



Domeney Reserve Management Plan 2017-2027



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Executive Summary

Publicly owned open space and reserves improve our physical and psychological health, strengthen our communities and make our cities and neighbourhoods more appealing places to live and work.

Manningham City Council prepares management plans for complex recreation areas that accommodate a range of facilities and services and/or open space areas with an assortment of uses and purposes, including informal recreation and landscape values. Such areas are important community assets and, due to competing priorities for development, it is crucial to plan and prioritise the use, development and management of these areas.

Domeney Reserve is currently used by sporting clubs, schools and residents for various recreational pursuits including football, cricket, netball, dance, yoga, Pilates, learning and education and community activities. The Reserve is also used by local residents for less formal recreational activities, such as walking, dog walking and play.

The Management Plan includes three goals for the Reserve under which a series of objectives and actions outline Council's commitment to providing and maintaining high quality, flexible multiuse recreation facilities that respond to community demand and respect the natural environment (Figure 1).

Initial community consultation was undertaken from May to November 2016 to inform the development of the Management Plan. This consultation included: a survey which was distributed to 1330 households in the Park Orchards community and key stakeholders; a user group submission form provided to user groups; and individual meetings with key stakeholders. Other assessments were also undertaken to inform the development of the draft Plan including a traffic and car parking study, a site opportunities/constraints analysis, a landscape assessment and a facility assessment.

Key issues identified that need to be addressed through the Plan include: the inefficient design and spatial allocation of Domeney Recreation Centre, facility improvement opportunities needing to be balanced with budget considerations; site constraints that place limitations on expanding the car park; and consideration of the adjacent important natural environment. The draft Plan has identified a range of priorities to address these key issues at the Reserve in order to improve recreation and sporting provision for the community.

Once endorsed, the Domeney Reserve Management Plan will be used by Council officers involved in planning, development and management of the Reserve and will help the community understand Council's vision, objectives and specific plans for the Reserve.

**Goal 1 -
Quality recreation
facilities to meet
community demand**

**Goal 2
Sensitive development
that responds to the
local environment**

**Goal 3
Flexible multi-use
facilities and
management systems
to maximise
sustainable future use**

Objectives

- 1.1 Continue to support and improve the existing sporting facilities for the local community
- 1.2 Continue to support and improve informal recreation opportunities for the local community
- 1.3 Provide recreation facilities that are safe and accessible

Objectives

- 2.1 Protect the environmental qualities of the Reserve and surrounds
- 2.2 Enhance landscaping to complement the infrastructure and improve amenity

Objectives

- 3.1 Continue to support and improve recreation spaces for hire for the local community
- 3.2 Improve the operational management of the Recreation Centre to support multi-use and flexible programming
- 3.3 Improve transport and parking opportunities within the precinct

Figure 1 Goals and Objectives

1. Introduction

1.1 Purpose

Manningham City Council prepares management plans for regional and district reserves that accommodate a range of facilities and services and/or open space areas with a range of uses and purposes. Such areas are important community assets, and due to competing priorities and limited funding for development, it is crucial to plan and prioritise their use, development and management.

The purpose of the Management Plan is:

- To identify the key values, issues and opportunities relevant to the future planning for Domeney Reserve
- To establish goals, objectives and high, medium and low priority actions for the future development of the Reserve
- To develop an overall plan (masterplan) that documents improvements proposed for a 10 year period
- To provide a guide for the operational management of the recreation and sporting facilities.

The endorsed Domeney Reserve Management Plan will be used by Council Officers involved in planning, development and management of the Reserve and will help the community understand Council's vision, objectives and specific plans for the Reserve.

1.2 Reserve context and use

Domeney Reserve is situated on Knees Road, between Falconer Road and Park Road, Park Orchards. It is located close to the municipal boundary, adjacent to the City of Maroondah, with the neighbouring suburb to the south east being Ringwood North (Figure 2). It is one of two sporting reserves located in Park Orchards, with Stintons Reserve located 1.7km north west of Domeney Reserve.

Domeney Reserve has intensive sporting and recreation use, with junior and senior football clubs and a cricket club sharing the pavilion and sports field. The Recreation Centre provides access to a neighbourhood house, a dance academy and other hirers that provide a diverse range of activities for the community.

Domeney Reserve also plays an important role in the provision of informal recreation and cultural opportunities within its district catchment, including the annual Carols by Candlelight community event. The Reserve provides an ideal setting for picnics, walking and nature appreciation, especially with 100 Acres Reserve adjoining it to the east.

The Reserve is heavily utilised by school group bookings and is one of three reserves in the municipality to host school cross country events. The playground is adjacent to St Anne's Primary School and is the primary playground for the Park Orchards community.

Manningham City Council has designated the Domeney Recreation Centre as a Neighbourhood Safer Places (NSP) - Place of Last Resort when all other bushfire plans have failed.



Figure 2 - Domeneys Reserve Location Plan

1.3 Background of the Reserve

The City of Doncaster and Templestowe acquired Domeneys Reserve in May 1955. At the time of purchase, the Reserve had an area of 5.06 hectares. A further parcel of land situated in the north eastern corner was added to the existing Reserve at a later date, bringing the total area of Domeneys to 5.29 hectares. The Reserve links back to William Domeneys, who was born in Tasmania in 1893. Domeneys was a caretaker of the local golf course and looked after the orchards of plum trees and later purchased land nearby.

The building was constructed in 1969 which became the home for scouts, cricket, football and other hirers, including dance groups. The facility was originally managed by a Committee of Management including representatives from each of those sports/community groups.

In 1998, Council, in consultation with users, residents and the former Domeneys Reserve Management Committee, redeveloped the Domeneys Hall and Pavilion. It reopened in November 1998 as the Domeneys Recreation Centre. The Domeneys Reserve Management Committee was discontinued upon the appointment of the Manningham Recreation Association (MRA) to manage the Centre in 1999. This created further opportunities for community programming, including Park Orchards Learning Centre and Parkwood Dance Academy. It was during that time that the Park Orchards Scouts relocated from the Pavilion to Warrandyte.

In 2003, a Management Plan was completed for Domeneys Reserve and, amongst other improvements, two netball courts were converted to car parking, the entrance to 100 Acres Reserve was developed and an outdoor social area provided for the sports clubs.

In 2012, Council undertook the Park Orchards Facilities Assessment to improve accommodation for community groups and clubs across all facilities in Park Orchards. The assessment recommended the continuing use of Domeneys Reserve by all existing community groups, together with a lease and license arrangement for Park Orchards Community House

and Learning Centre (POCHLC) in relation to several spaces within the Recreation Centre, in addition to their primary facility on Park Road.

In 2013, Manningham City Council took over direct management of the facility from MRA, not including those areas leased to POCHLC.

Whilst the Management Plan will draw upon a number of Council strategies and policies, there are some that directly influence the Plan and these are outlined in Section 6.

1.3.1 Key facilities and stakeholders

Domeney Reserve has a range of sport and recreation facilities, with supporting infrastructure, which has been assessed through this Plan and are outlined in Table 1 below.

Facility	Key Stakeholders	Management	Other Stakeholders
Domeney Recreation Centre - Community hire spaces	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Parkwood Dance Academy - permanent hirer (12 month bookings) Manningham YMCA Spine Pilates Country Women's Association Donvale Casual hirers 	Hire agreement - Managed by Council's Community Venues team	General community
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Park Orchards Community House and Learning Centre (POCHLC) 	Tenancy (Lease and Licence) – managed by Council	General community
Domeney Recreation Centre - Sports pavilion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Park Orchards and North Ringwood Parish Junior Football Club (Sharks) Park Orchards Senior Football Club (Sharks) Park Orchards Cricket Club 	Seasonal tenancy – Managed by Manningham's Parks and Recreation team	State Sporting Associations Department of Health and Human Services (Sport and Recreation Victoria)
Sports oval (floodlit)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Park Orchards and North Ringwood Parish Junior Football Club (Sharks) Park Orchards Senior Football Club (Sharks) Park Orchards Cricket Club 		St Anne's Catholic Primary School Park Orchards Primary School General community Dog walkers
Cricket nets	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Park Orchards Cricket Club 	Seasonal tenancy – Managed by Manningham's Parks and Recreation team	General community
Netball/basketball court	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> General community 	Manningham Council	
Playspace	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> General community 	Manningham Council	

Facility	Key Stakeholders	Management	Other Stakeholders
BBQ (adjacent to playspace) BBQ (adjacent to pavilion)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> General community Predominantly used by the sports clubs 	Manningham Council	
Bike paths	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> General community 	Manningham Council	
100 Acres Reserve entrance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> General community 	Manningham Council	
Public toilet (near cricket nets) Public toilets (adjacent to pavilion)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> General community General community – mainly during major events 	Manningham Council	
Car Park	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> General community 	Manningham Council	St Anne's Primary School

Table 2 Size of Dorney Sports infrastructure compared to the Outdoor Sports Infrastructure Guidelines 2015

1.4 Methodology

The methodology for development of the Draft Management Plan included:

- Review of previous plans
- Review of changes since previous plan – policy context and demographics
- Review and analysis of existing use and facilities
- Initial consultation with key interested and affected stakeholders
- Background studies/reports
 - Site opportunities/constraints analysis
 - Traffic & car parking study
 - Landscape assessment

1.5 Community engagement & consultation

Community engagement and consultation to date has included:

- Resident letter and survey was sent out to 1330 of residents and key stakeholders (262 submissions received), May – June 2016
- Consultation website for distribution of information and feedback “Your Say Manningham” Dorney Reserve Management Plan page launched May 2016
- User group submission form, June – 2016
- Meetings with stakeholders, July – November 2016

Key information identified in the consultation included that:

- The Reserve is heavily utilised by both males and females and people of all ages, seven days a week and across morning, afternoon and evening.
- The main reasons the survey respondents visited the Reserve were for football (58% of survey respondents), followed by walk/run (40%), walk the dog (35%), access to 100 Acres (33%), socialise (28%), fitness training (29%) and play (25%).
- The majority of respondents felt safe when visiting the Reserve (89%), with a small group responding that they do not feel safe (5%) and some are unsure (6%). The main issues related to safety were inadequate car park lighting at the eastern end and the distance from the building to the far end of the car park when it is dark (16 comments).
- The survey responses were varied in terms of how the community rates the recreation centre/sports pavilion. A similar number rated the facility very good or good (37%) and poor and very poor (33%). Almost 20% of survey respondents rated the facility as neutral.
- The majority of respondents rated the open space within the Reserve as good (52.1%) or very good (25.7%). There were an additional 18% of respondents who rated the Reserve as neutral. This question generated a large number of additional comments, the majority of which (167) were positive compared to 45 negative comments.
- Most respondents agreed that additional seating was required throughout the Reserve including tiered seating around the oval, more undercover seating and upgrading of existing seating (including accessible seats).

Further details of the initial community consultation undertaken is included in Appendix 1.

1.6 Monitoring and Review

Ongoing monitoring of the Management Plan will be undertaken to ensure that its objectives and actions remain relevant and meet the needs of the community. A full review of the Management Plan is generally carried out five years after the completion of all the capital works recommended in the Plan.

1.7 Implementation

Actions are to be undertaken in line with the priorities identified in the Implementation Plan (Section 4).

The current Annual Budget 2017/18 and Resource Plan 2017-2021 includes funding for The Domeney Recreation Centre upgrade in 2017/18 and 2018/19.

Following the endorsement of the draft Management Plan, Council officers will work with key stakeholders to finalise the architectural concept plans for the Recreation Centre upgrade. Following this, the detailed designs will be developed to inform the construction stage for the Recreation Centre, with construction anticipated to commence in approximately March 2018.

2. Precinct and site analysis

2.1 100 Acres Reserve Open Space Precinct

Manningham's *Public Open Space Strategy 2014* has 15 precincts and Domeney Reserve is located centrally within the 100 Acres precinct (see the precinct map below: Figure 3). The 100 Acres Precinct is located in the eastern part of Manningham and includes most of the suburb of Park Orchards and a small part of Ringwood North. The northern part of the precinct is located in the Green Wedge and is primarily rural residential in character, heavily treed and has significant environmental qualities. Other parts of the precinct consist of low density residential areas comprising established houses within park-like attractive environments with groves of large trees, including native and indigenous species and pines interspersed with deciduous trees.

