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Open Space, Sport and Recreation Plan 2017-2027 Trails Issues Paper

About this document

This document is one of the a series of documents prepared for the Open Space, Sport and Recreation Plan prepared for Waratah Wynyard and Circular Head Councils.

Other documents prepared for this plan include the following:

- Demanding Consultation Findings
- Planning Framework And Core Service Levels
- Open Space And Outdoor Recreation Issues Paper
- Indoor Sports And Recreation Issues Paper
- Community meeting/ hall/ public toilets
- Occupancy Agreements, Usage, And Fees And Charges Issues Paper
- Smithton Sports And Recreation Precinct Master Plan
- Stanley Showground Master Plan
- Wynyard Recreation Ground And Precinct
- Frederick Street Recreation Reserve

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1. Introduction

Off-road trails: Definition

Off-road trails are paths (sealed or otherwise) that are provided in public open space, nature strips, rail easements or open space corridors, and are not on-road lanes. These provide for cycling, recreational activities such as running, skating or walking that are not allowed on the road under Australian Road Rules. Off-road trails do not include formal BMX tracks or cycle sports facilities only provided for competition cycle or motor sports.

There are generally three types of off-road trails:

- Perimeter paths around parks
- Paths along corridors such as coastal foreshores, river corridors, and former rail and tramway corridors
- Circuits around rural settlements, urban areas / town

▪ Park perimeter paths / exercise circuits



▪ Paths along corridors such as coastal foreshores, river corridors, and former rail corridors



▪ Trails around the streets and local spaces



Benefits of trails

Trails have the potential to provide participation opportunities to both residents and visitors.

Off road trails are likely to be used by more people than any other type of recreation facility –and by both local residents and visitors.

Trails can be easily integrated into communities, assist people moving around the neighbourhood and allow people of all ages and abilities to use them at minimal cost.

Trails encourage physical activity, and contact with nature. They can be provided relatively cost effectively and serve a variety of activities and assist young people and older adults who are not able to drive to move around a neighbourhood.

Trails are important for health and environmental purposes. The provision of trails:

- Can encourage people to adopt regular physical activity patterns.
- Can link community infrastructure such as schools with residential areas and other local and tourist destinations.
- Can be provided (or existing ones promoted) so as to encourage

more challenging physical activities, e.g. hill climb, stairs for training, single track for recreational mountain biking etc.

- Can encourage people to go outdoors - through green corridors and to scenic locations that have mental health and well-being benefits.
- Can encourage people to cycle or walk instead of taking the car. Hence they reduce greenhouse gas emissions.
- Enables children, older adults, people using mobility aids and young adults without transport options to get to friends and family, community facilities and sport.
- Help establish life long skills and patterns of physical activity, as well as sustainable transport.
- Offer opportunities for events that promote the unique strengths of the region, and physical activity – e.g. “gone nuts“ events that promote scenic coastline and trail running.

Recommendations:

1. Acknowledge trails as recreation infrastructure that have a positive impact on the health and wellbeing of the community, as well as tourism and assets that can be used by everyone, regardless of age or ability.
2. Consider trails as a priority type of recreation infrastructure for all localities with visitor accommodation, scenic or heritage attractions and settlements other than rural hamlets (see open space planning framework).
3. Map and promote key perimeter paths, corridor trails and local circuit trails around settlements, and publish information about each (similar to the current information available on the Waratah-Wynyard scenic walks brochure).
4. Provide and promote trails that offer different levels of physical challenge, e.g. those with stairs or hill climbs, suitable for mountain bikes, suitable only for walking, suitable for wheel chair users, suitable for dogs, suitable for horses, etc.
5. Develop and complete trails and trail circuits along key scenic routes and regional links along former rail lines, the coast as well as river corridors.
6. Promote and support trail events that encourage tourism and physical activity.
7. Ensure that all new projects that include open space consider the opportunity to provide a trail corridor (as per the Wynyard Foreshore Development Master Plan).

levels and participate in more organised sport.

- Addressing inactivity and sedentary behaviours in this group will have positive impacts on the next generation.
- Potential Initiative No 3: identifies that: Accessible and amenable physical environments and infrastructure are an important means to support and encourage people to increase their physical activity.
- The Government could increase its investment in sports and outdoor physical infrastructure to encourage people to participate in more organised sport and build more physical activity into their daily routine.

