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## 1. Introduction

The Shire of Wagin is a rural local government that services an area of approximately 1950 square kilometers in the south west interior of the Wheatbelt region. Located approximately 228 kms south east of Perth, the Shire of Wagin is bordered by the Shires of Narrogin, West Arthur, Dumbleyung, and Woodanilling to the south and has a population of approximately 1846 people (ABS Census, 2006).

In early 2011 the Shire of Wagin sought expressions of interest to undertake a needs assessment of community, sport and recreational facilities with the objective of developing a sport and recreation master plan to guide the future provision and management of sport and recreation facilities over the next 10 years.

The Shire of Wagin has a vibrant and diverse range of sport and recreation and community groups servicing the local population. For a town the size of Wagin, the number of groups operating demonstrates an engaged community who value the importance of sport, recreation and community involvement in their town.

*The unique circumstances of small rural communities in Western Australia require a tailored approach regarding the provision of recreation centres and active sporting grounds. In metropolitan and regional centres it is possible to define the recreation facility requirements of the various localities in terms of regional, district and local facility provision. In a rural setting it is seen as being more effective to establish a facility standard which is based on sports courts or playing grounds being provided on a per capita basis.*

### 1.1. Aim of study

The aim of this study is to undertake a needs assessment of the community, sporting and recreation facilities and activities in the Shire of Wagin to inform the 10 year Sport and Recreation Masterplan. Specific objectives are to:

- Identify current and future utilisation of community sporting and recreational opportunities within the Shire of Wagin;
- Review relevant council documentation, strategic plans that inform sport and recreation plans in the Shire.
- Review neighbouring Shires sport and recreational facilities and services, reviewing best practice examples and where facilities and services are complementary
- Demographic analysis
- Prepare a staged facility provision strategy to guide the future development of upgraded and new facilities over the next 10 years

### 1.2. Methodology

To undertake the needs assessment, the following tasks were completed:

- Literature review of relevant documents
- Site visits to all identified reserves/facilities and any other facilities within or outside the Shire of Wagin
- Consultation with Shire Councillors and Staff
- Focus group meetings with sport and recreational clubs and community groups
- Online survey of community and sporting club groups
- Review of recreational facilities and services in neighbouring Shires
- Demographic analysis of the population of the Shire of Wagin
- Identification of usage patterns of existing facilities, consideration of co-location, upgrading or decommissioning of facilities, supporting centralisation and co-location where possible.
- A regional review of neighbouring shires and approaches to provision of community sporting facilities

## 2. Demographics

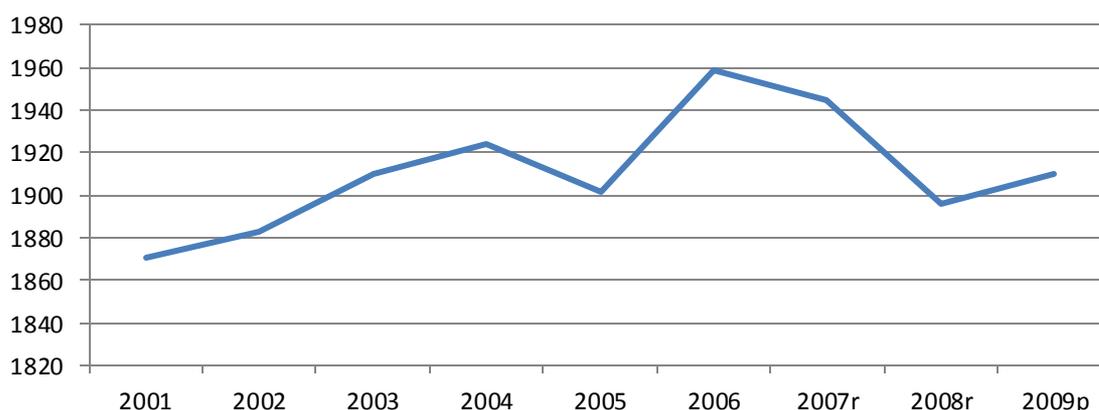
Wagin is a town in the South Western region of the Wheatbelt, the heartland of Western Australia's farming and agricultural industry. Wagin, one of nine towns in the South Western Region, has a population of 1846 (ABS Census 2006) of which 48.1% male and 51.9% are female with the median age being 43 years (compared with 36 years for the rest of the state)<sup>1</sup>.

Wagin has 24.2% of the population in the 5-24 year age group compared to the rest of the State at 28% (ABS Census data (2006)). Of those in the 55+ age bracket, Wagin has 31.7% of the population in this age group compared with the State at 22.9% of the population. From 2004 to 2009 Wagin's population reduced by 0.1% however generally the local population has been slowly increasing over time.

The Wheatbelt region overall has 5% less young people than the Australian average (5-24 years) and 5% older people (over 55); this is reflected in the figures in the Shire of Wagin.

According to the Western Australian Planning Commission document "Wheatbelt Regional Profile" (April 2011), the Wheatbelt region will likely experience an increase in the median age of the population in the next 20 years. Local Governments within the Wheatbelt region (with exception of North West) are also expected to stabilize in population or experience a decline in the future. The South Western Region is one of those expected to experience a decline.

Wagin has an indigenous population of 5.5% compared to the state overall at 3% for, therefore a relatively high proportion of indigenous population comparatively.



Wagin has generally seen an upward trend in population numbers since 2001, with a population between 1900 and 1920 for 5 years over the 10 year period between 2001 and 2010<sup>2</sup>. Over time there has been gradual growth of the local population without any dramatic shifts or changes.

The key difference of the Shire of Wagin compared to the State overall are as follows:

:

- The median age of the population in Wagin is older and will likely increase in the next two decades
- Wagin has a higher indigenous population per head of the community
- Wagin has a significantly higher proportion of people in the 55+ age group
- Wagin has a lower proportion of the population in the 5-24 age group
- The proportion of those in the 5-14 year age group is slightly higher than the stage figure

The implications of an ageing population will impact on the sport, recreational and community groups in the town and the types of facilities required. An ageing population will require support for social needs as well as active ageing programs to support health and wellbeing. Facility planning and development should place some additional emphasis on these needs and the recreational needs of the young demographic coming through.

<sup>1</sup> Wheatbelt Regional Profile, Western Australian Planning Commission, April 2011

<sup>2</sup> 3128.0 Regional Population Growth, Australia. Australian Bureau of Statistics, March 2010.

## 2.1. Future population trends

Most ABS and State government data indicates that the population within the region including Wagin will generally remain stable, be ageing and may decline as a result of workforce mobility and other external factors. With changes in agricultural practices, communities in the wheatbelt face significant challenges to retain their populations and maintain vibrant local economies.