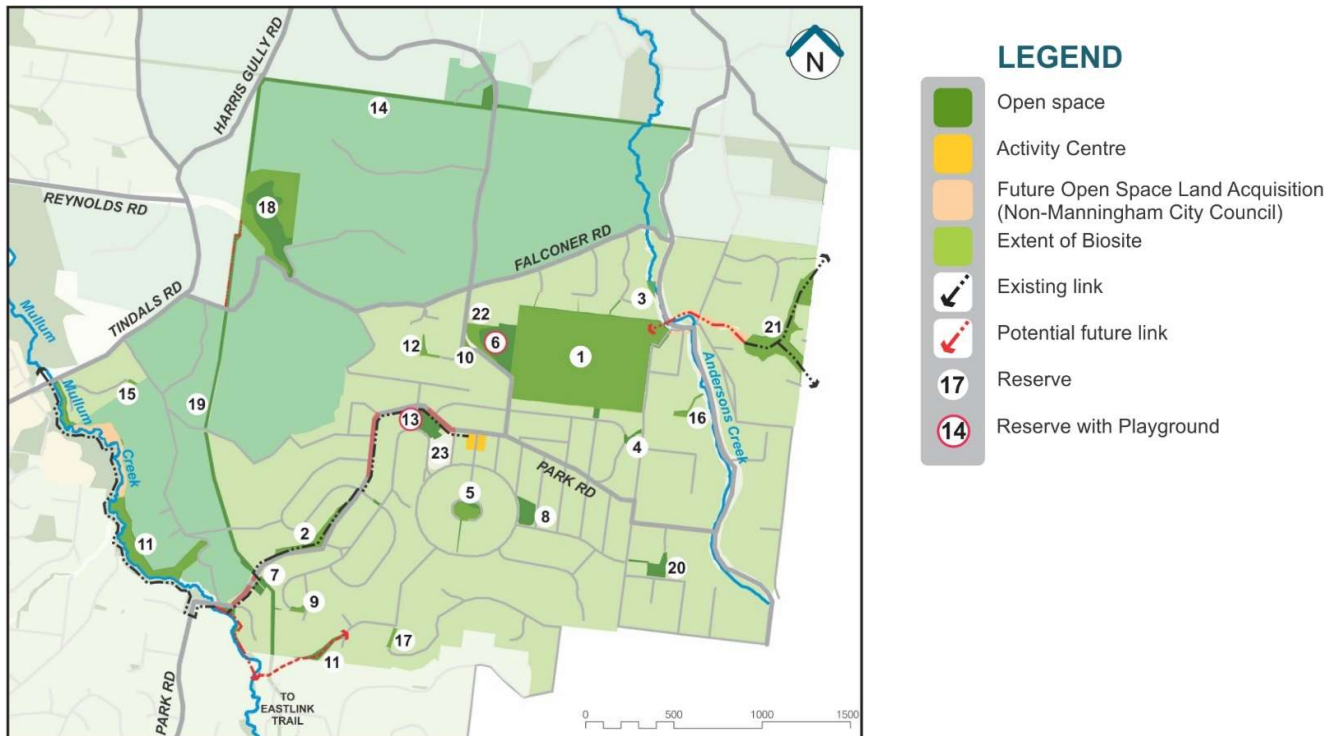


Figure 3 - 100 Acres Reserve Open Space Precinct

1	100 Acres Reserve	13	Park Orchards Reserve
2	Alan Morton Reserve	14	Porter Water Supply Reserve
3	Andersons Creek South Reserve	15	Raymond Elliot Reserve
4	Craithie Reserve	16	Ringwood Warrandyte Reserve
5	Dirlton Reserve	17	Smedley Reserve
6	Domeney Reserve	18	Stintons Reserve
7	Goldschlager Reserve	19	Stintons Water Supply Reserve
8	Iona Reserve	20	Wilkinson Reserve
9	Jura Reserve	21	Yanggai Barring Linear Park
10	Knees Patch	22	St Anne's Primary School
11	Mullum Creek Linear Park	23	Park Orchards Primary School
12	Orchid Reserve		

2.2 Existing conditions

There is one vehicle entrance into the Reserve from Knees Road which services both Domeney Reserve and 100 Acres Reserve (Figure 4). A network of pedestrian paths is distributed throughout the Reserve providing linkages from Knees Road, St Anne's Primary School and 100 Acres Reserve. There is one supervised school crossing on Knees Road south of the Reserve entrance and there is an approved supervised school crossing yet to be installed for the northern section of Knees Road following a request from St Anne's Primary School. The closest public transport is within a 600 metre walk from the Reserve and is a limited service which results in a large reliance on cars for participants to access the Reserve. There are plans to improve the bicycle network as identified in the *Manningham Bicycle Strategy 2013* which may improve accessibility to the Reserve for Park Orchard residents in general.

The Reserve incorporates a range of sporting and recreation infrastructure such as a Recreation Centre, incorporating halls for hire and a sports pavilion, a sports field, a four bay cricket net training facility, a basketball / netball court and public toilets. There is also a playspace, barbeque and picnic facilities.

The Reserve is in the buffer zone for remnant indigenous vegetation in 100 Acres Reserve and the north western end of Domeney Reserve, with the importance of the vegetation identified as high priority in Council's *Healthy Habitats Bushland Management Strategy 2012*. The Domeney Reserve site is also covered by Environmental Significance Overlay Schedule 3 under the Manningham Planning Scheme. In accordance with that overlay, any development at Domeney Reserve should be located in those areas that are the least intact or devoid of vegetation in order to minimise detrimental impacts on identified environmental values.



Figure 4 - Domenev Reserve Existing Conditions

3. Reserve utilisation

Domeney Reserve accommodates multiple user groups, including the Park Orchards and North Ringwood Parish Junior Football Club (Sharks), Park Orchards Senior Football Club (Sharks), Park Orchards Cricket Club, Park Orchards Community House and Learning Centre (POCHLC), Parkwood Dance Academy (PDA), Manningham YMCA and other community and private hirers.

3.1 Domeney Recreation Centre

Domeney Recreation Centre is situated in the north western section of the Reserve overlooking the sports field and 100 Acres Reserve. This facility incorporates community rooms for hire and a sports pavilion.

3.1.1 Community hire spaces

The community rooms for hire within Domeney Recreation Centre include five programmable spaces, kitchenette, office spaces, storage cupboards/rooms and a long hallway dividing the building into two sections. Rooms 2, 4 and 5 have operable walls which enable a large space to be created for functions. There is also a shared kitchen which can be used for functions in Rooms 4 and 5 or by the sports club (Figure 5).

The Centre is utilised regularly by a range of groups, including POCHLC (lease and licence agreement), a private dance academy (hire agreement), Manningham YMCA (hire agreement) and rehabilitation Pilates group (hire agreement). There are also other minor hirers who book this space for casual events and activities. The Centre is designated as a location that may be activated as an Emergency Relief Centre as per the relief arrangements outlined in the Municipal Emergency Management Plan (MEMP).

Council manages the rooms for hire. This includes the bookings, billings, utilities, cleaning and maintenance and other operational issues. The facility is resource intensive to manage given the mixed uses at the site and the time required to service these user group.

Feedback received from the community through the initial consultation was not consistent in relation to some key issues, with some requesting an upgrade to the facility, whilst others felt it was adequate. There were also differences of opinion in the comments as to what its purpose is and who should be able to access this venue.

In terms of the consultation undertaken with the key user groups, the two main user groups both submitted requests for changes to the current arrangement at Domeney Recreation Centre. The POCHLC currently operates across two sites and has requested an upgrade to either one of their sites to enable them to operate from one venue. Currently, the Park Orchards Reserve site is unable to accommodate their entire programming needs and does not provide an accessible venue. The current situation of sharing space at Domeney Reserve with multiple other users does not give POCHLC the space it requires. The existing lease that POCHLC has for Domeney Reserve expires on 29th January 2021.

PDA is a commercial dance school and a permanent hirer through Council's Venue Hire Agreement. As such, it is able to negotiate an annual booking securing its allocation for 12 months. PDA has requested secure tenure for a longer term to assist with its business continuity planning. Given that the POCHLC has an existing lease arrangement for part of the building until 2021, Council is unable to change the usage arrangements for either group until the current lease expires.

PDA has also requested a replacement of the flooring in room one to a specialised tap floor called Harlequin Cascade. The existing multipurpose floor is suitable for Council hiring requirements and a change to the floor surface will need to remain flexible to accommodate a range of uses.

The current programming mix of the key user groups within the hire spaces is causing issues as they do not provide complementary activities. The dance classes are often held simultaneously with quieter activities such as community education and training, Pilates and yoga. In addition, the foyer and long hallway that extends the length of the building can often become a runway of activity with families waiting for classes to end. It has been suggested that either soundproofing the programming rooms or installing a room divider in this corridor could be beneficial for this issue.

There are also certain times when requests by existing user groups for additional bookings cannot be accommodated due to programming clashes. Despite this, the community hire spaces are currently not booked to capacity across both peak and off peak times. Outside of the existing group's usage and preferences, there is no waiting list or other known demand for this space.



Figure 5 Existing Floor Plan

3.1.2 Sports pavilion

The sports pavilion is located within Dorney Recreation Centre, at its northern end, and is home to three sports clubs: Park Orchards and North Ringwood Parish Junior Football Club (Sharks), Park Orchards Senior Football Club (Sharks) and Park Orchards Cricket Club. The football clubs operate under an occupancy agreement for the winter season and the cricket club has a similar agreement over the summer period.

Feedback from the initial community consultation has identified strong support for an upgrade to the pavilion. The sports pavilion is regarded as a Level Two pavilion in accordance with Manningham's *Outdoor Sports Infrastructure Guidelines 2015*. The sports clubs do not have exclusive use of the kitchen as it is shared with the Recreation Centre community hire spaces. The existing change rooms are not female friendly and they are also of inadequate size and have poor layout, which is problematic for senior football. There is a need to upgrade the amenities to create flexible and accessible spaces. In addition, the existing kitchen, kiosk and bar would benefit from an upgrade and improved layout. The social area is approximately 81m², which is above the range specified in the *Outdoor Sports Infrastructure Guidelines* (Council is required to provide 40-70m²). Refer to Table 2. Any increase in size would require 100% contribution from the sports club/s in line with Policy.

The senior football club submitted a proposal to Council in 2012 for an upgrade and expansion to elevate it to Level One pavilion standards. This request has been supported in principle by the junior football club and the cricket club. The limiting factor at this site to achieve a Level One pavilion standards is that the kitchen is required for the Recreation Centre community hire spaces, hence it is not possible to provide an exclusive use kitchen.

There is also a barbeque area that is located outside the sports pavilion which is used predominantly by the sports clubs for social functions, particularly over the summer period, and a large shelter and seating area for spectators. The sports clubs have requested an extension to the outdoor shelter to extend over the canteen area. Given that the existing shelter is significantly larger than the recommended size that Council provides, the sports club/s would be required to cover 100% cost if this was to occur.

In order to streamline bookings and operations systems, there is an opportunity for the three sports clubs to form an overarching management committee (i.e., the Park Orchards Sports Club).

Component	Council Guidelines	Actual size (approx.)	Comment
Change Rooms	20 to 40m ²	Home 22.5m ² Away 20m ²	Suitable for junior sport, too small for senior football
Amenities	10 to 22m ²	Home 17.5m ² Away 17.5m ²	Meets size but inappropriate floor plan
Kitchen/Kiosk	15m ²	14.9 m ² (Kiosk) 9m ² (Bar) 16m ² (Shared kitchen)	Exceeds requirements; poor layout
Officials/Umpires Room	8 to 20m ²	8m ²	Small end of requirements
Timekeeper Room	0 to 6 m ²	Off the building	Meets requirements
First Aid Medical Room	0 – 15 m ²	11m ²	Meets requirements
Social Room/Multi Purpose Room	40 – 70 m ²	79m ²	Exceeds requirements. Club to contribute 100% for expansion above existing size
Storage (refer to table 2)	2 to 12 m ² (1 per sports organisation)	Pavilion: 3m ² and 5m ² 100 Acres toilet block: 8.3m ² Scoreboard outbuilding 17.91m ² Storage area (temporary allocation): 26m ²	Exceeds requirements (The Senior Football Club has a temporary shipping container on site)
Spectator Shelter	45m ²	231m ²	Exceeds requirements
Shower Cubicles	N/A	Open showers	Not female friendly
Urinals in Amenities	N/A	Yes	Not female friendly

Table 2 Size of Domeney Sports infrastructure compared to the Outdoor Sports Infrastructure Guidelines 2015

3.2 Sports field

The sports field was upgraded in early 2000, which included an upgrade to the drainage, irrigation, surface and lighting. The surface is couch grass which is in fairly good condition; however it will need some re-turfing of the goal square and re-levelling work across the field within the short term. A cricket wicket was installed in 2012 and included a new cover. It is currently in good condition.