TAS Walking and Cycling for active transport Strategy 2010

- Statistically cyclists and people walking have an increased risk of injury or death, when riding on the road -contributing 10.3% of road fatalities annually.
- The Walking and Cycling for Active Transport Strategy's seven priority areas are:
 - Supportive land use systems that encourage walking and cycling.
 - Improved infrastructure and facilities to support walking and cycling.
 - Improved safety for pedestrians and cyclists.
 - Improved policy and planning that ensures that walking and cycling needs are considered.
 - Better coordination and collaboration with stakeholders.
 - Better understanding of walking and cycling needs and pattern.
 - Creating a walking and cycling culture.

2. Policy and Planning Context

Healthy Tasmania Five Year Strategic Plan Draft December 2015

- Potential Initiative No 2: identifies that: The Tasmanian Government also could look to develop new ways to incentivise increasing physical activity levels. This could include initiatives to encourage children, young people and families, particularly in lower socio-economic areas, to increase their physical activity

The 'Trails Tasmania Strategy' 2007

- The 'Trails Tasmania Strategy' emphasises six key strategies, each of which has associated actions. The strategies are:
 - Clear leadership and responsibility for trails.
 - Improved coordination of trail development.
 - Better planning for trails.
 - Innovative trail development.
 - Efficient marketing and promotion of trails.
 - Increased funding and resources for trail planning, development, management and marketing.

Get Moving Tasmania Plan 2006

- An initiative of the Premier's Physical Activity Council, the Get Moving Tasmania Plan promotes the merits of physical activity and the development of built and natural environments that encourage communities to be active.
- A specific objective of the plan is the health and welfare of Tasmanians.
- With Australia's second lowest exercise and physical participation levels many Tasmanians are at great risk of poor health.

The Self Guided Cycling Map Of Tasmania 2010

The self-guided cycling map of Tasmania 2010 does not include any routes in Wynyard Waratah or Circular Head.

The North West Coastal Pathway- Wynyard to Burnie Cradle Coast Authority 2010

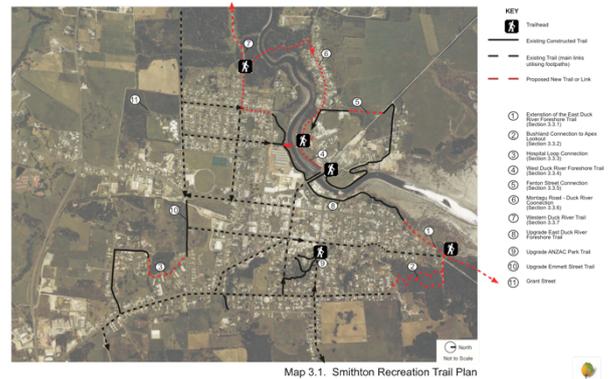
- The coastal pathway is the key off road trail project in the North West region with the potential to provide fundamental infrastructure to enable safe and convenient exercise for all ages in a variety of settings, for residents and visitors
- A priority for the trail is to get cyclists away from the busy Bass Highway.
- The intent is to use the rail easement along the coast. The priority section is between Burnie and Wynyard. With the possibility of extending this north to Stanley.
- The Wiltshire Line that has not been used since 2003 offers a key opportunity to complete the project if it were to be made available for the purpose of a trail.

Local government Plans

Stanley and Smithton Trails Plans

- Circular Head Council sought to integrate a number of regionally focused documents into Recreation Trails Plans for the towns of Smithton and Stanley.
- The two documents provide the Council with a guide for the future management, development, maintenance and promotion of recreation trails in the Stanley and Smithton areas.
- CH Council is progressively completing the trails identified in the Smithton and Stanley Trails plans –(with the exception of the route from Smithton to the coast).

The following images show the planned routes in the above plans.



Map 3.1. Smithton Recreation Trail Plan



Map 3.1. Stanley Trail Plan

The Stanley Tourism Precinct has 35 walks (15 managed by Forestry Tasmania 19 by Parks and Wildlife) 28 of the trails are classified as tracks. A large proportion of these trails are managed by Forestry Tasmania.