The resilience of these communities having historically dealt with significant challenges is in part evidenced through the innovative approaches that are used to leverage local resources and capitalize on locational advantages. Wagin is strategically located and is a regional distribution hub; as a result its local population could be influenced by one of the following projects:

- expansion of the Morton Seeds Group and fertilizer opportunity for power production.
- potential flow on effects of the gold mine expansion to the south east.
- expansion of CBH (Co-Operative Bulk Holding).
- establishment of a major rail based grain transfer station and railway workshop at Wagin.
- potential of the town to be on the diversion pathway for the new regional gas pipeline.

As the status of these projects at this time is unknown the influences they may have on local population numbers is uncertain. These projects can sometimes have quick start up and logistical phases which may not allow much time for forward planning and response for necessary supporting community facilities.

Given these proposals could have an impact on local employment, the base population and age breakdown, it is recommended that in any consultation with relevant stakeholders, the Shire pursue opportunities for partnerships and joint funding of any associated additional requirement for community infrastructure.

### 3. Existing Wagin facilities

The Shire of Wagin has a range of sporting and recreation facilities as can be seen below on the map of the town site. The majority of sporting facilities are clustered around Wagin Sportsground Oval. With the golf course, go kart track and air strip being located outside the town. The close proximity of the facilities provides opportunities to consider the benefits of multi-use or co-location of facilities.



Facility	Specification	Condition
1 Go Kart	Racing track and clubroom	Good
2 Wagin Pony Club Grounds	Track and clubroom	Poor
3 Recreation Centre Eric Farrow Pavilion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Indoor courts, bar, change rooms</li> <li>Kitchen function room, meeting room, playground, toilets</li> </ul>	Very Good
4 Wagin Sportsground	1 sporting reserve with 2 ovals one football and one cricket/2 x hockey, trotting track, grandstand, Scout's Hall, exhibition centre	Reserve very good condition <i>See note*</i>
5 Swimming Pool	6 lane 50m pool, leisure pool, kiosk, toilets	Refurb
6 Tennis Courts	10 courts and clubroom	Poor
7 Lawn Bowls	3 rinks (1 not in use) and clubroom	Good
8 Golf Course (18 holes)	Club/function room	Good
9 Airport	Aero club room	Good

\* Wagin Sportsground is surrounded by a number of buildings that range in condition.

Facilities in Wagin are generally of a high quality and are well maintained, the swimming pool is currently being refurbished.

The tennis court surfaces are in poor condition and the club facilities are functional but not constructed to current standards for public buildings. Other Sportsground buildings surrounding Wagin Sportsground such as the grandstand and the former scout's hall are in poor condition and no longer meet their functional requirements. These buildings should be investigated for their safety prior to any further investment in their maintenance or reuse.

### 3.1. Other Shire owned facilities

The Shire of Wagin has a range of buildings and facilities apart from the recreation facilities outlined so far within its portfolio. They include:

- |                                  |                               |
|----------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| 1. Administration building       | 2. Works Depot                |
| 3. Medical Centre                | 4. Showgrounds                |
| 5. Early Childhood Centre        | 6. Caravan Park               |
| 7. 2 Ballagin Street Residence   | 8. 14 Gordon Street Residence |
| 9. Refuse Tip                    | 10. Town Hall                 |
| 11. 1 Nenke Street Residence     | 12. Piesseville Hall          |
| 13. 5 Omdurman Street Residence  | 14. Wedgecarrup Hall          |
| 15. 32 Ballagin Street Residence | 16. Cancanning Hall           |
| 17. 68 Khedive Street            | 18. Library                   |
| 19. 5 Arnott St Property         | 20. Community Centre          |

Last financial year the total maintenance and operational costs associated with all the Shire's facilities was in the order of \$626,630. In that same period operating, maintenance, staffing and sundry costs for recreation and administration related facilities are outlined below:

Facility	Cost 2010/11
Administration buildings	\$51,301
Swimming Pool	\$51,347
Sportsground	\$63,000
Sportsground Buildings	\$22,159
Recreation Centre	\$32,733
Eric Farrow Pavilion	\$11,069
Showgrounds (Woolarama) (maintenance and insurance)	\$59,121
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$290,730</b>

This annual cost (which includes salary costs) represents 46% of the total spent by the Shire on its properties.

The number of properties and facilities owned and managed by the Shire represents a significant cost burden. Recreation and administration facilities represent a significant annual investment from recurrent funding budgets for maintenance. Consolidation of some of these facilities would have the following benefits for the Shire:

- Centralisation of services.
- Sharing of administration and management costs/resources, lower staffing requirement.
- Reduction in liability and risk associated with ownership of multiple properties.
- Market determines highest and best use of property, rather than properties sitting vacant or being underutilised.

## 4. Regional Trends

The following regional trends are considered relevant to this report and its findings. Some of these trends are well reported and not only relates to a regional setting but to Australia wide trends.

- **Social networks:** Community groups are increasingly playing a role in regional communities by building and maintaining social networks providing community support during tough economic and environmental periods such as the GFC and extended periods of drought. Sport and recreation clubs can play an important role in this context.
- **Local economy:** Attracting regional events that involve local clubs can have a positive effect on local businesses and local club development.
- **Participation rates:** External economic and environmental factors can result in declining membership in clubs as a result of additional commitments at home. This can result in isolation for some members of local communities. Other factors influencing participation rates include-
  - FIFO shift workers represent challenges for continuity and scheduling of team rosters.
  - In communities with high FIFO populations there is a growing trend toward sports that require minimal coordination and smaller teams.
  - Declining youth participation moving to non-traditional forms of recreation.
  - Distance of travel between regional centers.
  - Resources available for implementation of high quality infrastructure, programmes and services.
- **Juvenile participation:** increased juvenile crime can be associated with lower opportunities for participation in sport and recreation in some regional centers. Higher levels of participation by youth in sporting activities can have a corresponding positive affect on academic attendance and performance.
- **Indigenous participation:** Programs that create positive connections with local indigenous groups and celebrate local members of their community as positive role models can improve local indigenous participation and delivery of sport and recreation programs.
- **Ageing populations:** communities in most regional and metropolitan centers are ageing and will require a range of facilities, programmes and services to be implemented to meet the needs of this group. These should focus on encouraging health and wellbeing for older populations, enabling them to 'age in place' within their local community.
- **Resources and funding:** Smaller local governments have stretched resources and are not able to independently design, build, operate and maintain new facilities. Factors contributing to resourcing and funding challenges include:
  - Increased competition for funding from Department of Sport and Recreation, funding priorities favour outcomes that achieve increased physical activity, co-location and multiuse facilities.
  - Escalation of maintenance and building costs as well as consultant fees to procure and manage construction in regional centers.
  - Lower volunteer participation rates have placed more pressure on local government to fund dedicated salaried positions for support of club administration
  - Latent cost of maintenance in existing infrastructure and increasing pressure on limited capital and operational budgets for local government.
  - Constraints relating to water availability and infrastructure condition. Artificial surfaces can be considered an alternative where low water availability and high levels of use are present.