Council has recently drafted a usage plan for sports fields to guide sports field allocations and to manage the conditions and maintenance of the field. Domeney Reserve experiences heavy usage which exceeds the recommended maximum usage. This excessive usage is due to:

- Intensive sports use by the two football clubs and one cricket club
- Regular bookings by St Anne's Primary School (4 hours per week which includes sports classes and children's play time)
- Other school bookings (sports days)
- Intensive use by dog walkers.

In terms of the sporting clubs' use, the field has current usage of 33 hours per week during winter (no day's rest) and 34 hours per week in summer (1 day's rest). This exceeds the recommended usage per week, prior to factoring in the school's usage and impact by dogs and dog walkers. This is despite the fact that the sports clubs are already allocated times at

other reserves for training and games, such as Colman Park and Stintons Reserve. This issue is not unique to Park Orchards and is reflective of the large growth experienced by many of Manningham's sports clubs, and this will continue to increase particularly with the growth in female participation in football and cricket.

Physical access to the sports field from the pavilion is currently via steps down a steep slope and it is recommended that this access be improved to allow for universal access.

An issue was raised through the community consultation with regard to training nights when balls may be kicked off the field at the northern end of the Reserve, as the balls roll down the grassy hill area outside of sight (and in the dark outside of light spill). This is a risk issue, particularly for the junior players going to retrieve the balls. Netting could be installed at the northern end of the oval to stop balls rolling down the hill.

3.3 Cricket nets

A four bay cricket net facility was installed in 2005/06 and provides training spaces for the cricket club as well as for general community use. The first three bays are for the exclusive use of the club and should be locked, while the fourth bay is open for public use. The cricket club is not currently locking its exclusive bays and this will add further wear and tear to their exclusive use area. In line with the *Outdoor Sporting Infrastructure Guidelines*, clubs are responsible for 100% cost of the exclusive use area, hence it is incumbent on the club to lock its allocated exclusive use bays.

Some minor work is required in the public bay to replace the synthetic surface. In addition, installation of a heavy duty rubber matting to the cyclone fence behind the batsman end in the four bays will prolong the life of the fence.

3.4 Informal basketball/netball court

The basketball/netball court located in the south east of the Reserve is in poor condition, with an old bitumen surface, faded line marking, ageing backboard, rings and seating. The court is adjacent to 100 Acres Reserve and is at a lower level than the sports field. Unfortunately this area is quite isolated from the rest of the Reserve and there is limited opportunity for visual surveillance. The court does not accommodate any formal training and there is no known demand for this to become a training site. This court is currently utilised informally by the community. An upgrade of this court would be beneficial for informal use, accommodating basketball, netball and four square.

3.5 Walking

Walking is the most popular recreation activity in Manningham, with 54% participation as reported in the *Active for Life Recreation Strategy 2010*. Walking provides positive health and wellbeing benefits and is achievable for a large proportion of the population as it does not cost any money nor require any special equipment. As the Reserve is situated adjacent to 100 Acres Reserve, there are extensive opportunities for walking, walking the dog and running. The initial community consultation identified positive feedback regarding the existing walking paths which were considered adequate.

3.6 Dog walking

Dogs and their owners are significant users of Domeney Reserve, with individuals and groups meeting at the Reserve, particularly on the sports field, on a daily basis. Currently dogs are

allowed in the Reserve off-lead providing they are under effective control at all times. Dogs must be on-lead within 15 metres of the barbeque and playspace. It is important that dog owners are responsible for cleaning up after their dog.

Intensive dog walking and activities on the sports field is contributing to the overuse of the field and affecting the surface conditions and longevity of the field.

3.7 Picnics and play

Informal recreation, play and picnic opportunities are available in the west of the Reserve, adjacent to Knees Road, in an area of significant bushland. These include natural areas, a playspace and a picnic/barbeque area. These natural and informal play areas provide opportunities for imaginative play, exploration and connections with the environment, which are important elements for children's development.

The existing playspace consists of a combination unit catering for children aged 4-12 years, swings, track glide and slide. The *2015 Playspace Audit* rated the playspace to be in good to fair condition, with an upgrade scheduled within the next 3 - 5 years. This is the primary playspace for the Park Orchards community, with the secondary playspace located at the back of the tennis courts on Aviemore Avenue.

The barbeque, picnic tables and shelter are situated next to the playspace and used informally. They will also require an upgrade in conjunction with the playspace to ensure that this informal space is appealing and functional for families and people of all ages to play, relax and recreate.

3.8 Cycling

Accessibility to the Reserve for Park Orchard residents will be improved once the long term bicycle network is implemented.

The *Ultimate Bicycle Network Plan*, included in *Manningham Bicycle Strategy 2013* identifies the proposed bicycle network throughout the municipality including in and around Park Orchards. The Plan recommends construction of off road shared paths along Stintons Road/Falconer Road and Knees Road (Figure 6).

It is noted that the proposed shared paths along Knees Road (from Park Road) and Falconer Road from Knees Road to Ringwood-Warrandyte Road may be designated as the Principal Bicycle Network (PBN) once constructed, as an alternative to the existing PBN route along Park Road/Milne Street.



Figure 6 The Park Orchards section of the Ultimate Bicycle Network Plan, Manningham Bicycle Strategy 2013

3.9 Storage

Through the initial community consultation, the key user groups at the Reserve have raised issues with current storage provision. There are no current guidelines to guide the amount of storage that should be provided within the community rooms for hire. The sports clubs storage requirements are specified within the Outdoor Sporting Infrastructure Guidelines. Table 3 outlines the current storage within the Reserve, its allocation and relevant guidelines.

3.9.1 Storage within the halls for hire

There are a number of storage areas provided within the community halls for hire area of the Recreation Centre. Some spaces provide storage for the facility equipment such as tables and chairs and these can be utilised by groups who book the rooms and/or functions as required. Some storage spaces have been allocated to a specific group and in these cases, the groups can provide their own lock to secure these areas. Storage allocation is undertaken by the venue manager aiming for an equitable outcome, and based on requests from user groups, need and appropriateness (extent of hours booked by the requesting group). Groups are charged a fee for these hireable spaces in line with the Venue Conditions of Hire Agreement and Schedule of Hire Rates. Details of the storage areas, size and allocations are outlined in Table 3.

3.9.2 Council storage area

Attached to the rear of the Recreation Centre is a storage area with roller door access (approximately 35m²). Historically this storage area has been utilised for Council equipment such as tables and chairs for functions and other related items. This storage area has also previously been made available to PDA to store their dance props. In 2014, a decision was made to allocate 75% of this space to the Park Orchards Senior Football Club for football equipment storage, with the remaining 25% of space allocated to Council equipment. This

allocation was a temporary measure until such time as the Management Plan was completed and the sports clubs storage needs were reassessed.

Available space within the storage area can be hired to groups following the *Venue Conditions of Hire Agreement and Schedule of Rates*.

3.9.3 Storage within the scoreboard outbuilding

The existing scoreboard was installed in 1999/2000 and has storage area of 18 square metres (ground floor 10.5m² and first floor 7.41m²). The sporting clubs shared 79% of the cost and Council contributed 21%. At the time, the need for this additional storage space was granted as it was identified that the Dorney Recreation Centre did not meet the Clubs requirements for storage.

In 2011, the Park Orchards and North Ringwood Parish Junior Football Club (Sharks), were given Council approval to install a shipping container adjacent to the scoreboard building to provide a temporary storage space.

In 2013, the Senior Football Club proposed to extend the scoreboard outbuilding to create an additional storage area. The *Outdoor Sporting Infrastructure Guidelines* state that scoreboard infrastructure requires Council approval and is 100% funded and maintained by the sporting clubs. The guidelines also state that the primary function of the scoreboard infrastructure is for the purpose of scoring only and that the provision of storage should remain within the pavilion. Due to the visually sensitive landscape and the views out to 100 Acres and the potential for over development of the site, this request was not approved by Council.

As an interim measure, the club was given permission to temporarily retain the shipping container for storage or the like until a more permanent decision was made. As additional storage has been provided on site and additional storage proposed, this shipping container should be removed.

3.9.4 Storage adjacent to the 100 Acres Toilet block

The toilet block near 100 Acres Reserve was reinstated in 2016 as an action from the 100 Acres Reserve Management Plan. Given the previous request for sports club storage, additional storage was incorporated into the back of the toilet block and allocated to the cricket club, providing an additional 8.3 m² of storage.

A summary of storage available at Dorney Reserve, relevant guidelines and which group the storage is allocated to is outlined in Table 3.

Component	Approximate size	Relevant Council guidelines	Purpose/group
Room 1	- 5.6 m ² plus cupboard - 10.5m ²	Nil	- POCHLC - Room equipment available for hirers
Room 2	- 3.7 m ² , 1.3m ² - 2m ²		- Allocated to PDA - Facility officers cleaning, locked cupboard
Room 5	- 9.1m ² - 15.4m ²		- Shared by other hirers - Room equipment available for hirers
Foyer/hallway	3 cupboards		Room equipment available for hirers, plus cleaning equipment available for hirers use
Storage area (attached to rear of Recreation centre)	37m ²	Nil	Currently shared between Council for equipment storage (25%) and Senior Football Club (75% - temporary arrangement – approximately 26 m ²)
Sports pavilion	3m ² and 5m ²	Outdoor Sports Infrastructure Guidelines recommend 2 to 12 m ² (1 per sports organisation)	The three sports clubs have access to 34.3m ² + 26 m ² (not including the temporary shipping container) which in excess of the guidelines.
Scoreboard outbuilding	18 m ² (Ground floor 10.5m ² and first floor 7.41m ²).		Formalised for the cricket club in 2016
100 Acres toilet block	8.3m ²		The Junior Football Club has access to a temporary shipping container adjacent to scoreboard outbuilding.
Shipping container			

Table 3 Storage at Dorney Reserve

3.10 General Reserve infrastructure

High quality infrastructure, such as lighting, car parking, amenities and clear signage, contribute towards a more positive experience when visiting a reserve.

3.10.1 Traffic, car parking and lighting

The initial community consultation included an overwhelming response in support of additional car parking and improved lighting of the car park. A traffic and car parking study of the Reserve was undertaken in mid-2016.

That study concluded that car parking demand exceeds the available on-site supply during senior football home games in winter (approx. 12 per year) and during other major event activities at various times of the year.

Aside from football match days and large one-off events, the existing car parking is adequate for the current usage. Thursday evening is the busiest week night with the carpark being close to capacity, which creates some conflict when PDA and senior football club members are arriving at the same time.

The traffic study made a number of recommendations including:

- Continue to work with the Domeney Reserve user groups and St Anne's Primary School to foster ongoing cooperation with regard to precinct activities;
- Promote sustainable transport modes such as walking, cycling and public transport;
- Improve lighting for the car park and pedestrian paths; and
- Undertake a regular patrol of parking enforcement.

An informal arrangement exists between St Anne's Primary School and the Senior Football Club. The school has given the club permission to use the school carpark outside of school hours and has provided a key to the pedestrian gate between the Reserve and the school. The club allocates a gate attendant to collect entry fees at this location on game days.

Parents of St Anne's also utilise the car parking facilities available at Domeney Reserve for school drop off and pick up. This usage is for a short period of time in the morning and afternoon and does not appear to be causing issues with other Reserve users.

The traffic study considered the existing Knees Road/Domeney Reserve access point intersection design satisfactory for existing traffic demands. Occasional demand for large buses is being accommodated on-site during times of low car parking occupancy and is supplemented by kerbside bus parking along Knees Road during major school events. Again, due to the infrequent nature of these demands, these existing bus arrangements were considered satisfactory.

Consideration has been given to constructing additional car spaces within the Reserve. Additional spaces were also investigated along Knees Road; however given the close proximity of the supervised school crossing on Knees Road, this was not considered possible.

