

COMMUNITY UPDATE - JULY 2026

Welcome to our July 2026 update providing our community with the latest news from the Yinnar Recreation Reserve (YRR) Committee of Management (CoM) on some important things that have been happening and are planned for the near future.

Female (netball & tennis) change room and public toilet project update

Many would be aware of this project being our highest priority for probably around a decade, a project that would see the construction of female friendly change room facilities for both netball and tennis, together with new public toilet facilities for the Reserve's western oval.

We are really pleased to be able to advise after what has seemed like a lifetime of lobbying and hard work that the project is about to become a reality. This is due to a real commitment from Latrobe City Council through both funding the concept design of the project and making it Council's number one priority to seek financial support through Sport & Recreation Victoria's Local Sports Infrastructure Fund. We were thrilled when SRV recently announced Council's application had been successful with SRV to contribute \$500,000 - with LCC to contribute \$1.1M.

The funding agreement between SRV and LCC has recently being signed enabling the project to proceed from concept design through to detailed design ready to go to tender. Timelines are being determined right now by Councils project team and will be advised firstly to user groups and then the broader community as soon as dates are known.

The concept plans developed to date are detailed below. An exciting development and exciting times particularly for our female sporting participants who after many years will now be able to change in facilities commensurate with 2026 community standards.





North tennis courts resurfacing

The asphalt north tennis courts were in a pretty sad state – not any more! They have been resurfaced as part of Latrobe City’s annual renewal program and will have the blue acrylic match surface applied just before the start of the season in October. This will see first class courts for our young tennis players – another very welcome capital works project delivered by LCC.

The first stage of the project is nearing completion with renewal of the asphalt base and installation of new net poles. Temporary line marking has been completed to enable tennis coaching to be undertaken next week.



The final stage will see the blue acrylic playing surface laid and new line marking and installed. The acrylic surface is the same as used for the US Open, so we reckon it should be right for Yinnar!

Recruitment of volunteers

Volunteers are everything to us, volunteers built the Reserve, volunteers maintain the Reserve, volunteers oversee operation of the Reserve. We have a great group of people who volunteer their time to ensure the reserve is always presented well and is a significant and valued asset for the Yinnar community. We are looking to recruit some new volunteers to add to our existing group as our numbers can always do with a bit of a top up!

Doesn't matter what your interest or skills are there will be something for you at the reserve right now and in particular we are looking for volunteers that might be able to assist with some grounds maintenance tasks to ensure the reserve public areas are well maintained and presented well. if you have any time to spare your contribution would be highly valued – want to know more please contact either Peter Quigley 0499 600 334 or Kevin Burrows 0412 193 631.

Committee of Management & community representative vacancies

The voluntary Committee of Management comprises members from our user groups and members from the wider community – including:

President – Kevin Burrows

Secretary / Treasurer – Peter Quigley

Community members – Brendan Chessum & Gordon Lont

Yinnar Football & Netball Club – Ryan Walsh & Dean Vandermeer

Raiders Cricket Club – Ken Hutchinson (2nd position vacant)

Yinnar & District Judo Club – Krystal Bond & Glenn Delaland

Yinnar Tennis Club – Kim Walsh (2nd position vacant)

We are particularly keen to add to the number of community representatives on the CoM and welcome anyone who wants to make a positive contribution to the reserve and the Yinnar community. There are only four CoM meetings for the year and a working bee from time to time – so not an overly onerous time commitment. Interested or want to know more - please contact either Peter Quigley 0499 600 334 or Kevin Burrows 0412 193 631.

Latrobe City Council Recreational Needs Analysis (RNA) process

Every three years Latrobe City Council conduct the RNA planning process to assist in the prioritisation and ranking of recreation future capital works projects. We have two projects that have been through the RNA process and are programmed for future delivery, these are:

1. Western Oval Multi Use Female Change Room & Public Utility Facilities Project (see above) – detailed design by LCC in progress, delivery 2006/27.
2. Western Oval Active Playing Area Drainage & Automatic Watering System Project – scheduled for 2027-28.

LCC called for expressions of interest earlier this year for the next round of RNA projects, two projects were submitted for YRR:

1. Eastern Oval pavilion change room modification – provision of female friendly change amenities. The project would see works to the existing 2 change rooms / showers etc to create 4 separately occupiable rooms within the existing building envelope,
2. Eastern Oval pavilion stage 2 works - support amenities comprising:
 - umpires change room
 - kitchen / canteen
 - multi propose / meeting
 - internal M & F toilets

Council is working their way through the significant number of projects submitted and are yet to advise projects that are to be prioritised. The CoM will share this information when received.