Significant challenges exist for regional local government and clubs with changing demographics and needs in the context of declining resource availability in the form of people or capital. Wagin's relatively stable population means that capital raising from rates is likely to remain constant. Any new community capital projects are likely to need State government financial contribution or alternative funding sources including private sector and disposal of Shire owned property to ensure they are implemented.

Amalgamation of clubs to share resources and volunteer base can also respond to some of the impacts of declining membership and dwindling volunteer resources. The Shire is actively supporting local clubs with the appointment of a part time Club Development and Senior's Advocacy Officer. There is likely to be a growing need for this resource as the community's needs change and evolve.

## 5. Regional benchmarks

The following towns were reviewed to determine comparable facilities, management structures and fees to determine an appropriate standard for provision of facilities by the Shire of Wagin:

Comparable towns and their facilities:

	Wagin	Kojonup	Beverley	Waroona	Katanning	
<b>Population</b>	1,910	2,269	1,749	3,772	4,653	
<b>% Change population 2004-09</b>	-0.1		1.4	1.3	1.1	
<b>INFRASTRUCTURE</b>	Aquatic	6 lane 50m pool, toddler's pool, kiosk, toilets	50m outdoor swimming pool managed by YMCA	50m competition pool, 10m learner's pool, toddler's pool, kiosk, grassed area, sheds.	6 lane 50m pool BBQ facilities, toddlers pool, water slide	6 lane 50m, learn to swim pool, toddlers pool, kiosk, change rooms
	Indoor sports	Netball (junior/senior), indoor soccer (senior/junior), Badminton	3 squash courts	N/A	Gym, squash, badminton, indoor hockey, cricket, netball, volleyball, gymnastics, tennis, karate, social functions and seminars.	Gym, fully equipped function room, commercial kitchen, trampoline, crèche, general purpose stadium, bar facilities
	Tennis	8 courts + club rooms	8 courts + club room	8 courts + club room	5 courts + club room	5 courts + club room
	Football/Cricket	1 oval + clubrooms	1 oval + club room	1 oval + club room	2 ovals + club room	3 ovals+ club room
	Law n Bowls	3 rinks (1 disused) + clubroom	2 rinks + clubroom	3 rinks + clubroom	3 rinks + clubroom	2 rinks + clubroom
	Netball/basketball	2 courts	4 courts	2 courts	4 courts + clubroom	5 courts netball/basketball
	Other	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Recreation Centre includes kitchen facilities, bar, lounge and auditorium</li> <li>Trotting track (Wagin Sportsground)</li> <li>Hockey Club</li> <li>Showgrounds</li> <li>Pony Club</li> <li>Go Kart Club</li> <li>Golf Course and Club Rooms</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No undercover facilities, bar and kitchen hired out to clubs</li> <li>Hockey and football clubrooms combined</li> <li>Tennis and golf club clubrooms combined</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>18-hole golf course (sand greens)</li> <li>Beverley Pony Club</li> <li>Motor sports at the old racecourse</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Showground</li> <li>18 hole golf course</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Hockey</li> <li>18 Hole Golf Course (sand green course)</li> </ul>
<b>Ownership</b>	Shire Of Wagin	Shire of Kojonup	Shire of Beverley	Shire of Waroona	Shire of Katanning	
<b>Management</b>	Shire of Wagin	Shire of Kojonup	Shire of Beverley	Shire of Waroona	Shire of Katanning	
<b>Opening hours</b>	Mon & Tues-Friday 6-8am, 10.30-1pm, 2.30-6pm Tues 2.30-6pm, Weekends and public holidays 2-6pm	Monday to Sunday 12.00 - 18.00 Tuesday/Wednesday/Thursday and Friday 06.00 - 09.00 12.00 - 18.00	Weekdays 12pm-7pm and closed Tuesdays	Weekdays 6am - 7pm Weekends 10am - 4pm	Wed, Fri, Sun 6-8 and 12-6pm Other days 12-6pm	
<b>Staffing</b>	Sport and Recreation Officer	Pool manager	Pool manager 1 FTE Lifeguards (Cas)	3 FTE 14 PT/ casual	4 FTE, 2 PT, 3 Casuals Junior staff casual 1 FTE Pool manager 1.5 x FTE Pool op	
<b>Program/activities</b>	Stay on Your feet - free program for adults Junior Basketball Mens basketball Junior Soccer	VacSwim, Aqua Aerobics	Learn to swim Aqua fitness Rec swimming	Lap swimmers, recreational swimmers, private lessons, swimming clubs, aquarobics, netball, badminton, ladies social sport,	Swimming lessons Aqua fitness Ladies only swim Junior indoor soccer Tae Kwon Do Trampoline Quiz nights	
<b>Fees/charges</b>	<b>Recreation Centre:</b> Adult entry \$3.00 Junior entry \$2.00 Conc \$2.00 Spectator \$0.50  <b>Swimming Pool</b> Adult \$3.00 Children \$2.50 Pensioners \$2.50 Spectators \$0.50	<b>Swimming Pool</b> Adult \$4.90 Children \$3.90 (5-17) Pensioners \$3.90 Spectators \$1.50	Adult \$2.00 Child \$1.00 Spectator - \$1.00	Adult \$4.20 Child \$3.20 Conc \$3.20	Adult \$4.50 Child \$3.50 Conc \$1.80	
<b>Memberships</b>	Seasonal pass Half year pass	Season Pass	Yearly pass	Yes	Season pass	
<b>Maintenance</b>	Shire of Wagin	Shire of Kojonup	Shire of Beverley	Shire of Waroona	Shire of Katanning	
<b>Cleaning</b>	Shire of Wagin	Shire of Kojonup	Shire of Beverley	Shire of Waroona	2x part time (Shire)	

Summary findings from this analysis include:

- Staff numbers and programming of facilities increases significantly with towns that have a population over 2,000.
- Wagin has a good range of facilities given its current population that are comparable with benchmark towns.
- All facilities except for Kojonup swimming pool are managed and staffed by local Shires.

## 6. Club Survey results

The Club survey, both online and hard copy versions, was undertaken from 2-19 August 2011 with 20 local clubs and associations responding to the survey. This represents a response rate of over 33% for the survey which provides a good indication of broader trends. A full report on the survey results is included at Appendix 2. The following is a summary of the data collected from the survey:

- Shire of Wagin has an enthusiastic community well represented by a range of sporting and community groups.
- The majority of clubs increased membership in the last 5 years and expect growth into the next 5 years.
- Only one club projects a decrease into the future with the remaining groups stabilising in numbers.
- Currently groups sharing facilities are satisfied with their situation.
- Groups who have exclusive / single use facilities are very satisfied with their current arrangements.
- All groups share facilities where possible and those that don't are happy to explore this.
- Where unable to share facilities this is due to the nature of their activity/sport.
- Currently there are no major clashes of scheduling of groups in shared facilities.
- Storage facilities at Wagin Sports Ground could be improved to assist with storage of sporting equipment etc.