3.11 Public toilets

There are currently two sets of public toilets within Domeney Reserve. There are a male, female and disabled toilet to the north of the Reserve at the back of the sports pavilion. These toilets are used predominantly by spectators and user groups who utilise the sports field and by informal users of the Reserve. The toilets will need to be upgraded in line with universal access standards when the pavilion is upgraded.

More recently, the toilet block at the southern end of the Reserve has been reinstated as part of the implementation of the 100 Acres Reserve Management Plan. This provides an accessible unisex toilet for people who visit 100 Acres Reserve or general Domeney Reserve users.

3.12 Seating

The initial community consultation identified strong demand for additional seating throughout the Reserve and an upgrade of the existing seating.

There are several park bench style seats located under the existing shelter for spectators and Reserve users. These benches are still functional and would benefit from refurbishment to improve their appearance and increase their longevity. An accessible park seat with backrest and arm rests could be installed in this area to accommodate people with mobility issues.

There are also approximately six ageing park seats with back rests located on the western boundary of the sports field which are still functional but looking tired. These may require replacement in the medium term.

3.13 Electronic scoreboard and terracing adjacent to the scoreboard outbuilding

In 2015, the Park Orchards Senior Football Club requested permission to install an electronic scoreboard to the existing scoreboard outbuilding and temporary terracing to the area between the scoreboard and up towards the pavilion. The purpose of the terracing was to improve access to the area adjacent to the scoreboard which becomes muddy during winter. Permission was granted for both the electronic scoreboard and temporary terracing. The club organised the installation which was undertaken in April 2016, and the terracing consisted of treated timber sleepers, steel supports and crushed rock.

Considering the extensive spectator facilities already provided by Council adjacent to the Recreation Centre, the temporary terracing is considered the clubs' responsibility. Negotiations will be required with the Senior Football Club to determine a suitable solution to either upgrade this terracing to a more permanent spectator area or to reinstate the grassy bank.

3.14 Signage

The existing signage at the Reserve is outdated and should be upgraded in line with *Manningham Outdoor Signage Guidelines 2011*. This includes the Reserve naming sign on Knees Road and multiple signs outside the Domeney Recreation Centre. In order to avoid visual clutter and to ensure consistency and a high standard of maintenance, reserve tenants are not permitted to display their own signage at the front of the building.

3.15 Electricity supply

Domeney Reserve has a minimum of two connections to the surrounding electricity grid (located within the pavilion and toilet block). Any future upgrades at the Reserve will require an upgrade to the system to comply with the electricity distributor's standards and requirements. In order to future proof the Reserve, the existing connections should be abandoned and a new connection created with a single group metering panel.

3.16 Water tank

There is a water tank situated to the rear of the Recreation Centre which is plumbed to the building. There is also a large water tank situated to the east of the sports field adjacent to the netball court which is utilised for irrigation of the sports field.

3.17 Events

There are a range of events held at Domeney Reserve, including school cross country, and the Lions Club's annual Carols by Candlelight for the local community. In addition, events held at the neighbouring St Anne's Primary School have an impact on Domeney Reserve, such as the annual Strawberry Festival, which generates significant traffic and car parking demand and often coincides with cricket finals. Improved scheduling of these events in the future would significantly improve the traffic issues within the precinct.

4. Implementation Plan

The key priorities identified through this Plan are listed as actions and given a priority ranking based on either a high priority: 1-3 years, medium priority: 4-6 years and low priority: 7-10 years and includes indicative cost estimates. The timeline for implementation will depend upon available Council funding and securing external funding contributions. Figure 7 Domeney Reserve Master Plan identifies where these actions are located. Figure 8 provides the concept plan for the Domeney Recreation Centre.

4.1 Actions

Included in Master Plan (MP) or Concept Plan (CP)	Action No.	Action	Budget estimate*	Priority Level **
Goal 1 - Quality recreation facilities to meet community demand				
1.1 Objective – Continue to support and improve existing sporting facilities for the local community				
MP & CP	1.1.1	Redevelop the sports pavilion in line with relevant guidelines and in consultation with the sports clubs to improve the sports clubs operations and negotiate sports clubs contribution (estimate of \$84,000)	\$728,000	High
MP	1.1.2	Replace the synthetic surface in the public cricket net bay and install heavy duty rubber matting to the cyclone fence behind the batsman end in all four bays to prolong the life of the fence	\$7,000 AMS	High
MP	1.1.3	Improve condition of the sports field through returfing the goal square, centre wicket run ups and race entries and re-levelling across the field	\$17,000 AMS	High
MP	1.1.4	Address the ponding occurring at the pedestrian gate near the cricket nets by expanding the synthetic surface	\$2,000 AMS	High
MP	1.1.5	Upgrade the perimeter fencing and spoon drain to the remainder of the perimeter of the field and replace the double gates for vehicle maintenance access	\$47,000 AMS	High
N/A	1.1.6	Council's contribution towards the provision of Neighbourhood Houses is assessed as part of the reviewed <i>Leased Community Facilities Pricing Policy</i>	Operational	High
MP	1.1.7	Undertake a review of the existing six park seats located on the western boundary of the field and replace as required	\$16,000 AMS	Medium

Included in Master Plan (MP) or Concept Plan (CP)	Action No.	Action	Budget estimate*	Priority Level **
MP	1.1.8	Install a new accessible park seat with arms and backrest under the pavilion shelter and an additional three seats around the Reserve	\$10,000	High
MP	1.1.9	Consider a request from the Domeney family for installation of a plaque to acknowledge the history of the Reserve and the link to the Domeney family including its possible content, design and location	N/A	High
N/A	1.1.10	Consider improvements to existing heating and cooling as part of building improvements to the hired Domeney Recreation Centre spaces and sports pavilion	\$20,000	High
N/A	1.1.11	Support Park Orchards Cricket Club in the provision of lighting at the existing cricket nets	N/A	High
1.2 Objective – Continue to support and improve informal recreation opportunities for the local community				
MP	1.2.1	Upgrade the netball/basketball court for general community use, including re-surfacing, replacement of rotating hoops and goals and line marking for basketball, netball and four square	\$33,000 AMS	Low
MP	1.2.2	Rationalise, consolidate and upgrade Reserve signage in line with the <i>Manningham City Council Outdoor Signage Strategy</i> to provide: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - a point of arrival sign - a key tenants sign at the front of building - sign on oval gates indicating sports club oval use times 	\$6,000 AMS	High
MP	1.2.3	Upgrade the play space, picnic and BBQ area to accommodate a range of ages for the Park Orchards community in line with the Play Space Audit 2015 and funded through the Playspace Strategy budget	\$150,000	Medium
N/A	1.2.4	Install a drinking fountain with an attached dog drinking bowl in the Reserve	\$6,000	High
1.3 Objective – Provide recreation facilities that are safe and accessible				
MP	1.3.1	Install netting at the northern end of the oval to stop balls rolling down the hill out of sight (and in the dark outside of light spill)	\$20,000	High
MP	1.3.2	Provide ramped access to the oval from the pavilion to improve access and safety	\$126,000	High

Included in Master Plan (MP) or Concept Plan (CP)	Action No.	Action	Budget estimate*	Priority Level **
MP	1.3.3	Develop a new accessible public toilet adjacent to the sports pavilion to be accessed on game days and during school events	\$50,000	High
MP	1.3.4	Negotiate the removal of the shipping container located adjacent to the scoreboard outbuilding	Club cost	High
MP	1.3.5	Negotiate the future of the temporary terracing with the Junior and Senior Football Clubs with the option for the clubs to upgrade to a permanent spectator area or remove and reinstate the grassy bank at the clubs cost	Club cost	High
N/A	1.3.6	Prepare an accessibility audit of the hired Domeney Recreation Centre spaces to guide future building improvements	N/A	High
Goal 2 – Sensitive development that responds to the local environment				
2.1 Objective - Protect the environmental qualities of the Reserve and surrounds				
N/A	2.1.1	Refer to <i>Manningham's Development Guide for Areas of Environmental and Landscape Significance 2011</i> when planning for development, including integrated siting and design, vegetation management, earthworks, built form and sustainable development and integrated water management	Operational	High
MP	2.1.2	Protect the environmental qualities of 100 Acres Reserve	Operational	High
2.2 Objective – Enhance landscaping to complement the infrastructure and improve amenity				
MP	2.2.1	Undertake planting to complement the natural environment with the use of Australian native species generally across the site and local indigenous species in environmentally sensitive areas in accordance to the specifications set by the Country Fire Authority (CFA) to meet the designation criteria of the site to remain a NSP.	Operational	High
MP	2.2.2	Maintain view lines to 100 Acres Reserve	N/A	High
Goal 3 - Flexible multi-use facilities and management systems to maximise sustainable future use				
3.1 Objective – Continue to support and improve recreation spaces for hire to support the local community				
CP	3.1.1	Continue to maintain four flexible programming spaces within the Domeney Recreation Centre	Operational	High

Included in Master Plan (MP) or Concept Plan (CP)	Action No.	Action	Budget estimate*	Priority Level **
CP	3.1.2	Install a multi-use floor suitable for tap dancing and multi-use activities in Multipurpose Room 1, in collaboration with Parkwood Dance Academy.	\$10,000	High
MP & CP	3.1.3	Install airlock in Recreation Centre corridor to reduce noise and disruptive movement of people within the building	\$10,000	High
3.2 Objective – Improve the operational management of the Recreation Centre to support multi use and flexible programming				
CP	3.2.1	Redevelop the shared kitchen for sports club and general community use to provide a flexible, multi-use layout (refer concept plan section 4)	\$56,000	High
N/A	3.2.2	Coordinate the scheduling of annual events within the precinct to ease the burden of car parking in collaboration with key stakeholders including sports clubs, hirers, St Anne's Primary School, Lions Club and other relevant groups	Operational	Ongoing
N/A	3.2.3	Maintain the existing shared arrangement of hireable spaces and leased areas until end of POCHLC lease in 2021 at which time reassess the usage following the process outlined in the Community Facilities Access and Allocation Policy 2013	Operational	High
N/A	3.2.4	Strengthen Council's conditions of hire including bonds, code of conduct for shared use facilities etc.	Operational	High
MP	3.2.5	Install a swipe card security system across the whole facility to better manage bookings and actual usage (billing)	\$40,000	High
MP	3.2.6	Consolidate the multiple electrical metres to a single point of supply and install a group metering panel	\$50,000	High
MP	3.2.7	Install a cage within the storage area at the rear of the Recreation Centre to separate council's storage requirements from the remaining areas available for storage hire.	\$1,000	High
MP	3.2.8	Undertake an EOI for hire of the available storage space in the storage area at the rear of the Recreation Centre in line with Council's Community Halls, Schedule of Hire Rates	Operational	High
MP	3.2.9	Provide ongoing consideration that the Dorney Recreation Centre is designated as a Place of Last Resort	Operational	Ongoing

Included in Master Plan (MP) or Concept Plan (CP)	Action No.	Action	Budget estimate*	Priority Level **
3.3 Objective – Improve transport and parking opportunities within the precinct				
MP	3.3.1	Provide an additional 10 car spaces within the Reserve and investigate improvements to the drop-off area in front of the building to improve capacity	\$50,000	High
MP	3.3.2	Install an additional four light poles at the eastern end of the car park to improve lighting and safety	\$40,000	High
MP	3.3.3	Investigate opportunities to develop a shared use agreement with St Anne's Primary School for shared use of the school car park outside school hours	Operational	High
MP	3.3.4	Pending action 3.2.3, install two lights to illuminate access between the Recreation Centre and St Anne's Primary School	\$15,000	High
N/A	3.3.5	Continue to advocate for improved bus services in Park Orchards	Operational	Ongoing
MP	3.3.6	Support the construction of off-road shared path along Knees Road as identified in Manningham Bicycle Strategy 2013	\$40,000	High

* Based on preliminary cost estimate only. ** High Priority = 1-3 years, medium priority = 4-6 years and low priority = 7-10 years

4.2 Domeney Reserve Master Plan



Figure 7 Master Plan

4.3 Concept Plan – Dorney Recreation Centre



Figure 8 Concept Plan

5. Background

5.1 Previous Domeney Reserve Management Plan

Manningham City Council developed and endorsed the *Domeney Reserve Management Plan* in August 2003.

Actions implemented from *Domeney Reserve Management Plan 2003* include:

- Expansion of carpark (removal of 2 netball courts to allow for expansion)
- Development of major entrance to 100 Acres Reserve
- Redevelopment of outdoor social area for sports pavilion, including shade sail and BBQ
- Upgrade of players' race upgrade
- Upgrade of picnic area near the playground
- Reinstatement of the public toilets adjacent to cricket nets (in response to the *100 Acres Reserve Management Plan*).