The Draft Open Space Sport and Recreation Strategy 2016

In this project @leisure have assessed likely high level routes for off road trails and perimeter paths and provides these on locality maps. These build on previous trails plans and are provided in the attachments to this report.

Recommendations

8. Complete the local trail plans and add routes suggested by this plan (See attachments)
9. Ensure ongoing support for the recommendations of the Trails Tasmania Strategy, Stanley and Smithton Trails Plan, North West Coastal Pathway (Wynyard to Burnie) and Smithton to Stanley.
10. Ensure trails projects in the Waratah Wynyard and Circular Head local government areas consider:
 - The need for promotion
 - Management strategies for all trails
 - Opportunities for stewardship and residents' input into maintenance.
11. Work with Parks to promote the Waratah/Wynyard and Circular Head region by highlighting each trail's unique attributes as a point of difference to attract visitors.

3. Demand for trails

Potential participation and use of trails

Off-road trails have potential to be used by more people in Wynyard/Waratah and Circular Head for recreation purposes than any other facility. State participation rates suggest that 16,000 people could be expected to use off-road trails for walking, running, cycling, triathlon and roller sports in WW and CH.

Table 1 below shows potential numbers of people who may use trails in Waratah Wynyard and Circular Head. The figures highlight the collective participation levels of activities such as walking, running and riding and the flexibility of trails as multi-functional recreation assets.

The potential use of trails in 2016 is three times that of any other facility, significantly greater than the next best level of usage, being indoor gym, fitness and dance facilities. In 2016, potential users of trails may be as many as 16,000 residents.

Table 1. Potential number of people likely to use off-road trails in Waratah Wynyard and Circular Head Council ¹

Facility Type	CH 2016	WW 2016	Total 2016
Cycling Total	1833	2948	4781
Cycling Other – Road/Track	587	1112	1699
Cycling BMX	222	234	456
Cycling MTB	123	232	355
Walking (bush)	581	1073	1654
Walking (other)	2479	4578	7057
Skateboarding / Roller sports	1409	1457	2867
Total Probable	6302	10056	16359

¹ Based on State participation rates from ABS (aged 15+) and ERASS (aged 5-14 yrs.)

Membership of clubs

There are few organised groups that are using trails with the exception of walking clubs, BMX clubs and casual mountain bike riders, and guided tour groups.

Community views and preferences regarding trails

Suggestions made related to trails in the community and stakeholder engagement process included the following:

- Commencement of multi user coastal trail from the Wynyard Airport to Smithton Airport via the North and West Coasts
- Make use of the Forestry road network
- Walking track along the Bass Highway between Britton's Road and Nelson Street
- Walking track around the Edge of the World and Church Rock
- Vehicular access to the surf beaches north and south of Mount Cameron
- Designate road cycling routes within the municipality

Circular Head:

Householder survey findings

- More than half the respondents requested that more off-road trails be built.
- 58 % of survey respondents suggested that existing trails are not up to standard.
- 50 % of respondents identified the development of multi-use tracks to compensate for the shortage of cycle lanes and paths that connect running trails.

The householder survey identified a number of suggestions for trail locations and improvements. These included:

Smithton

- Smithton to the beach-walking track (Track 501) -was promised by Government (Emmett St to 7 Mile beach (north of the river)
- Smithton to Northern Beaches.
- Smithton walk that follows the river to the wharf and town should be extended.
- Smithton to Stanley trail.
- Trail between Stanley and Smithton.
- Mountain bike trails at Briant Park
- Access to the beach from Smithton to the mouth of the Duck River (by causeway or land)
- Circular Head-Better walking trails around town-extend the current one, longer walking tracks boardwalk is great but not long enough.
- Walking track to beach from Smithton
- Cycle track around the Tall Timbers Circuit
- Anthony's beach needs toilets to make it a walking venue
- From Emmet Street Smithton to 7 Mile Beach trail extended

Stanley

- Walking cycling trail through Old Stanley Road to the Highway and beyond to Seven Mile Beach and Stanley

Other Areas

- Trails around Smithton and Redpa.
- Trails along rail corridors, and linkages between these.
- Cycle trail around the Rapid River loop.
- Walking Trails in rural areas not just Smithton and Stanley
- Trail markers and route info is required for all trails
- Coastline trails and Tarkine
- Bike path to Burnie via rail trails
- Walking tracks along the river should be extended.
- Walking trails in rural areas

- The walking trail at Redpa (Dismal Stump) has been removed, therefore more trails are required.

