1. INTRODUCTION

Stonnington City Council is currently undertaking a Precinct Plan to inform future recreational development of Orrong Romanis Reserve and Toorak Park / Victory Square, Armadale.

The aim of the ‘Issues and Opportunities’ document is to highlight proposed improvements for the internal configuration of the Reserves. A Masterplan was developed in 2008 by Tract Consulting and is now being reviewed by Council in order to optimize the configuration of the oval and improve pedestrian access through the site. In addition, Councils Draft Recreation Strategy (2014) identifies the need to prepare a precinct and facilities plan for Toorak Park, Victory Square and Orrong Romanis Reserve to provide greater informal recreation opportunities and additional opportunities for female and junior participation.

Council strategies referenced within this document are:
- Recreation Strategy (Draft), 2014
- Strategies for Creating Open Space, 2013
- Pavilion Redevelopment Strategy, 2009
- Public Realm Strategy, 2010
- Toorak Park and Victory Square Masterplan, 2008 by Tract
- Paul Grover Playground Development Plan, 2011
- Stonnington Planning Scheme

2. EXISTING CONDITIONS

Toorak Park is the premier sports ground within Stonnington. It is home to the Prahran Cricket Club, Old Xaverians, Melbourne Rugby Union, Prahran Assumption Football Club and Prahran Junior Football Club. In addition, Victory Square acts as an overflow facility for training purposes, with a focus on junior teams. Victory Square is fully enclosed and also contains a separately fenced junior playground and functions as an off-leash dog area.

Council has managed to successfully implement the first 2 actions from the 2008 Tract Masterplan, with the 3rd action (being the removal of the Storage Shed and redundant scoreboard) currently being undertaken. The Masterplan has recently stalled until the alignment of the proposed internal pedestrian pathway can be ratified.

The Toorak Park oval is full sized, although the shape is a little inconsistent. Any alterations to the eastern boundary of the oval are restricted by the cricket nets. The cricket practice nets are aged and in need of replacement to meet current standards and the needs of the Clubs. Demand on the nets is high although use is restricted to seasonal use due to the impact the location of the nets have on the oval, along with the extreme wear of the oval by the end of the winter season. There is great potential in re-thinking the location of the existing nets, to determine an alternative siting on the reserve that will enable a larger footprint of both the synthetic nets and turf wickets to service the needs of both Toorak-Prahran Cricket Clubs and Prahran Cricket Clubs, and enable off season practice. This will also take some pressure off Orrong Romanis Reserve by consolidating the practice nets into one location. Relocation of the nets will also enable a perimeter pedestrian pathway to be constructed along the southern boundary of Toorak Park, strengthening connections with Victory Square.

The Charles Lux Pavilion was built in 1967, and it's redevelopment will take place in accordance with the strategies outlined in the Pavilion Redevelopment Strategy, 2009.

Toorak Park is strategically located close to the Toorak train station and is serviced by a bus route along Orrong Road. This accessibility makes it an ideal location to focus junior team development within Victory Square.

3. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Both Toorak Park - Victory Square and Orrong-Romanis Reserves contribute significantly to the public open space within Prahran and Armadale, with Toorak Park being classified as a City Wide Space according to the Public Realm Strategy 2010.

Stonnington Council has the 2nd lowest amount of public open space at 6.7% of any Victorian municipality, and this is set to decline with increases in population. This in turn places increasing pressure on all open space facilities.

It is Council's aim within the Strategic Recreation Plan to deliver open space of the highest standard to meet both the needs of active recreational users but also the needs of the increasing numbers of passive users and junior teams.
Issues and Opportunities for TOORAK PARK - VICTORY SQUARE precinct, Orrong Road, Armadale
Explore opportunity to relocate or improve pedestrian access from Orrong Road to Toorak train station, with the possibility of re-investing this land into proposed boulevard route. Any enhanced pedestrian access to tie in with existing path network at Orrong Romanis Reserve.

New main pedestrian access from Toorak Station to Toorak Park and Orrong Romanis Reserve. Boulevard to meet relevant standards and ensure sufficient 2-way pedestrian access routes and an opportunity to provide car parking spaces to service Toorak Park users.

Explore potential for new pedestrian access with plantings in residential development and/or reorientation of cricket nets.

Over-abundant grass could be mowed to a mowable batter. AUBREY STREET

Re-orienting cricket nets could double as informal spectator viewing mound.

Explore potential for new boulevard to double as main entrance, incorporating main vehicle access and drop off zone to new pavilion for Toorak Park. Investigate pavilion parking along main boulevard.

Investigate logistics of bore water tank relocation to accommodate cricket nets, demolish redundant scoreboard building and consider Parks storage requirements to minimize impact on open space. Open up this corner to enhance passive recreation users.

Consider re-use of site as open space and possible relocation of playground from Victory Square, enhancing view lines into Toorak Park from Orrong Road.

Tenants could potentially be relocated to new multi-purpose pavilion.

Consider upgrade of boundary fence to improve aesthetics and provide increased flexibility to cater for ticketed events and also enhance passive recreation access. Consider additional points of gated entry to enable ease of access for passive recreation users.

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Explore opportunity through consultation with developer of 590 Orrong Rd to improve the interface between the proposed residential development and the reserve boundaries through integrated plantings to ensure a buffer between the residential and active sports zone.

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