Ring size 60mx30m (1,800m2) Spectators separated by a fence at least 10m, preferably 15m from the competition ring	N/A
Training Arenas	Min 40mx20m or min 800m2 per competition ring	Min 60mx30m or min 1,800m2	Min 80mx40m or min 3,000m2	N/A
Surface	All-weather sand based equestrian artificial footing or maintained turf	All-weather sand based equestrian artificial footing or maintained turf	All-weather sand based equestrian artificial footing	N/A
Lunging Area	Designated safe lunging area	Min 1 round yard or designated safe lunging area	Min 1 round yard and designated safe lunging area	N/A
Admin and Office Areas	Permanent or temporary, furnished office space with electricity	Permanent or temporary, furnished office space with electricity	Multiple administration facilities required for admin, press, scoring and officials	N/A
Competitors	10-100	100-200	100-200	N/A
Spectators	20-100	100-200	200-500	N/A
Lighting Sound	PA system	PA system	Min 500 lux lighting and extensive sound system	N/A
Horse Inspection/Holding Areas	Measuring bay recommended	Required for HOTY Measuring bay	Required	N/A
Stabling Yards	Not required, day yards recommended	Up to 150 for overnight competitions Min 1 for isolation Min 1 for medication control (swabbing)	100-300 stables Min 2 for isolation Min 2 for medication control (swabbing)	N/A
Camping	Not required	Required Electricity and water available, toilet/shower facilities	Required Electricity and drinking water available, toilet/shower facilities	N/A
Water	Multiple taps Min 1 wash bay	Multiple taps Min 1 wash bay/60 horses Irrigation	Min 1 tap/20 horses Min 1 wash bay/60 horses Irrigation	N/A