The following table provides a summary of clubs that have experienced highest growth rates in the past 5 years and the growth anticipated in the next 5 years.

Clubs experiencing an increase in numbers gave the following reasons for this growth:

- Many members have children coming up to the age groups where they can start participating
- Previous experience
- Interest in our club is growing and we hope to attract new members with new services/activities

Club	2006 to 2010 (% change)	2011 to 2015 (% change)
Tennis	30 to 53 (+75%)	62 (+17%)
Hockey	54 to 67 (+25%)	98 (+46%)
Golf	69 to 78 (+13%)	decrease
Cricket	50 to 56 (+12%)	stable
Community Resource Centre	30 to 61 (+103%)	80 (+48%)
Youth Centre	60-90 (+50%)	100 (+11%)

Other trends for local clubs include:

- Football club experienced a decline in membership over the past 5 year period from 65 to 45 members.
- Golf Club was the only group to project a decrease in future membership due to age of current membership.
- Seven (7) groups felt membership would remain stable. This was mainly due to numbers over the last few years remaining the same and numbers required to field a team.

Each club has slightly different needs, however there was some common ground, including the following items:

- Upgrading of the existing clubrooms
- More storage and changerooms

- Upgrade playing fields/surfaces/training area
- More rooms/meeting space

In summary the Tennis and Hockey clubs have and are forecast to continue growing at the highest rates amongst the sporting clubs, the youth club and Community Resource Centre are forecast to experience the highest growth out of the non-sport clubs.

Club facilities, meeting spaces, playing surfaces and change facilities were identified as priority areas for new facilities.

## 7. Consultation outcomes

In addition to the survey consultation was undertaken with Council, community and business leaders and focus group meetings with community groups. Community groups expressed concern with the amount of consultation and concerns relating to consultation fatigue. The following points summarise the outcomes of this consultation:

- Wagin Sportsground – major opportunity for co-located facilities.
- Creation of smaller rooms and bars at the sportsground with one large club room and change rooms.
- Hockey and Cricket are currently using the Scout Hall which requires significant upgrading and would like to have the chance to upgrade their facilities.
- Co-location of cricket and hockey facilities with the tennis club.
- Inclusion of gym and hydro therapy pool, building of a gym to be co-located with the swimming pool.
- Create local interest.
- This plan needs to look to the future 10+ years, not today.
- Opportunities exist with potential expansion of Gold Mine, Morton Seeds and CBH.
- Possible renovation and reuse of Town Hall.
- Grandstand at the Sportsground is old and not functional for the purposes of the community and sporting groups.
- There is a latent demand for good standard hockey facilities and people will travel over 100kms to access them if available.

From this summary the following key points are relevant to this study:

1. Opportunities exist for co-location of clubs at the Sportsground; this may include the Tennis, Cricket and Hockey clubs as well as some other community services.
2. Co-located facilities should investigate link with aquatic centre and provision of gym and hydrotherapy pool.
3. The future plan should present a 10 year vision and outline opportunities that may arise with potential expansion of Gold Mine, Morton Seeds and CBH.
4. Disposal, reuse and demolition of Shire owned facilities should be considered as part of this study.

## 8. Benefits of co-location

Sporting reserves have the potential to meet diverse needs of local communities, flexibility to change and evolve as communities change. Optimizing the use of community infrastructure that is often underutilised is a significant challenge for local government, as this infrastructure generally places a considerable burden on the Shire and the community in terms of cost and maintenance. Co-location of facilities can lower operational costs and maximise potential benefits to community through investment in multi-use sites that meet a range of community needs.



It is important that the Shire of Wagin use existing facilities where possible to reduce duplication and deliver optimal use of each facility. In order to achieve this optimization it is necessary to ensure the following are understood:

1. The demand in the local area for sporting and recreational pursuits .
2. The demographics of those wanting to participate in sport, recreational and community activities .
3. Greater flexibility in scheduling of fixtures and training provides opportunities to optimise facility usage.
4. Understanding the social demography of groups that have a good 'fit' together in terms of their administrative, social, sporting and other usage requirements.
5. Storage requirements of each club.

The 'cultural fit' between user groups sharing a facility is extremely important. Sharing of a common vision, values and purpose will benefit the long term success of the arrangement. Strong leadership and determining the governance structure to be implemented are critical steps in the process and must be clearly articulated from the outset.

The potential benefits of co-location and shared use include the following:

- opportunities for a highly visible profile and a unified presence within a community.
- participating groups to build better relationships and understanding.
- creation of a vibrant community hub that the community can identify with.
- better quality facilities in an accessible location than could be afforded by individual groups.
- access to a well-resourced facility with shared office infrastructure, which otherwise would be unaffordable for individual groups, e.g. access to meeting and training facilities, car parking.
- cost savings with sharing of expenses around utilities and other building and service supports e.g. maintenance, gardening, lease fees.
- increased purchasing power for facility due to multiple user groups based at facility.
- greater flexibility for purchasing capital or investment in upgrading can occur because of shared contributions, shared use and shared risk.
- reduction in vandalism/damage to property.

The challenges presented by co-location and shared use include the following:

- identifying and implementing an effective governance model framed by a shared vision and clear articulation of responsibilities.
- different groups will have varying expectations of the partnership.
- variations on resourcing available to each group.
- different skills and organisational requirements of each group.
- supporting and managing people.
- managing and monitoring costs.
- demographics of groups using the facilities (i.e. junior sport at a centre that is licenced to serve alcohol).

Resource sharing, particularly co-location arrangements, can be time intensive to establish, and require reserves of cash and capital as well as extensive staff management time. There may also be a time lag in realising the benefits. When benefits are realised, they may not be obvious to stakeholders, unless clear cost analysis and careful monitoring are maintained.

Working collaboratively can deliver a range of the benefits of partnerships for the user groups and their members.