Other suggestions made by residents related to trails:

- Improved trail signage.
- Better promotion of mountain biking.
- Trails for all terrain vehicles.

Waratah / Wynyard:

Householder survey

- Trails should emphasise history
- Approximately 29% of respondents currently use off-road trails in Waratah Wynyard
- Half of the community respondents requested more trails in Waratah Wynyard.
- Around 33% of the respondents said that should more cycle/walking tracks be built, they would undertake more activities than they currently do.
- High quality, well-promoted trails were raised as a reason for the region to become a trails destination.
- Develop existing trails to showcase history of the town.
- Some 25% of respondents said that there was a shortage of multi-use pathway trails.
- Mountain bike trails would provide an excellent opportunity for young people.
- Develop the trail between Boat Harbour Beach and the Postman's track.
- Recreation facility improvements desired by respondents included reusing the old rail route as a cycleway.
- More than 95% of respondents from Waratah Wynyard said they would use a continuous shared coastal pathway between Wynyard and Somerset. The majority of people (50%) would use it for walking, 30% for cycling and 18% for running.

- The householder survey identified a number of suggestions for trail locations and improvements. These included:

Wynyard

- Lighting on trails in CBD
- Lowe Street Footpath in Wynyard is stand alone, the network should be completed
- Wynyard to Burnie Trail (rail trail).
- Further development of Inglis River Wynyard and Calder River trails.
- Multi user coastal trails from Wynyard Airport via north and west coast to Strahan Airport (Camping, walking, hiking and 4 wheel drive and All-terrain vehicle users).
- Additional seats and shading along trails.

Other Areas

- In Yolla, a shortage of walking trails has been identified.
- It has been suggested to extend the main footpath in Yolla.

Other suggestions

- Organising volunteers to undertake maintenance on the trails.
- Linking the rail trails would contribute to the local economy.
- Investment in mountain bike trails. A quality track would have a regional catchment.
- Organisations responding to the online survey identified more interesting bike tracks, better promotion and linkage of activities as opportunities to meet the needs of the wider community.

4. Existing trails

Off-road trails, routes and paths

The images below provide an overview of some of the documented trails that are currently accessible and promoted to residents and visitors of Wynyard, Waratah and Circular Head. One consolidated map for cycling trails and walking trails would be advantageous.

The walks vary in natural features and terrains including coastal areas, rivers and in one case walk around the Nut geological feature.

The maps prepared for this plan indicate the key known trails as well as the proposed routes for trails.



Image: Former Train Lines Tasmania



Image: Former Train Lines North West Tasmania

5. Opportunities and gaps

Opportunities and gaps identified by community groups from interviews are detailed below.

Opportunities

When discussing opportunities the key focus was on:

1. Advocacy for the development of rail trails.
2. Development of the Coastal Pathway.
3. Improving existing off-road trails, rather than establishing new routes, particularly road verges/footpaths.

Other opportunities identified include:

Complete circuits both around large reserves and by connecting existing trails around the townships

Utilise the former railway and tramway routes. It is understood that the transfer of rail lines to Councils for rail trails is generally supported in the North West.

In the short term, facilitate access and wayfinding to rail and tram way corridors that are rideable

Promote existing trails and who or what activities they are best suited for

Develop trails in the Burnie -Somerset area due to the higher numbers of commuters and visitors

Extend the current walking route in Smithton that follows the town, wharf and river further down the river

Develop a Smithton to Stanley trail

Prioritise funding for urban trails, to help ensure a greater likelihood of success

Bring in initiatives to increase the number of commuters in townships and school children accessing trails

Advocate incremental improvements to key trails that are developed in separable and manageable portions -(possibly add) to maximise public support and reduce complete trail closures

Build links and utilise consultation to ensure a community driven approach to trail development

Applications like Strava and other riding, running or horse riding mapping systems can assist Council to determine where people are going, and to sign the most common routes even if dedicated trails can't be built.