5.2 Relevant Strategies and Policies

Whilst the Management Plan will draw upon a number of Council strategies and policies, there are some that directly influence the Plan. These documents are described below and referenced within the Management Plan as required.

5.2.1 Open Space Strategy 2014

The *Manningham Open Space Strategy 2014* is a 10-year plan that sets priorities and guidelines for the protection, development and use of public open space in the municipality. The Open Space Strategy has recently been developed to achieve the following goals:

- Value, expand and enhance the open space network
- Make the most of existing open spaces
- Attract more people, more often, to open space.

The Strategy divides the municipality into 15 precincts. Domeney Reserve is located in the 100 Acres Precinct (Figure 3) and also provides the main entrance to 100 Acres Reserve. The Strategy recommends the protection of significant bushland in Domeney Reserve

Part 3 of the Strategy describes each reserve and identifies Domeney Reserve as a district reserve as it attracts visitors from a broader area than local.

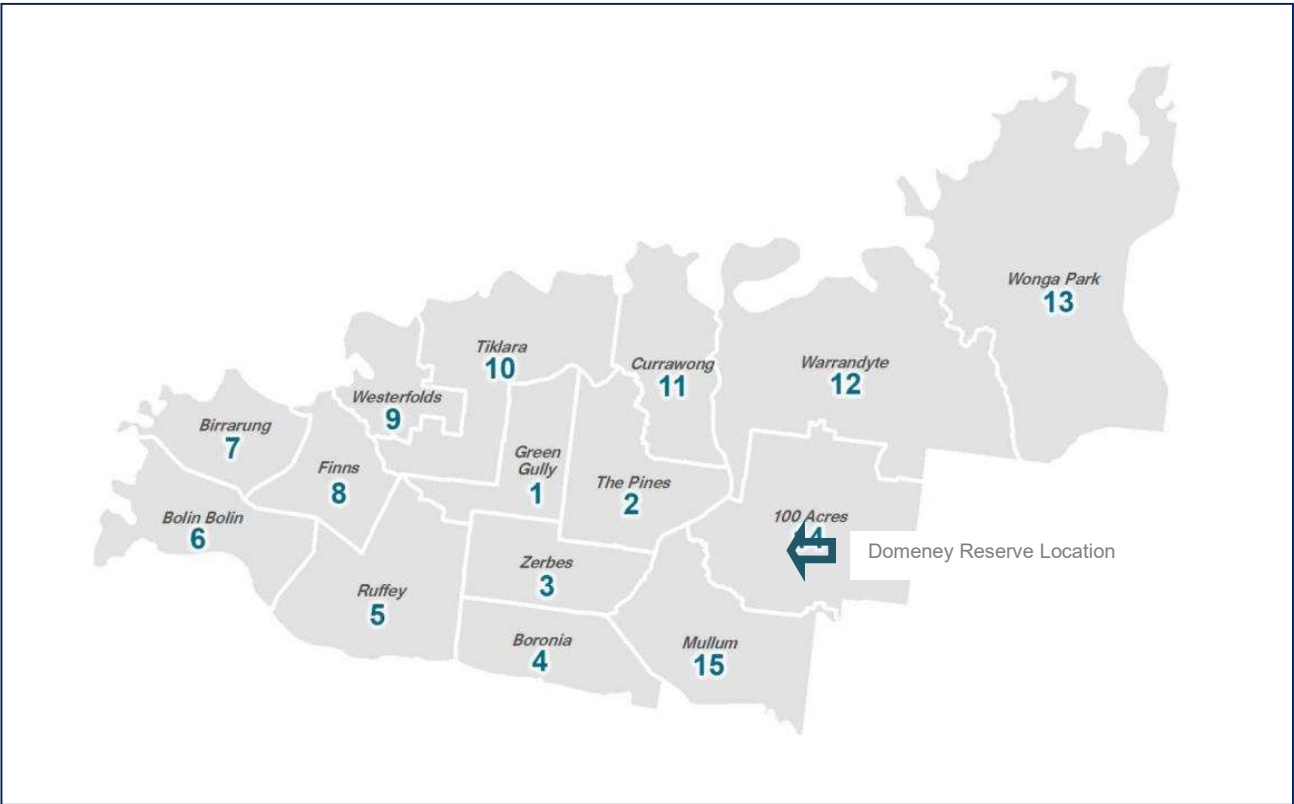


Figure 9 Open Space Strategy Precincts

5.2.2 Active for Life Recreation Strategy 2010-2025

The *Manningham Active for Life Recreation Strategy 2010 -2025* was developed to provide a strategic framework for the management and development of recreation provision. The strategy identifies major gaps, challenges and synergies and addresses these with the aim to increase participation in a broad range of recreational activities for the improved health and wellbeing of our community.

The four key objectives for future recreation provision within the municipality are:

- To increase participation in recreation
- To ensure the community has a diverse range of recreational choices
- To provide great places for people to recreate
- To inspire people to participate in recreation.

The Recreation Strategy outlines the demand for all recreation activities across Manningham.

A specific action of the Strategy that informs the *Domeney Reserve Management Plan* is:

4.5.35: undertake the development and implementation of Domeney Reserve Management Plan

5.2.3 Healthy City Strategy 2017-21

The current *Manningham Healthy City Plan 2013-17* has been reviewed and the new *Healthy City Strategy* is being finalised. This Strategy sets the direction for council policy, partnership and practice over the next four years and is the result of research, data and community views and direction from Council's Healthy City Advisory Committee.

This Strategy complies with Council's legislative obligation under the *Health and Wellbeing Act 2008*. Four key areas will focus on how our city can be:

- Inclusive and harmonious
- Healthy and well
- Safe and resilient
- Connected and vibrant

5.2.4 Access Equity and Diversity Strategy 2014-2017

Manningham City Council's commitment to access, equity and diversity is reflected in the following overarching principle of social justice and human rights and by the associated pillars which form the framework for this strategy. The overarching principles include:

- Empowerment, access, inclusion and participation
- Promotion and celebration of respect, diversity and harmony
- Leadership, partnerships, communication and accountability

5.2.5 Outdoor Sporting Infrastructure Guidelines 2015

The Guidelines relate to the determination of costs associated with the development of sporting pavilion infrastructure, including new facility development and upgrade of existing facilities.

The Guidelines guide development and are not prescriptive in relation to specific design, components of design and component sizes. Rather they define components of facilities under standard and non-standard categories, with all non-standard components to be fully funded by the sporting club.

The Guidelines apply to any future pavilion development/redevelopment at Council sporting reserves including both redevelopment and new facilities.

5.2.6 Community Facilities Access and Allocation Policy

The purpose of this policy is to establish a formal process and guidelines for the allocation of Council facilities proposed to be used by community and commercial organisations/entities on a long term basis.

The Policy relates to the allocation of existing facilities when they become vacant; a lease/licence reaches its term; or additional buildings are either acquired or built by Council.

The relationship of this policy to the *Domeney Reserve Management Plan* is the:

- Request by the dance academy to increase its security of tenure; and
- The POCLHC lease due to expire in January 2021.

Given this is a shared facility, the existing arrangements will need to continue until the POCHLC lease expires in January 2021, and may include a formal expression of interest process to determine the future use of the facility and any changes to its use.

5.2.7 100 Acres Reserve Management Plan 2010

The *100 Acres Reserve Management Plan* was endorsed by Council in 2010. All actions in the Plan will be completed by 30 June 2017. Major improvements to the Reserve have included:

- Re-commissioning of the public toilets near the Domeney Reserve car park at the 100 Acres Reserve major entrance
- Installation of wayfinding signs throughout the Reserve
- New interpretation signs along the 100 Acres nature trail
- Path upgrades
- Changes to dog controls, where dogs are prohibited on several tracks in the north east corner of the Reserve, otherwise dogs are required to be on lead on all other tracks throughout the Reserve.

5.2.8 Municipal Emergency Management Plan

The *Municipal Emergency Management Plan* outlines the requirements and the procedures for emergency mitigation, operations and associated relief and recovery arrangements within the municipal area of Manningham City Council and, if necessary, the conduct of emergency operations outside of the municipal area in conjunction with other municipalities and authorities.

In accordance with the requirements of Division 3 (Sections 50E, 50F, 50G, 50H, 50I, 50J, 50K, 50L) of the *Country Fire Authority Act 1958*, Manningham City Council has identified the Domeney Recreation Centre as a suitable location for designating a Neighbourhood Safer Place – Place of Last Resort (NSP). The Domeney Recreation Centre is currently a designated NSP for Manningham City Council.

The CFA defines a NSP as:

- A location that may provide some protection from direct flame and radiant heat, but they do not guarantee safety
- Not an alternative to planning to leave early or to stay and defend your property; they are a place of last resort if all other fire plans have failed
- An existing location and not a purpose-built, fire-proof structure

5.2.9 Healthy Habitats – Bushland Management Strategy 2012

Manningham's *Healthy Habitats - Bushland Management Strategy (2012)* aims to achieve the following objectives:

- Maintain and where possible, restore ecological processes
- Manage and minimise threatening processes

- Improve habitat
- Protect threatened species.

The Strategy incorporates information from the *Manningham Biosites, Sites of (Biological) Significance* (2004) Review to create a prioritisation matrix that strategically assesses bushland sites in order to guide resource allocation and prioritise management actions across those sites.

Domeney Reserve is listed as having 'High Priority' Bushland on the western side of the Reserve, which provides significant 'Buffer' vegetation to 'Biosite 14 - One Hundred Acres', which has State significance and is habitat for the following significant species: Powerful Owl, Nankeen Night Heron, Swift Parrot, Spotted Quail Thrush, Hardhead, Hooded Robin and Swift Parrot.

5.2.10 Manningham Bicycle Strategy 2013

The *Manningham Bicycle Strategy 2013* sets out Council's vision to meet the cycling needs of the Manningham community into the future, to ensure that cycling is a safe, attractive and viable mode of transport. It makes recommendations regarding the scope of actions identified to encourage a greater uptake of cycling as a viable and safe mode of transport within Manningham. The Strategy guides Council in local implementation, such as the development of bike paths, end of trip facilities (bike parking, seating) advocacy initiatives and marketing and promotional activities. A bicycle network has also been developed showing the proposed on and off road routes to be implemented over the life of the strategy. The Bicycle Strategy is supported by a separate companion Action Plan which details the various actions to be implemented on an annual basis. The Strategy spans several cycles of action plans.

5.2.11 Manningham Development Guide for Areas of Environmental Significance and Landscape Significance (2011)

The *Manningham Development Guide for Areas of Environmental Significance and Landscape Significance* (2011) was developed to guide development in sensitive areas. The Guide aims to ensure that developments are both sustainable and responsive to the environment and the surrounding landscape. This is relevant to Domeney Reserve as it is listed as having 'High Priority' Bushland on the western side of the Reserve, and the close proximity to The 100 Acres Reserve.

5.3 Manningham Planning Scheme Provisions

5.3.1 Zones

Domeney Reserve is zoned Public Park and Recreation Zone (PPRZ) in the Manningham Planning Scheme (refer to Figure 9). The purposes of that zone includes:

- To recognise areas for public recreation and open space.
- To protect and conserve areas of significance where appropriate.
- To provide for commercial uses where appropriate.

The adjoining 100 Acres Reserve is zoned Public Conservation and Resource Zone (PCRZ). The purpose of that zone includes:

- To protect and conserve the natural environment and natural processes for their historic, scientific, landscape, habitat or cultural values.

- To provide facilities which assist in public education and interpretation of the natural environment with minimal degradation of the natural environment or natural processes.

The residential area surrounding the Reserve is in a Low Density Residential Zone (LDRZ). This Zone provides for residential development on larger sized blocks. The minimum subdivision area is 4,000 square metres.



Figure 10 – Domenev Reserve, Planning Zones

5.3.2 Overlays

Domeney Reserve and the surrounding area is also affected by a number of overlays under the Manningham Planning Scheme.

Environmental Significance Overlay – Schedule 3 (ESO3)

The area covered by this schedule has been assessed as being buffer habitat (*Manningham City Council Sites of (Biological) Significance Review 2004*) or other land with environmental and/or landscape values that supports core conservation and buffer habitat areas. Appropriate management is required to ensure ecological values are protected and improved.