## 9. Summary findings

From the previous sections the following summary findings are relevant to this report and are used to formulate recommendations for the Shire of Wagin Sport and Community Facility Needs Assessment:

- Compared to benchmark towns the Shire has a good range and standard of sporting club facilities, areas of potential future development include more proactive programming of facilities could be adopted to extend periods of use throughout the day.
- There is growing demand for participation in cricket and hockey. Co-location of cricket and hockey facilities with the tennis club would meet short and medium term needs of these clubs and enable them to benefit from shared resources and new facilities. All these clubs are currently or proposed to be located in facilities that require significant investment to bring them up to Building Code of Australia compliance. This should be the minimum standard adopted by local government for publically accessible buildings.
- The following opportunities exist to respond to the latent needs of clubs and the community in Wagin. These would fulfill the immediate and longer term requirements:
  - The grandstand, public toilets and scout hall at the Wagin Sportsground are in poor condition and currently are not fit-for-purpose.
  - Tennis courts are in poor condition and require resurfacing, tennis clubrooms are in poor condition and are not considered fit-for-purpose.
  - The swimming pool is currently being refurbished; facilities surrounding the pool could be better configured to optimise use of this facility.
- The clustering of existing facilities around Wagin Sportsground and in proximity to the pool represents a significant opportunity for establishing a year round community hub in this location. A new community hub established in this location may incorporate additional facilities such as a gym or hydrotherapy. Any proposal should also review the opportunity to relocate other Shire services as part of this development approach, including consideration of the following:
  - Youth Centre
  - Community Resource Centre
  - Early childhood and/or Community Health Centre
  - Shire administration and/or library.
- Consideration should be given to enabling members of the local community to 'age well in place' by providing universal access at Shire facilities and encouraging older people to participate in activities through targeted programmes that maintain a high standard of health and wellbeing.
- The Shire has a large portfolio of property, which is a significant liability in terms of ongoing costs associated with maintenance and management. Strategic review of this portfolio could achieve better outcomes with some of these assets for the local community. In particular a review of the old scout's hall and grandstand should be undertaken as a matter of urgency.
- Working with local clubs to proactively respond to declining participation rates in some clubs through looking at alternative programmes that offer running, cycling and general fitness activities.
- Any upgrade of community facilities would require review of alternate funding approaches such as private investment or disposal and sale of Shire property. Whilst funding is available from the Department of Sport and Recreation, the Shire should also investigate other means of raising capital to ensure their delivery.

The following section illustrates both options.

## 10. Exploring masterplan opportunities

The following illustration depicts some of the opportunities outlined in the previous section. Footprints shown are indicative only and require further feasibility assessment to determine viability of each option and their optimal configuration.



### Key

1. Relocate 8 tennis courts to north east end of Wagin Sportsground oriented in a north/south direction.
2. Demolish exhibition centre, grandstand, Scout's Hall and toilets.
3. Colocation hockey/tennis and cricket clubs in a shared two storey pavilion (in location currently occupied by grandstand, exhibition centre and scout hall). Create large undercover area suitable for indoor cricket, exhibition space for Woolarama and changerooms. In the space above establish clubroom facilities a viewing area.
4. Redevelopment/disposal of existing tennis club land (include as option use of land as RV and Caravan Park). (seek interest from bowling club to manage).
5. Alternative location beach volleyball.
6. Resurface of A Green Lawn Bowling Club.
7. Generate revenue by relocating library to new community hub, disposal of land and building with a requirement for reuse of existing building.
8. Redevelop existing pool precinct to incorporate gym, lawn volleyball courts, hydrotherapy, upgraded kiosk, toilets, changeroom, accessible toilet and changeroom, shaded seating, child activities, BBQ, storage and clubroom Swimming Club.
9. Potential location for future community hub, adopting principles of collation and benefit from excellent parking.
10. (not shown on map) Convert existing Town Hall and Lesser Hall into a community hub in the centre of town.

## 11. Funding and implementation

A range of funding options is available to the Shire to progress further analysis of these opportunities. These include partnering with government or business and exploring self-funding options. The Department of Sport and Recreation (DSR) have part funded a range of sport and recreation infrastructure in regional centres, approximately 60% of annual funding is allocated to regional centres. The table below provides a summary of relevant potential funding options for the Shire.

Funding source	Name of grant	Criteria	Amount
Lotterywest	Service accommodation and Community Facilities Grants	Deliver broad base access to community overall. Co-location and shared accommodation	Over \$1000
Active Ageing at the Local Level	Department of Local Government and Regional Development	Promotion of active involvement by ageing community members, focus on engagement.	No maximum
Sport Incentive Program	Australian Sports Foundation Ltd	Range of infrastructure, training and events.	No maximum
Community Sporting and Recreation Facilities Fund	Department of Sport and Recreation	Increase physical activity and levels of participation. Range of infrastructure, multi-marked courts, indoor courts, lighting, pools, tennis courts, pavilions facilities and bowling greens.	Forward planning grants up to \$600k over three years no more than 50% of total project cost.

Local businesses or new businesses can participate in funding of community infrastructure and should be approached with incentives, such as naming rights or joint publicity offers amongst other things. With a range of potential new businesses moving to or expanding in the region these companies should be approached early in the planning process to have agreements in place and clarity in terms of funds available for redevelopment of facilities.

The Shire can independently raise funds through:

- disposal of surplus land assets
- lowering liability and ongoing costs associated with its asset portfolio
- co-location of facilities and sharing of staffing resources

The options should be evaluated against the following criteria to establish their optimal viability and return on investment to the Wagin community.

- Lifecycle cost
- Functional performance
- Ability to be staged
- Third party funding sources criteria
- Levels of participation in sport
- Reduction in overall recurrent cost to the Shire
- Benefit to Shire and local community

The next phase of work undertaken by the Shire should establish the performance of both options against these criteria and undertake a feasibility assessment of the preferred option.

## Appendix 1 – Survey Results

An online survey was developed in consultation with the Shire of Wagin for local community, recreation and sporting groups to complete. Hard copies of the survey were also available for those groups unable to access the survey on line.

Of the 54 groups represented on the Shire of Wagin Clubs and Associations listing, 20 groups representing 675 members completed the survey. This is a response rate of 34% with 50% of those responding from sporting clubs. The remaining groups were a mixture of community service and activity provision groups.

The survey indicated that the Shire of Wagin has a rich history of clubs with two clubs operating for 100+ years with the remaining groups predominately forming between 1970 and 2009. Of the groups that responded 80% are incorporated with unincorporated groups having informal management structures in place.

The following is a summary of the key findings of the user groups survey.

### Q3C – What is the core business of your club or organization?

7 out of the 20 groups surveyed provided formal sport (training and competition)  
2 groups provided community education/personal development  
2 groups provided informal recreation activities  
3 groups provided community service activities  
5 groups listed their core business as 'other'.

Other included promoting the town, Youth facilities, preservation and learning of our past, showcasing the regions agriculture to a diverse audience.

### Q4A – Respondent clubs were asked to indicate trends in their membership numbers over the past 5 years

Clubs that indicated increases in members/participants over the past 5 years include:

Group	Increases in Membership from 2006 to 2010
Tennis Club	30 – 53 (75%)
Rotary Club	16 – 18 (13%)
Hockey Club Inc.	54 – 67 (24.5%)
Historical Society	26 – 28 (8%)
Golf Club	69 - 78 (13.5%)
District Cricket Club	50 – 56 (10.5%)
Community Resource Centre	30 – 61 (100%)

Clubs that indicated decreases in members/participants over the past 5 years include:

Group	decreases in Membership from 2006 to 2010
Gun Club	21 to 14 (75%)
Pony Club	27 - 14 (48%)
Football Club	65 – 45 (30%)

All other respondent clubs indicated stable membership numbers.