Recent improvement projects

There has been plenty happening in terms of capital works projects to improve facilities at the reserve. Projects that have been delivered recently are detailed in the following table which includes the major funding partners for each:

PROJECT	MAJOR PARTNERS
New Western Oval synthetic cricket pitch cover	YRR / RCC / YFNC
Travelling irrigator acquisition	Latrobe City / YRR
Eastern Oval pavilion water supply renewal	YRR / RCC / YFNC
Cricket practice nets improvement project	Cricket Victoria / Latrobe City / RCC
New seating for north tennis courts	Latrobe City / YTC
2 x new drinking water fountains servicing WO & EO	Latrobe City / Gippsland Water / YRR / YFNC
Security improvements including electronic access system, new alarms & sensors and CCTV, security shutters and gates installed	Latrobe City / Bendigo Bank Community Bank Mirboo North / YRR / YFNC



New drinking water fountains installed at both the eastern and western ovals



New seating for the north tennis courts



New synthetic cricket pitch cover installed on the western oval & travelling irrigator to keep it green all year



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It was great to visit Kevin and Peter from the Yinnar Recreation Reserve Committee of Management Inc., who recently received \$4,000 through our Community Investment Program to upgrade security at the Yinnar Recreation Reserve pavilion.

With this funding, the team has now introduced an electronic fob access system across all buildings at the Reserve, replacing the old bi lock setup. The upgrade has already made a big difference - improving asset security 🙌 and allowing lost or misused fobs to be cancelled instantly.

It's fantastic to see local volunteers strengthening community facilities with practical, future focused projects like this.

💡 If your community group has a project or idea that needs support, our next Community Investment Program round opens 1st September. [See less](#)



Cricket practice nets improvement project

Other news items:

- Latrobe City have advised now delivered all the road safety initiatives requested by the Committee of Management with the recent introduction of the 80 km/h speed limit. Thanks to Council's Traffic Engineers for listening to the CoM's concerns and delivering a safer Jumbuk Road pedestrian path between the Reserve and Township.



- Latrobe City have recently given community committees of management such as ours the opportunity to hand back operation and maintenance of their reserve to Council. This has been the request of some groups who have found it difficult to recruit volunteers and keep up with management responsibilities. Following consideration by the CoM our user groups and our volunteers, we elected to continue to maintain the reserve as a community-based volunteer committee. This was a view expressed strongly by our user groups and our volunteers who are proud of the standard to which they maintain the reserve presented to the community.
- The reserve is an 'off' leash area for dogs, however we do ask that appropriate control and supervision be exercised at all times. If you are exercising your pooch, and it goes without saying, your dog deposits must be taken home with you.
- We have tightened up on incidences of illegal dumping, including rubbish, soil / rubble & green waste. If you choose to dump rubbish of any nature at the reserve, which will be captured on CCTV, these incidences are being referred to either Latrobe City Council or Victoria Police when appropriate. Please utilise existing Latrobe City services or the Yinnar South transfer station if you have waste to dispose of.
- The CoM have implemented the State Governments Container Deposit Scheme with the blue top bins located throughout the reserve. All proceeds from the CDS go to our user groups, so if you have containers that are eligible for a refund, please drop them in any of the blue topped bins at the reserve.



- The reserve facilities are broadly available for higher to external parties and the easiest way to do this is to make an inquiry through the 'contact us' function on our website; yvr@tidyhg.com



*Thinking of the warmer days just around the corner,
free barbecues in the playground area provides a perfect family picnic option*

- The Reserve hosts many sporting events in addition to our user groups home and away matches. Where an event is held that forms part of our user groups governing body program (such as leagues / associations etc), the facilities are made available free of charge. This provides an incentive for organising bodies to come to Yinnar and along with the event, a number are visiting Yinnar for the first time and are exposed to its vibrant community, organisations and businesses. Some recent events include the Mid Gippsland Football & Netball Grand Final (pic below), and many made the trip during cricket season to participate in the Sophie Molineux Cup, the Kookaburra Cup, Latrobe Valley Cricket League B & C grade grand finals & Dandenong V Gippsland Pride trial game.



Position Vacant - Administration Officer (casual)

We are seeking the assistance of a local committed to serving the Yinnar & District community as our CoM Admin Officer. This is a casual position paid on an hourly rate with key duties as detailed in the position description – request a copy via the 'Contact Us' function on our website

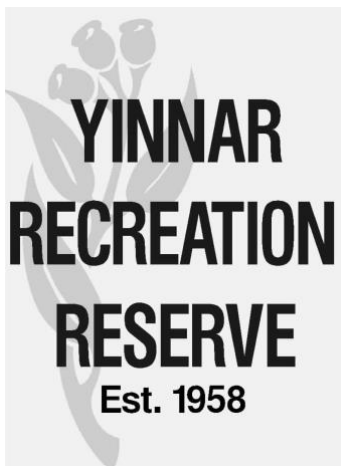
https://yrr.tidyhq.com/public/contact_us

Latrobe City Council Free Wi-Fi

The Reserve has recently benefited from expansion of Latrobe City's Free Wi-Fi service which covers the entire Reserve, a very welcome initiative from Council.



Another fairly impressive Yinnar sunset across the Reserve



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