In recognition of this overlay, major development at Domeney Reserve will be located in those areas that are the least intact or devoid of vegetation in order to minimise detrimental impacts on identified environmental values.



Figure 11- Environmental Significance Overlays

Environmental Significance Overlay – Schedule 4 (ESO4)

Land surrounding Domeney Reserve to the north and west is covered by an ESO4 (sites of Biological Significance and Buffer Conservation Areas in Low Density Residential Areas). Refer to Figure 11.

Special Building Overlay Schedule 3

The car park and a small section of the Reserve at the southern end is affected by a proposed overlay which identifies the extent of overland flow across the property in a 1 in 100 year storm event. This is proposed to be introduced as part of Amendment C109 to the Manningham Planning Scheme.

Bushfire Management Overlay (BMO)

A Bushfire Management Overlay currently applies to the adjoining 100 Acres Reserve and is proposed to be extended to cover Domeney Reserve and the neighbouring area shortly.

5.4 Demographic Analysis

Park Orchards/Ringwood North is a community of predominantly family households with a large proportion of the households being couple with children (54.4%) followed by couples without children (25%). The largest age group represented is 35-49 year olds (23.7%), followed by 50-59 year olds (15.6%), 5-11 year olds (11.4%) and 12-17 year olds (11.3%). ABS 2011 data identified the population for this area to be 4,370 people, and predicted a small growth of 46 people, taking the 2016 estimated resident population for Park Orchards/Ringwood North to 4,662.

Park Orchards is characterised by large lots and low density living, with a population density of 4.24 persons per hectare, compared with Manningham average of 10.66 persons per hectare. This low density living, combined with lack of public transport options, results in the residents having a high reliance on cars, with 39% of the dwellings in the suburb having three cars, followed by 42% of dwellings having 2 cars. There is a high rate of home ownership, where 93% of households were purchasing or fully owned their home, and minimal renting (3.2%)

In 2011, 9% of people in the area came from countries where English was not their first language, compared to 31% across Manningham. They are well educated, with a high proportion of residents holding a Bachelor or higher degree (29.3%) which is slightly higher than the Manningham average (28.3%), as is the Advanced Diploma or Diploma (11.4%), compared to the Manningham average of 9.9%. Park Orchards has a low level of people who report to need assistance, with only 2%, compared to 4.5% within Manningham.

Open space considerations in the area are likely to be driven by the dominance of families with facilities for children, as well as engagement for those in the middle age years. The trend of the ageing population and high numbers of young people reconfirms the importance of Council continuing to provide facilities that have flexible spaces to accommodate a range of activities to ensure it can respond to changing community needs.

Appendix 1

6. Summary of initial community consultation

Initial community consultation commenced in June 2016 to inform the development of the *Domeney Reserve Management Plan*. A summary of this consultation is provided below.

Q1. How often do you visit Domeney Reserve?

Almost half of the respondents visit Domeney Reserve *2-3 times per week*. The second most popular response was *everyday* (19%) and *once per week* (17%). This suggests that the respondents to the survey are people who are frequent users of Domeney Reserve as they use the Reserve on a weekly basis or more often.

Value	Percent	Count
Every day/most days	18.7%	49
2-3 times a week	47.7%	125
Once a week	16.8%	44
2-3 times a month	7.3%	19
Once a month	3.1%	8
2-3 times a year	3.8%	10
Once a year	1.5%	4
Less often	0.8%	2
Never	0.4%	1
Total		262

Q2. Can you tell us why you don't use Domeney Reserve?

One respondent does not use Domeney Reserve as it is *too far away*.

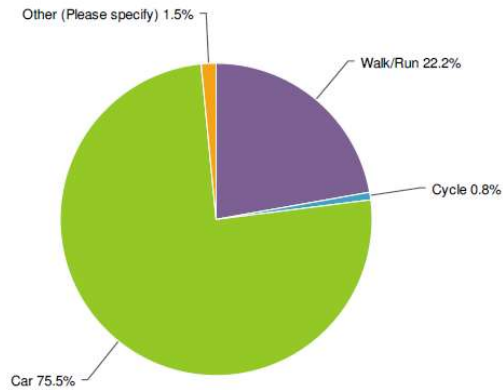
Q3. When do you usually visit the Reserve?

The survey identified that there was an equal split across both weekday (77%) and weekend (75%) usage. Morning and evening usage was also similar, with 41% and 43% respectively, and afternoon was slightly higher usage with 46%. These results are reflective of the fact that the Reserve is well utilised during mid-week, weekend, day time and evenings.

Value	Percent	Count
Weekdays	77.2%	200
Weekend	74.5%	193
Morning	40.5%	105
Afternoon	46.3%	120
Evening	42.9%	111
Total		259

Q4. How do you usually get to the Reserve?

The majority of survey respondents (76%) travel by car, with an additional 22% walk/running to the Reserve. There is no public transport access to the Reserve and thus car access to the Reserve predominates. This high level of car usage to the Reserve places significant demand on the parking and traffic within the Reserve.



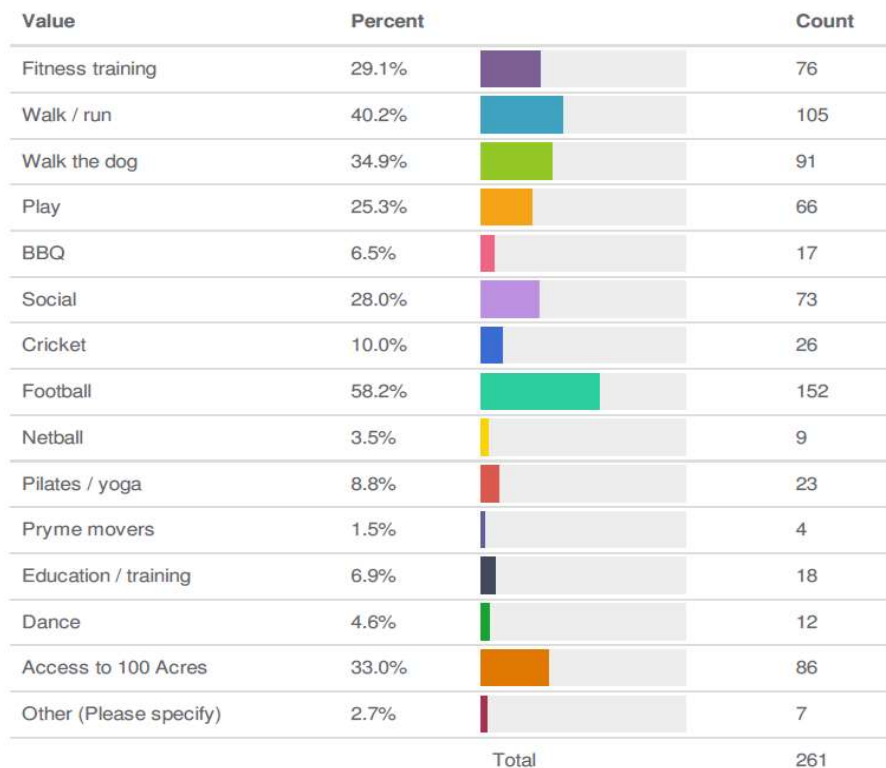
Q5. In what capacity do you visit the Reserve?

The majority of respondents (60%) are a member of a group or club, 48% are casual reserve users and 15% are an enrolled participant of a program. A further 8 % of respondents (other) included 2 respondents from St Anne’s Primary School, 9 walkers/dog walkers, and 2 visitors, 1 Lions Club representative, 1 who uses the playground, 1 who attends yoga and 1 trainer.

Value	Percent	Count
Member of a group / club	59.9%	154
Enrolled participant of a program	15.2%	39
Casual reserve user	48.3%	124
Other (Please specify)	8.2%	21
Total		257

Q6. What are the main reasons for visiting Domeney Reserve?

The main reasons the survey respondents visited the Reserve was for football, with 58% of survey respondents, followed by walk/run (40%), walk the dog (35%), access to 100 acres (33%), socialise (28%), fitness training (29%) and play (25%).



Q7. What do you value most about the Reserve?

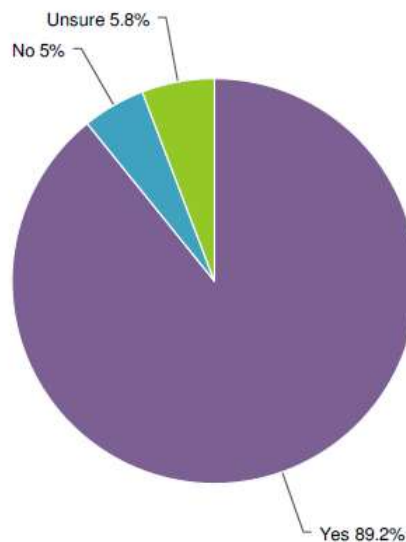
The majority of survey respondents valued the sporting facilities at the Reserve followed by the Reserve being close to home, a place to socialise and a community function space.

Value	Total responses (1 st , 2 nd , 3 rd priority combined)	1 st priority response
Sporting facilities	182	141 (78%)
Close to home	157	61 (39%)
Place to socialise	145	40 (28%)
Community function space	140	34 (24%)
Green space	135	44 (33%)
A venue for community programs	127	44 (35%)
Bushland	120	44 (37%)
Area to relax	104	16 (15%)
Other		
Dog walking		15
Sporting		12
Play equipment		3
School use		2
Pilates		4

Value	Total responses (1 st , 2 nd , 3 rd priority combined)	1 st priority response
Dance		1
Green space		2

Q8. Do you feel safe when visiting the Reserve?

The majority of respondents felt safe when visiting the Reserve (89%) with a small group responding that they do not feel safe (5%) and some are *unsure* (6%). The main issue identified from the survey is inadequate car park lighting (at the southern end) and the distance from the building to the far end of the car park when it is dark (16 comments). This was reported by both people who *felt safe* and those who did *not feel safe* when visiting the Reserve. There is a concern with dogs off-lead and the owner not having dogs under control. It also appears as though there has been a recent car break in which people were aware of. There was also a comment in relation to there no longer being a caretaker at the facility and issues related to this included lack of coordination/notification of events and isolation of site.



Value	Percent	Count
Yes	89.2%	231
No	5.0%	13
Unsure	5.8%	15
Total		259

Q9. How would you rate the Domeney Recreation Centre/Sports Pavilion overall?

The survey responses were varied in terms of how the community rates the Recreation Centre/Sports Pavilion. A similar number rated the facility *very good* or *good* (37%) as opposed to *poor* and *very poor* (33%). Almost 20% of survey respondents rated the facility as neutral.

Value	Percent	Count
Very good	10.1%	26
Good	28.7%	74
Total		258

Value	Percent	Count
Neutral	19.0%	49
Poor	22.9%	59
Very poor	9.7%	25
I do not use the Domeney Recreation Centre/Sports Pavilion	9.7%	25
Total		258

This question generated a large number of additional comments which have been summarised under key themes and outlined in the table below. There was a large number of negative comments (242) compared to positive comments (60) regarding the recreation centre/pavilion.

There is a strong message from the football club (players and spectators) that they are dissatisfied with their facilities in terms of size, quality, functionality, access, storage, etc, with 51% of the football (including netball) respondents rating the facilities as poor or very poor. Many comments specified that the facility has such intense use and the Reserve just cannot cope with this intensity in its current condition and furthermore that the facilities are not adequate for senior football.

There was a general theme of underlying conflict between the football club and the dance participants, including historical issues that may not have been resolved.

There were a number of negative comments regarding noise affecting yoga/pilates sessions, and the inadequacy of the facilities for dance classes (need floor suitable for tap dancing).

In terms of positive comments, there were 19 responses from people who are generally happy with the facilities, with a further 12 people reporting that the facilities are clean and another 9 stating they are well maintained.