**Q.4B - Respondent clubs were asked to predict future membership numbers for next five years**

Clubs that predict significant increases in membership include:

Group	Projected increases in membership from 2011-2016
Gun Club	15 - 18 (15%)
Youth Centre	35 - 50 (40%)
Volunteer Bushfire and Rescue Brigade	47 – 51 (10%)
Tennis Club	50 – 62 (25%)
Hockey Club	87 – 98 (12.75%)
Aero Club	22 - 34 (50%)
CWA	16 – 20 (25%)
Community Resource Centre	60 – 80 (33%)

The Golf Club was the only group to project a decrease in future membership and seven groups (7) reported a stabilising of their membership

**Q5 – Respondent clubs were asked on what they had based their expectation of change in membership**

Those that projected an increase in membership based this on trends from previous years, the number of children coming to the age where they would join (i.e. junior cricket) and general interest in their club.

The Golf Club who predicts a decrease in numbers based this on the age of current members and a general decline in numbers.

**Q7 Respondents to specify the facilities used by their club/organisation, when they use them and what their activities are**

User Group	Facility Used	Activity conducted?	Months/days/times	Average number of participants
Playgroup	Recreation Centre	Parenting room and large function hall	Daily 9am-12pm School terms	20
	Playground	Outside play area	As above	As above
Aero Club	Wagin Airport	Training, recreational flying, social functions	Weekend afternoons and evenings all year	10
Agricultural Society	Wagin Sportsground	Social event, Agricultural Show	Use all year, peaking in March	20,000
	Boardrooms	Committee meetings, other small meetings	All year	30
Wagin Resource Centre	Own facilities	Computer usage, training, presentations, workshops, meetings, Westlink Broadcasts.	All year, 8.30am - 9pm Depending on what events or activities are on	10
	Wagin Town Hall	Spring and Autumn markets	April and November 7am- 3pm	600

User Group	Facility Used	Activity conducted?	Months/days/times	Average number of participants
<b>CWA</b>	Own rooms	meetings, functions and day care centre	All year, 3 <sup>rd</sup> Friday of every month from 10.00 - 1400	12
<b>Wagin Cycling Club</b>	No facility required			
<b>District Cricket Club</b>	Wagin Sportsground	Match Play	Oct- March Seniors Matches - Saturdays at 12:30pm - October – March	25+
	Cricket and Hockey clubrooms (ex Scout hall)	Social events (during and after matches and training sessions)	Usually after games - Saturday and Sunday afternoons and evenings	30-40
	Practice nets	Training	October - March Wednesday (juniors) at 4:30pm & Thursday (Seniors) 5:00pm for Training	10-20 (Seniors) 20-30 (Juniors)
<b>Football Club</b>	Wagin Sportsground	Playing games and training	Feb to September Game day 12.00pm to 5.00pm, Training 6.00pm to 8.00pm	200
	Wagin Recreation Centre Lounge	Home game activities, sale for food and drink, presentations and social events	February to September Weekends 8.00am to 10.00pm	100
	Wagin Home Changerooms & Club Rooms	Player meetings, player activities and training	February to September Game day 12.00pm to 6.00pm, Training 6.00pm to 8.00pm	40
<b>Golf Club</b>	Wagin Golf Course	Match play	April to October daylight hours only	Wed – 10 Thurs – 6 Saturday – 29
	Club Rooms	social events	April to October Wed, Thurs and Sat approx. 11.00am to 7.00pm	Wed 10 Thurs 6 Sat 20
<b>Historical Society</b>	Historical Village	Meetings	All year between 10am and 04pm daily	Varies
<b>Hockey Club</b>	Wagin Sportsground	Training & match play	March to September 4pm-8pm	25
	Clubrooms	Meetings & social	April – October 6pm-10pm	
<b>Junior Cricket Club</b>	Wagin Sportsground	Training & match play	Oct – March Junior Matches Sundays 10:00am	12
<b>Pony Club</b>	Wagin Pony Club Grounds	clubhouse, training and competition	Feb – November Rally once a month with competition in between. Local members use at their leisure	14 (40 with competition)
	Cross Country jumps next to Trotters training track	training over jumps	February to November	14

User Group	Facility Used	Activity conducted?	Months/days/times	Average number of participants
	Oval inside Trotters training track	Competition	March	70 plus spectators
Rotary Club	Lesser Hall	Meetings and Dinners	All year Mondays 6pm-9pm	16
Tennis Club	Tennis Clubhouse	Match Play, Coaching, Training	August, September, October, November, December, January, February, March, April 7am to 10pm	25
	Tennis Courts	Meetings, Social, Hosting Clubs and Members, Providing Facilities for Woolorama Exhibitors, and Cycle Club.	As above	As above
	Children's playground	Outdoor children's play	As above	As above
Toy Library	Toy Library Room, Eric Farrow Building	Storage and hire of Toys	All year Tuesdays, 9.30-11.30am weekly	15
Volunteer Bush Fire and Rescue Brigade	Fire Station	Training/meetings	All year Any day of the week	18
	Wagin Town Hall	Social Events	July	Varies
	Lawn Bowls	social events	Varies	Varies
Youth Centre	Wagin Youth Centre	youth meet, playpool, play Nintendo Wii, socialise, computer games etc.	All year Wednesday 3.30 - 6pm and Saturday 1pm to 6pm. Also any planned events.	25
Gun Club		Clay Target Shooting competitions	All year Sunday once a month	12

#### Q8 – How satisfied is your group with the facilities that you are currently using?

- 18 of the 20 groups surveyed were *satisfied* or *very satisfied* with the facilities they were using.
- The five (5) clubs who had shared use of the Wagin Sportsground (Football, Cricket, Hockey, Agricultural Society) were *satisfied* with their situation.
- The majority of clubs/group who had exclusive or single use of their facilities responded being *very satisfied* with the facilities they use
- Only one group (Playgroup) reported being *dissatisfied* due to restrictions on use of the Recreation Centre when other groups had booked space at the same time.