Theme – Negative comment	No. of Responses
General upgrade of football facilities required including: change rooms, social rooms, kitchen, canteen, outdoor toilet, spectator amenities, no gym, poor storage, (including lack of specific facilities for female players and spectators)	75
Football rooms (toilet/change rooms/social space) too small/needs expansion.	49
Old fashioned/needs modernising	36
Not accessible to canteen and down to oval from change rooms	15
Grandstand area looks dirty/seating update required/more undercover area required	14
Facilities are not coping with such heavy usage – require upgrade	11
Facilities inadequate for senior EFL	8
Conflict of use between football and dance	8
Unclean facilities (toilets and change rooms)	5
Too noisy for Pilates and yoga	4
Overall upgrade required	4
Tap floor inadequate/bigger room for dance	3
Function room needs upgrade	3
Needs cooling/heating	3
Needs coffee shop/canteen poor	2
Heavy furniture/chairs (difficult for older people to move/stack)	2

Theme – Positive comment	No. of Responses
Adequate facilities, services the community well, generally happy	19
Clean	12
Well maintained/good condition	9
Spacious/good size rooms	5
Ease of access	3
Great function space	2
Close to home	1
Great for yoga/dance	1
All events using the pavilion area great	1
Comparable to other small venues	1
Building is modern	1

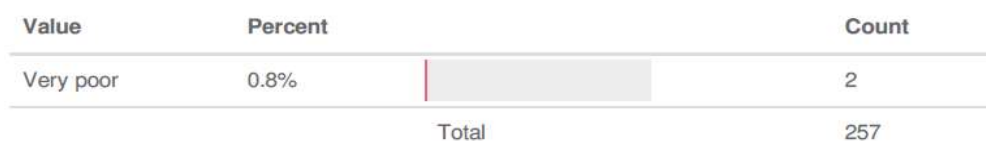
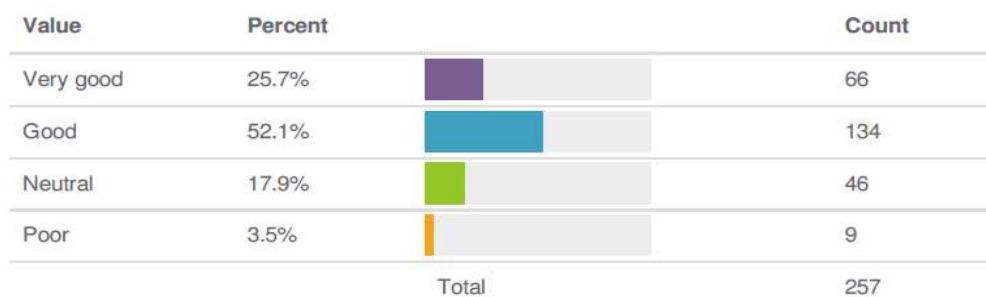
Q10. How do you rate the Reserve (open space) overall?

The majority of respondents rated the open space within the Reserve as good (52.1%) or very good (25.7%). There were an additional 18% of respondents who rated the Reserve as neutral.

This question also generated a large number of additional comments in the survey which have been summarised under key themes and outlined in the table below. The majority of additional comments were positive (167 comments), compared to 45 negative comments.

The positive comments included from being happy with the sports field (41), happy with the views (38), positive about the Reserve as a whole (36). A smaller number of people were happy about the open space, playground, and barbeque and walking tracks.

There was a much smaller number of respondents who included negative comments on the Reserve such as unhappy with the sports field (16), inadequate parking (11) and the low quality and isolated basketball/netball court (5).



Theme – positive comments	No. of Responses
Generally happy with sports field	41
100 Acres, views	38
Generally positive about the Reserve	36
Lots of open space	21
Ample space for dogs off lead	10
Playground/BBQ	10
Walking tracks	9
Adequate parking	2

Theme – negative comments	No. of responses
Generally unhappy with sports field	16
Inadequate parking	11
Basketball/netball court hidden/requires upgrade	5
Lighting	3
Dogs/shouldn't be off lead/on oval	3
Unhappy with cricket nets – or should this be football nets?	2
High fire risk with 100 Acres	2
Unsafe around perimeter of sports oval	2
Seating requires upgrade	1

Q11. From the list below can you tell us if there is anything that could be done to improve Domeney Reserve (including Domeney Recreation Centre/sports pavilion).

The responses were overwhelming to this question in support of additional seating throughout the Reserve as outlined in the table below. This includes tiered seating around the oval, more undercover seating and the upgrade of existing seating (including accessible seats).

Seating	No. of responses
More seating around the oval, tiered seating to take advantage of natural slope	64
More undercover seating	25
Upgrade seating, old, run down, require backs for the elderly	25
Adequate seating	11
Large undercover area to enable increased weather protection, cater for seating and standing	10
Seating inside halls is heavy, awkward, difficult to access	3
BBQ area seating undercover	1
Seating in 100 Acres for rest	1
Seating around basketball area	1

The responses regarding landscaping were fairly positive, with 28 submitters suggesting that current landscaping is adequate; however there was a smaller number who would like additional native plants (13), improved landscaping (9) and the planting of more trees (7).

Landscaping/Planting	No. of responses
Adequate	28
Need more native and colourful plants to improve the surroundings/connection to 100 Acres	13
Landscaping needs to be improved	9
Plant more trees	7
Create tiered spectator areas on the slopes around the oval	4
100 Acres needs improved landscaping	3
Requires more mowing near playground and St Anne's	2
100 Acres, plant information would be helpful	1
Pave the trails	1
Remove wild grass near building due to fire threat	1
Requires erosion control around paths	1
Create a flat space for player warm ups	1

There was a varied response regarding the barbeque/picnic facilities. The responses were grouped into the following themes: adequate (28 comments), more picnic tables and BBQs (15), an upgrade of the existing picnic tables and barbeque and shelters (12). There was a small number of people who stated that the picnic facilities are not required (11), or wanted more shelter (9), or more barbeques (5).

Barbeque /Picnic Facilities	No. of responses
Adequate	28
More picnic tables and more under cover	15
Upgrade existing barbeque and tables	12
Not required	11
More shelter required	9
Haven't used them	6
More BBQs (including another barbeque /picnic shelter in the park between the pavilion and St Anne's)	5
Generally improve area	3
Improve planting between the road and the barbeque area to screen off this space	3
Need toilets/toilet hidden	2
More rubbish bin sites	2
Access to water	1
It would be good if there was a BBQ at the south end. There's a shelter. And a drink tap for dogs too would be good	1
Playground requires upgrade so don't use the area	1
More dog poo bins along trail and oval	1
Needs some colour and signs, wayfaring signs about park	1

The comments relating to the car park are outlined in the table below. The overwhelming response was for more car parking spaces (127), improved lighting within the car parks (11) and a small number of people considered that the parking was adequate (10).

Car Parking	No. of responses
More car parking required	127
Better lighting	11
Adequate	11
Disabled parking limited and used incorrectly consistently – no follow up to illegally parking in the 2 spots provided	3
Second driveway required to exit to improve traffic flow	3
Problem when some groups/tenants use bollards to Reserve parking spaces	2
Improved layout required	2
24 hour lighting for car park, security cameras, bigger bollards at front to hinder ram raid	1
Now making it worse is the erection of a bollard at the entrance to the car park stopping cars accessing the grassed picnic area	1

Car Parking	No. of responses
Link to school and allow by school fence - it does not need to be paved	1
It's offensive when trying to use the Reserve on the weekends that football people want to charge you to enter the car park	1

The feedback relating to the footpaths was varied and included: adequate (46), path upgrade/maintenance required (15), need for more sealed paths (12), improved lighting for the paths (6) and more walking paths (5).

Walking Paths	No. of responses
Adequate	46
Upgrade/maintenance required	15
More sealed paths	12
Improved lighting	6
More walking paths	5
Some paths cracking/not maintained	2
Wider paths	1
Better signage	1
Dogs off lead areas	1

The feedback relating to the play space was varied as the largest responses was that the play space is adequate (28) whereas the following responses seeking improvements included: needs an upgrade (21), include play elements for all ages (20), shift closer to the sports ground (6), too small (5).

Playspace	No. of responses
Adequate	28
Needs upgrade (including all abilities)	21
Add play equipment for kids of all ages	20
Play space needs to be closer to sports ground area to enable parents to watch children	6
Too small	5
Area that allows children and parents to interact	2
Include a BMX park/teenage activities	2
Fenced play space	1
Too close to the road	1
Improve lighting	2
More plants/trees/bushes	1
More seats	1
Large area not utilised	1
Gym equipment for adults needed	1
Keep dogs on leashes/improve this signage	1
Too much space for play and most not used	1

The responses to sports facilities was completely varied, however the majority related to upgrade of change rooms required (53), upgrade of the basketball/netball court (14), updated facilities (14) and oval adequate (9).

Sports facilities	No. of responses
Change rooms require an upgrade	53
Upgrade to basketball/netball courts	14
Updated facilities required	14
Oval adequate	9
Adequate	8
Need gym area	7
Canteen too small	5
Oval drainage needs improvement	4
Basketball hoops require an upgrade	3
Drinking taps for people/dogs	3
Fitness station circuit required	2
Additional football oval	2
Cricket pitch requires attention	2
Oval playing surface requires work	2
Smoother playing surface for basketball	2
Dog lovers appreciate this space	1
Extra meeting room/dance room	1
Need net behind goals to stop losing footballs	1
Light up netball courts	1
Well maintained	1
More female toilets	1
Keep maintaining grass on oval	1
Excellent lighting	1
New goal posts for football clubs	1
Seating at Pavilion	1
Social rooms too small	1
A community pool	1
Adjustable football goals	1
Have facilities to keep children and teenagers engaged in life and community	1
Build bigger for more indoor sports activities, build a shop or spaces with vending machines	1
Underground car park, storage, gym with soundproofing and floating flooring. Modern air conditioning and heating. Members to have key card id access and swipe. Update equipment, maintenance and facilities. Weatherproof and securable and accessible.	1
Create a set up similar to Warrandyte Reserve for Domeney which would further enhance Domeney as a great community facility	1
Fencing around ground needs replacing	1
Oval requires repair	1
Netball courts are littered with rubbish	1
Dog walkers leave oval dirty for sports teams	1

Sports facilities	No. of responses
Skateboard ramp required	1
Cricket nets dated quickly	1
BMX park for teens	1
Netball courts in wrong position (safety issue)	1
Facility was better 20 years ago	1
Don't want ground to be taken over by clubs	1
Ground near gates for players to run out usually very soaked after rain. Need a net at the scoreboard end.	1
Stairs from change rooms to playing area is an accident waiting to happen. Change rooms need to be cut in under the viewing platform to give direct access to the playing surface.	1

Feedback in relation to the sports pavilion demonstrated support for an upgrade to the social rooms and change rooms (88), extension (15), more seating (11), adequate (8), larger undercover area (8) and upgrade of canteen (7).

Sports pavilion	No. of responses
Social rooms and change rooms require upgrading	88
Extension	15
More seating required	11
Adequate	8
Bigger undercover area	8
Upgrade canteen	7
Build clubrooms at ground level	4
Lack of bar facilities	4
Insufficient storage	3
Connect clubrooms to main Pavilion	2
Inadequate	2
Too small	2
Poorly designed for sporting users use	2
Copy Warrandyte Reserve	1
Conflict with dancers	1
Very ugly	1
Keep dogs off the oval	1
Better barrier in front of seating	1
Access issues to the rooms for meetings	1
Maintaining plumbing especially toilets	1
Better PA system	1
Parking inadequate	1
Training rooms to set up gym facilities	1
Fix leaking roof	1
Maintenance/cleaning	1
Enclosure area to watch football	1
Small emphasis on community use	1

Sports pavilion	No. of responses
Seating requires maintenance	1
Equipment needed	1
Additional oval	1
Athletics track	1
Soccer pitch	1
Not using natural view and light	1
Oval worn out – better maintenance required	1

The feedback regarding the Community House and Learning Centre identified the following key themes: adequate (15), requires an upgrade (10), bigger centre (5) and integrated into one site (4).

Park Orchards Community House and Learning Centre	No. of responses
Adequate	15
Requires upgrade	10
Bigger centre	5
All activities to be conducted at the one location (including administration)	4
Buy old house next door – so the entire block is primary school/tennis club and cricket club	3
Advertise availability	2
Bigger/better change rooms	2
More space for childcare	2
Smelly and noisy from sport and fitness	2
Heating/cooling inadequate	2
I use community house only	2
Maintain area	1
Relocate childcare to Domeney	1
Improve signage	1
Move it elsewhere	1
Centre has provided friendship and skills	1
Pricing not helpful for those on the pension	1
Carpet cleaning	1
The sprung tap floor needs to be addressed. Floor is not on par with other dance academies in neighbouring municipalities and is limiting for participants	1
Not part of Domeney?	1
Under utilised	1
Parking is an issue	1
Group should have full and unfettered access to this facility	1
Would benefit from a coordinated strategic analysis of all the community needs it is being used for and those groups who are using it	1

The majority of feedback regarding the Halls for Hire related to facility extension (21), access to function room is difficult to secure (10), adequate (9), upgrade required (8), too high a priority given to the dance (6) and require larger halls for large functions (3).

Halls for Hire	No. of responses
Extension	21
Access to function rooms is severely limited	10
Adequate	9
Upgrade required (including kitchen)	8
Too much priority is always given to dance groups	6
Larger halls to hold much larger functions	3
Dance activities are noisy	2
Better checks to ensure cleanliness	2
Too small and facilities not very easy to use	1
What halls?	1
Relocate childcare to Domeney	1
Display information about hiring including electronic noticeboards	1
Issue with mopping toilets first then kitchen with the same mop	1
Tricky to manage between different community groups that utilise the function halls e.g. dance and footy clubs	1
The community room above the grandstand with viewing window. Can be used by sports clubs during weekends and hired for functions at night	1
Community sporting clubs need first option	1
Something residents need	1
Underutilised at night	1
Function space too small	1
Not satisfactory	1
More air conditioning required	1

The highest number of responses in relation to access into Domeney Recreation Centre were grouped into the following themes: adequate access (14), needs more car parking (9), inadequate access (7), need another entry/exit into Reserve (7), conflict between users (dance and sport) (4).

Access to Domeney Recreation Centre	No. of responses
Access is adequate	14
Need more car parking	9
Access inadequate, needs improvement	7
Needs more than one entrance/exit	7
Conflict between users (dance and sport)	4
Strict controls on community usage	3
Need public transport/bus stop at front of Domeney	1
Not allowed into facility	1
OK for disabled access	1
Should not be asked for entry fee on Saturday	1

Access to Domeney Recreation Centre	No. of responses
Dark car park at far end	1
Need to improve cycle access to Reserve such as off road cycle path along Knees Road	1
Toilet access inside building restricted to sports spectators	1
Too many council staff involved in access	1
Link the St Anne's rear car park into Reserve	1
Poor access during football season	1

Access to Domeney Pavilion	No. of responses
Adequate	19
Better access required	10
More car parking	6
Less expensive	2
Improved signage	2
Available for public meeting space	2
More seating	1
Inadequate	1
Would be good to have it open more for dinner	1
Increased social space	1
Better lighting	1
Clearer directions on match days	1
More access to larger pavilion	1
Membership	1
Extension	1
Bigger canteen facilities	1
Difficult as small groups, including private businesses users, appear to have priority use over sporting groups that require space as it's adjacent to the oval	1
Primarily be allocated to those clubs that need to use the adjacent oval and 100 Acre Reserve	1
Lions Club requires better access to electricity, washing up facilities and first aid	1
Northern entry end seems to be a bird nesting area and a wasted space	1

The highest number of responses in relation to lighting related to more lighting in car park (84), adequate (18) and sports ground lighting needs improvement (5).

Lighting	No. of responses
More car park lighting required	84
OK/adequate	18

Lighting	No. of responses
Sports ground lighting requires improvement. Possibly an OH & S issue with players training under existing lighting/not angled correctly/incorrect height	5
Solar lights are preferred	3
Ensure lighting is not turned off during training	2
Poor lighting around BBQ	2
Lights don't always work	2
Better lighting required at rear entry	1
Security lighting	1
Lighting for the ground is excellent	1
Fine I suppose. But one blew up while I was in a dance class and nearly burnt the building down.	1
Users require access to main switchboards to reset lights of the complete facility should they need to be done outside of business hours.	1
There has been a break in dimly lit areas of the existing car park	1

No further improvements – Please explain your improvement suggestions	No. of responses
Better toilets/larger changing rooms	9
Needs improvements	3
It's perfect the way it is	2
As a football member the facility doesn't cater for our requirements	1
A larger more accessible canteen space	1
Better fencing	1
Add fitness stations around the 100 Acres or the oval	1
Do not agree that no further improvements is the right answer	1
Dog bowls for animal drinking water	1
Bike racks to store the bikes when on the oval	1
Net at scoreboard end to stop ball going into the Reserve	1
Lots of improvements required	1
Cleaning and maintenance	1
More signage – safety – sometimes feel a bit isolated	1
Need to feel safer around the back of the toilets	1
Excellent that rubbish bins are provided	1
Would like to see it become more of a place for "dropping in" cafe, place for little kids to play indoors so mums can meet up there, place for teenagers to hang out but supervised so no drugs or smoking.	1
The building was well maintained under Cliff Wood and staff, needs to be audited periodically to retain this condition level.	1
Without adequate improvements our sporting clubs which are an enormous part of our community are at risk of failing and being unsustainable	1
Water tap for runners	1
Maybe a skate park for local kids	1

No further improvements – Please explain your improvement suggestions	No. of responses
I love the fact that this space exists. Please keep up the good work as we residents love to walk our pooches.	1
Extension of rooms with social room dedicated to cricket and football.	1
Sports pavilion should be improved with more seating and better access down to the oval required as very steep.	1
Council really needs to listen to community groups and local residents about their requirements and suggestions and actually do something constructive about it	1
Better facilities all round. We would like a sporting club for the Park Orchards Netball Team and the Park Orchards Football Club. We need to cater for both sports. Currently the women's netball club has no facilities, which is not right. Need to move to a model like Warrandyte.	1

Q 12.

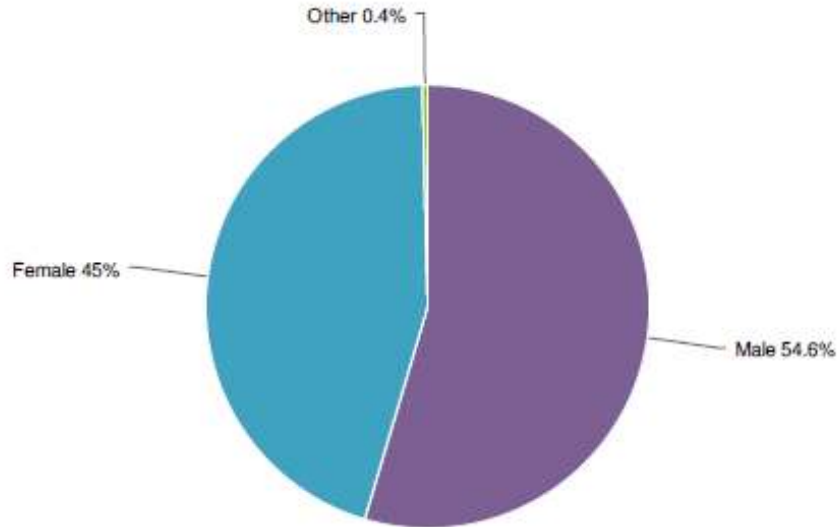
Are there any additional improvements/suggestions you would like to make?	No. of responses
100 Acre bush needs a tidy up. Feels not maintained for a while	3
Could the basketball court be turned into a skate park	1
Better pedestrian and cycle access	1
Mountain bike tracks and skate parks for older kids to enjoy	1
More dog friendly off lead space	1
More rubbish bins	1
More water fountains	1
Should have built the new fire station there next to the evacuation spot	1
A cafe at Domeney	1
Restrain tenants from being able to place bollards across public parking spaces	1
A plaque indicating who (Bill) Domeney was, some relevant dates, and why the Reserve was named after him	1
Website for Domeney, Facebook, Twitter, good internet access and Wi Fi	
Printed brochures about centre Paid membership to centre facilities	1
On site paid staff security and alarm systems	1
Lockable storage lockers for users	1

Q13.

Do you have any other comments about Domeney Reserve (including Domeney Recreation Centre/Sports Pavilion)	No. of responses
Is there a defibrillator available?	1
The lack of a plaque is disappointing, but could be easily remedied. The Domeney family would support and help fund such a plaque.	1
The whole plan for the area, including 100 Acre walkways – need a coordinated 10 year plan – one that forsees usage of the whole area	1

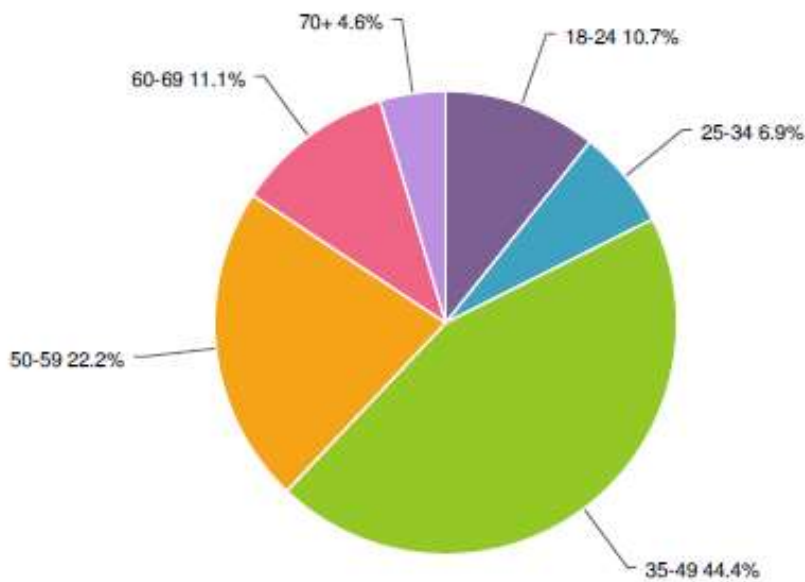
Q14. What is your gender?

The survey was well balanced in terms of gender representation, with 55% of respondents male and 45% of respondents female.



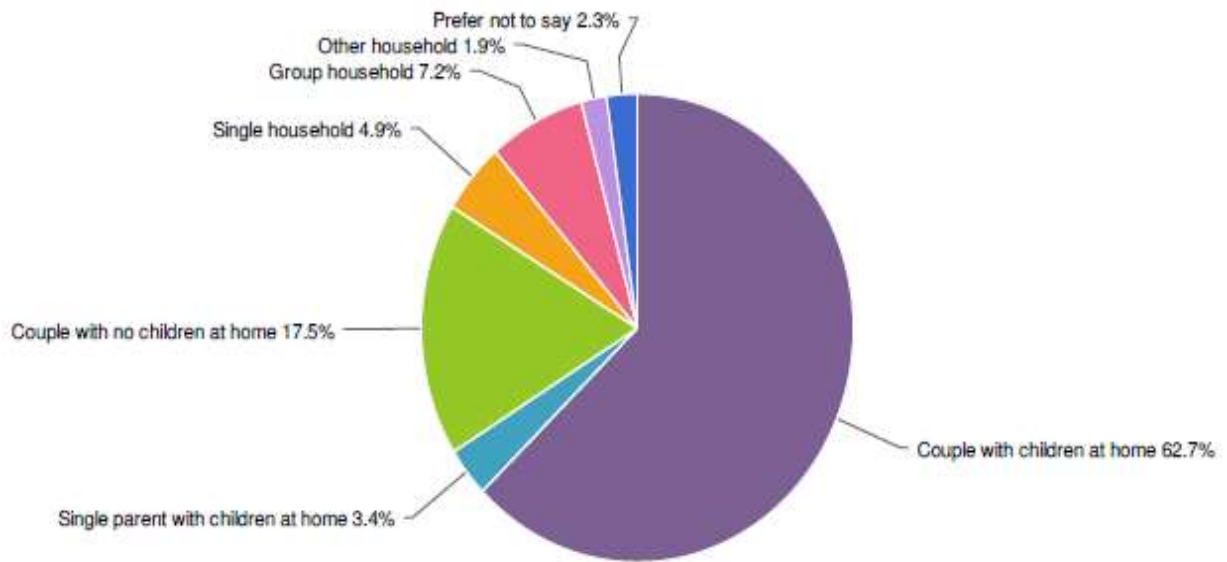
Q15. Age group

The survey respondents ranged in age, with the largest age group being the 35-49 (44%), followed by 50-59 (22%), 60-69 (11%) and 18-24 (11%).



Q 16. Which one of the following best describes your household?

The majority of survey respondents were a couple with children at home (63%), a couple with no children at home (17%), followed by a group household (7%).



Q 17. Are the children in the household?

Of those respondents with children, a large proportion were children in primary school (42%), followed by secondary school (32%), adult age (22%) and preschool age (4%).