User Group	Facility Used	How satisfied are you with facilities?			
		Very satisfied	Satisfied	Dissatisfied	Very dissatisfied
Playgroup	Recreation Centre				•
	Playground				•
Aero Club	Wagin Airport	•			
Agricultural	Wagin Sportsground		•		

User Group	Facility Used	How satisfied are you with facilities?			
		Very satisfied	Satisfied	Dissatisfied	Very dissatisfied
<b>Society</b>	Boardrooms	•			
<b>Wagin Resource Centre</b>	Own facilities		•		
	Wagin Town Hall	•			
<b>CWA</b>	Own rooms	•			
<b>Wagin Cycling Club</b>	No facility required				
<b>District Cricket Club</b>	Wagin Sportsground		•		
	Cricket and Hockey clubrooms (ex Scout hall)		•		
	Practice nets		•		
<b>Football Club</b>	Wagin Sportsground	•			
	Wagin Recreation Centre Lounge		•		
	Wagin Home Changerooms & Club Rooms		•		
<b>Golf Club</b>	Wagin Golf Course	•			
	Club Rooms	•			
<b>Historical Society</b>	Historical Village	•			
<b>Hockey Club</b>	Wagin Sportsground		•		
	Clubrooms				•
<b>Junior Cricket Club</b>	Wagin Sportsground		•		
<b>Pony Club</b>	Wagin Pony Club Grounds	•			
	Cross Country jumps next to Trotters training track			•	
	Oval inside Trotters training track	•			
<b>Rotary Club</b>	Lesser Hall	•			
<b>Tennis Club</b>	Tennis Clubhouse		•		
	Tennis Courts		•		
	Children's playground		•		
<b>Toy Library</b>	Toy Library Room, Eric Farrow Building		•		
<b>Volunteer Bush Fire &amp; Rescue Brigade</b>	Fire Station	•			
	Wagin Town Hall		•		
	Lawn Bowls		•		
<b>Youth Centre</b>	Wagin Youth Centre	•			
<b>Gun Club</b>			•		

**Q8A – Please provide reasons for your level of satisfaction or dissatisfaction**

- 18 of the 20 groups surveyed were *satisfied* or *very satisfied* with the facilities they were using.
- The five (5) clubs who had shared use of the Wagin Sportsground (Football, Cricket, Hockey, Agricultural Society) were *satisfied* with their situation.
- The majority of clubs/group who had exclusive or single use of their facilities responded being *very satisfied* with the facilities they use
- Only one group (Playgroup) reported being *dissatisfied* due to restrictions on use of the Recreation Centre when other groups had booked space at the same time.

User Group	Facility Used	Reasons for your satisfaction or dissatisfaction?
<b>Playgroup</b>	Recreation Centre Playground	Extremely small area, confined to bookings of function area as to if we can use space or not. Inappropriate toilets for small children. No hand washing facilities for children. Overcrowded for all members to be present at once. Restricted in what activities we can do due to space and no kitchen facilities.
<b>Aero Club</b>	Wagin Airport	Clubhouse adequate for use and airstrip well maintained
<b>Agricultural Society</b>	Wagin Sportsground	Over \$250,000 has been contributed in recent years by the Society to improve the facilities
<b>CWA</b>	Own rooms	because they belong to the members of Wagin CWA
<b>District Cricket Club</b>	Wagin Sportsground Cricket and Hockey clubrooms (ex-Scout hall) Practice nets	Our oval is always kept nicely by the Shire of Wagin, the main pitch is new and in excellent condition. The Practice nets are being renovated currently for safety reasons and we have been handed the ex-Scout hall as club rooms which has been excellent for the club. Overall we are satisfied with the facilities we have but are always looking at maintaining and improving those existing facilities.
<b>Golf Club</b>	Wagin Golf Course Club Rooms	Club has been established in current location for 25 years.
<b>Historical Society</b>	Historical Village	Because it suits our requirements
<b>Hockey Club</b>	Wagin Sportsground Clubrooms	We're happy with our grass field. Our clubrooms are run-down. There are no toilets inside, and although we have showers, they are not changerooms. The only form of heating is a wood fire.
<b>Junior Cricket Club</b>	Wagin Sportsground	Could have more equipment, we get by with what we have.
<b>Pony Club</b>	Wagin Pony Club Grounds	Most of the area is great, Cross Country area is unkempt, club does not have manpower or funds to keep facilities to a higher standard
<b>Rotary Club</b>	Lesser Hall	Venue is ideal meeting place
<b>Tennis Club</b>	Tennis Clubhouse	Clubhouse is good. New Courts are good, Older Courts need improvement. Playground is average, could be improved.
<b>Toy Library</b>	Toy Library Room, Eric Farrow Building	Small but still functional
<b>Youth Centre</b>	Wagin Youth Centre	Wagin youth sought out and renovated the building. Wagin Youth Centre committee has shire support, and Wagin Ag society support (building owners) in running centre. Wagin youth involved in planning

User Group	Facility Used	Reasons for your satisfaction or dissatisfaction?
		and future aims of the centre.
<b>Gun Club</b>		The location of the grounds is perfect for the gun clubs requirements. Our clubrooms are adequate - they are not fancy by any stretch of the imagination but they serve their purpose well. Our ablution block is adequate for the most part but the club requires portable toilets on our one major weekend of the year (in February, attracting around 120 shooters from around our state). Our skeet houses require replacing and we are currently investigating possible grants to help us with this (skeet is one discipline of the clay target shooting sports).

### Q9 – What are the facility requirements desired of your club in order of priority

Each club has slightly different needs, however there were some common responses to this question. The most common responses included:

- Upgrading of the existing clubrooms
- Changerooms
- More storage
- Upgrade playing fields/surfaces/training area
- More rooms/meeting space/

User Group	Priority 1	Priority 2	Priority 3	Priority 4	Priority 5
<b>Playgroup</b>	Large indoor space	hand basins and toilets for children	outdoor play area that is fenced and secure	kitchen facilities	Storage space
<b>Aero Club</b>	Better tenure over hangar and clubrooms	Improvement of Aircraft hangar cladding and doors			
<b>Agricultural Society</b>	Accommodation for visitors	Air conditioning	Marquee hire	Equipment hire	Permanent rodeo arena
<b>Wagin Resource Centre</b>	Ease of access	road frontage	Room for social meeting/sharing	improved training facilities	
<b>District Cricket Club</b>	Fixing and improving the existing clubrooms	Ball Machine for training purposes	Upkeep of equipment for Juniors and seniors-	Uniforms for our junior teams	restoration of the current practice nets
<b>Football Club</b>	A safe, firm and well prepared playing surface	Good, enjoyable Club rooms with good viewing and protection from the elements	Social place with modern catering and bar facilities	Security	Need to run own independent bar and kitchen
<b>Historical Society</b>	we require a workshop	a railway station	a bake house	a hotel	workshop
<b>Hockey Club</b>	Changerooms (with showers & toilets)	Meeting / Social room			
<b>Junior Cricket Club</b>	provide cricket for juniors	develop junior	fun	social skills, leadership, communication	training and games

User Group	Priority 1	Priority 2	Priority 3	Priority 4	Priority 5
				skills etc.	
Rotary Club	Conference room	Storage room	Hall for big meetings	Hall kitchen for cooking	Toilets
Tennis Club	Improve children's play area.	New retic system and minor fencing	Resurface 2 hard courts	Provide lighting for 2 hard courts	
Toy Library	get built in shelving				
Volunteer Bush Fire and Rescue Brigade	meeting/training facilities	family safe	kitchen/bbq facilities	Ablutions	Bar/social area
Youth Centre	Space	Kitchen	Toilets	Outdoor space	Shed
Gun Club	Skeet houses	Extension to existing clubrooms	Better ablution blocks	Storage room	

#### Q9 – Does your club have any storage requirements at the facility you use?

17 Clubs responded with 3 saying they had no requirement for storage at the facility they use and 14 groups saying they had some storage with most saying they needed more storage room available on site.

Those that require storage indicated a need for lockable cabinets/cupboards, storage for equipment, training gear, filing cabinets to store club records and display cabinets for memorabilia

Of the five clubs that share facilities at the Wagin Sportsground only one group (Football) had a dedicated room for storage. Hockey and Cricket (Jnr and Snr) Clubs were both in need of storage on site as did Agricultural Society

#### Q10 – Are you able to share facilities with other clubs?

Nine (9) groups reported that they could share facilities and 7 of those groups already do share facilities. The other two groups who said yes were happy to consider. The other 7 groups said no they would not share facilities, main reason given was due to the activity/nature of the club i.e. Aero Club, Golf Club, Tennis Club require purpose built facilities, Gun Club can only share with other ballistic groups.

Several clubs noted a willingness to share club rooms with other groups

#### Q11 – Do you have any other comments regarding sport and recreation in Wagin?

Respondent groups provided a broad range of suggestions and comments relating to the provision of community sporting facilities.

#### Q11 – Do you have any other comments regarding sport and recreation in Wagin?

- "Generally well catered for but lacking in numbers for long term continuity"
- "Having new facilities doesn't necessarily increase population or sporting participate numbers. It's the practicality and functional use that is required. You can have a new building but not designed correctly therefore doesn't get full use. Areas need to be inviting and designed properly from the start having room for future development/extension in mind and to avoid financial burden and having a white elephant on your hands"
- "Lesser Hall is an excellent meeting venue for visiting guests."

- *“In relation to cricket the shire needs to upgrade the club rooms significantly”*
- *“The right sporting facilities, for each sport, need to be provided so as membership can increase and the club continues to grow. Financial constraints can be overcome by a successful club and shire”*
- *“Yes, I think there is a great need and desire for a gym, where our group and other sporting groups can get together and hop on the treadmill and keep actively fit together”.*
- *“Our community thrives on its sporting involvement and it is probably the biggest form of social life in our town for both young and older people, I am very passionate about my sport and would love to see as much help from the shire as possible to keep sport strong and alive in Wagin. Thank you”*
- *“We get great support from the shire and community of Wagin”*
- *“Our Club is finding it more and more difficult to attract young participants and also retain existing players. Football is the biggest sport played in Wagin and a lot of work from volunteers is required to run club. These volunteers are also becoming more difficult to find with too much left to too few”*

#### Summary of Survey:

- Shire of Wagin has an enthusiastic community who are well represented in sporting and community groups.
- 20 Clubs responded to the survey.
- The Clubs that responded represent membership/participation of 675 people which is 36% of the population of the Shire of Wagin.
- The majority of clubs increased membership in the last five years and expect growth into the next five years.
- Only one club projects a decrease into the future with the remaining groups stabilising in numbers.
- Currently groups sharing facilities are satisfied with their situation
- Groups who have exclusive / single use facilities are very satisfied with their situation
- All groups share facilities where possible and those that don't are happy to explore this
- Where unable to share facilities this is due to the nature of their activity/sport.
- Currently there are no major clashes of scheduling of groups in shared facilities
- Storage facilities at Wagin Sportsground could be improved to assist with storage of sporting equipment etc.

## Appendix 2 –Shire of Wagin staff, councilors and business leaders

A meeting with key council staff, local business leaders and Shire of Wagin Councilors was held at the Shire offices on Tuesday 30 August 2011. In attendance were:

- Cr Geoffrey West
- Cr Greg Ball
- Cr Joe Shaw
- Cr Ted Pugh
- Cr Gerard Heggarty
- Sue Dowson- Shire Rep
- Steve Donohue – Rotary and Real-estate
- Adam McGrath – Teacher of Sport and Rec
- Sgt Paul Lydiate – Police
- Carolyn Webster – Manager of Community and Regulatory Services
- Len Calneggia – CEO Shire of Wagin
- Cr Phil Blight
- Stuart Johansson – Shire Sport and Rec Manager
- Darryn Martin – Principal of Wagin District High School
- Brian Roderick – Manager Finance and Corporate Services
- Rebekah Cumming – Club Development Officer and Senior's Advocacy Officer

The meeting identified a range of areas for consideration including facility usage, shared use, new facilities, potential upgrading of some facilities sporting fields, club rooms and looking to opportunities both existing and potential.

The following points summarise the outcomes of the discussion:

- Wagin Sportsground – major co location facility
- upgrading of hockey and cricket club rooms
- Inclusion of gym and hydro therapy pool
- Create local interest, potentially move TAB to sportsground
- Creation of smaller rooms and bars at the sportsground with one large room with club and change rooms
- This plan needs to look to the future 10+ years, not today
- Opportunities exist with potential expansion of Gold Mine, Morton Seeds and CBH
- Possible renovation of Town Hall

### Appendix 3 – Focus groups with local Sporting Clubs and Associations

On the evening on Tuesday 30 August, a focus group meeting was held at Eric Farrow Pavilion with members of local clubs and associations. The local Clubs represented were:

- Golf Club
- Hockey Club
- Cricket Club
- Tennis Club
- Horse Riding and Pony Club
- Football Club

Staff from the Shire of Wagin in attendance:

- Carolyn Webster – Shire Manager of Community and Regulatory services
- Cr West
- Stuart Johansson - Shire Sport and Recreation Centre Manager / Football
- Brian Roderick – Football / Shire Manager of Finance and Corporate Services
- Rebekah Cumming – Club Development Officer

Key messages that emanated from this meeting were:

- Hockey and Cricket are currently using the Scout Hall which requires significant upgrading and would like to have the chance to upgrade their facilities
- Co-location of cricket and hockey facilities with the tennis club
- Building of a gym to be co-located with the swimming pool
- A sense of consultation fatigue was expressed by the group
- Grandstand at the Sportsground is old and not functional for the purposes of the community and sporting groups

## Appendix 4 – Shire of Wagin Clubs and facilities

<b>Sporting Clubs</b>	<b>Facility used</b>
Aero Club	Wagin Airport
Basketball (junior)	Recreation Centre
Bowling Club	Bowls Club
Clay target club	Designated area (no name assigned)
Cricket Club	Wagin Sportsground
Cricket Club (Junior)	Wagin Sportsground
Cycle Club	
Dance Club	
Dart Club (Mens and ladies)	
Football Club	Wagin Sportsground
Football Club Junior	Wagin Sportsground
Golf Club	Wagin Golf club
Great Southern Go Karts Club	Great Southern Kart Club
Hockey Club	Wagin Sportsground
Motor Cycle Club	
Netball club (junior)	Recreation Centre
Riding and Pony Club	Wagin Pony Club Grounds
Tennis Club	Wagin Tennis club
Trotting Club	Wagin Sportsground
Swimming Club	Wagin Swimming Pool