When analysing locally mapped activity on Strava, the following aspects were identified:

Smithton has a variety of long and short routes, with many that provide a natural circuit. The majority of these start south heading towards Irishtown or west across the river and past either side of the airport

The Nut State Reserve is a popular trail in **Stanley**. The circuit heading north along Godfrey's Beach and back into town past the Visitor Centre also shows significant use

Wynyard has a popular mountain bike trail running centrally along the river bank. There are several longer cycling circuits, primarily heading south to Yolla or north-west past Table Cape

Waratah has several popular cycling routes that offer the opportunity for significant climbs

Somerset has significant use of cycling routes along the coast to both the west and east

Gaps

The key gaps identified in the preparation of this plan are:

The lack of organised (cycling, walking etc.) groups in the north-west is likely to be limiting advocacy, support and the collective impact on policy makers

Lack of footpaths and information in most towns limits the motivation to cycle and walk, and creates barriers for people with a disability to enjoy the outdoors

The lack of appropriate lighting on trails in urban areas is likely to be limit walking, especially for older people

The lack of trails that form a circuit are likely to limit motivation to walk for exercise

There is a lack of integrated documentation about path / trail routes and networks in larger regional parks or areas of open space

There are limited formalised trails for mountain biking, even though the opportunities to ride are considerable

Some publically accessible tracks have closed in regional parks due to the lack of resources and native title constraints

Recommendations

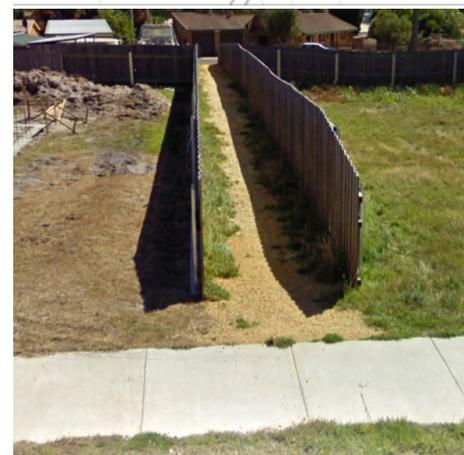
12. Pursue the following key focus points for trails in Waratah/Wynyard and Circular Head:
 13. Advocacy for the development of rail trails.
 14. Development of the Coastal Pathway.
 15. Prioritise the coastal pathway through to Wynyard and then connecting with the airport and other destinations of interest in the vicinity.
 16. Improving existing off-road trails, rather than establishing new routes, particularly road verges/footpaths.
 17. Ensure the continued development and upgrade of circuits around Smithton and Stanley.
 18. Prioritise the extension of the trails network using disused railway lines heading towards the south-west.
 19. Encourage volunteer involvement in the development, maintenance and management of trails.
 20. Pursue the commitment to improving the standard of trails to assist in promoting the region as a destination for walkers and cyclists.
 21. Facilitate the collaboration of the camping and trails strategies to expedite the development of the region as a destination for visitors.
 22. Upgrade marketing of routes and trails signage.
 23. Ensure that perimeter trails are incorporated into the development of all large areas of public open space.

6. Design of future trails

In recent years the design of some subdivisions such as the Council subdivision in Sisters Beach (see below) has necessitated leaving narrow, unappealing paths that are difficult to maintain and have likely limited use.

Grid street patterns would reduce the need for narrow trail connections. Wider open space corridors should be provided with trails, as these will allow the development of other environmental and social benefits.

Figure 1 Sisters Beach subdivision layout and narrow trail connections



Guiding principles for future trails

Trail surfaces should be suitable for specific activities:

Running: un-sealed

People with prams/wheel chairs, and small wheeled toys: sealed

Skating: wider and sealed

Signage should be added to highlight which activities each trail is suitable for.

Trails should be mapped and signposted.

Urban off road trails with substantial traffic should be lit to increase usage and improve the perceptions of safety.

New trail corridors should be at least 10m wide to enable:

Buffers and right of way on either side of the trail

Canopy trees within the trail corridor

Path width of 2.5 metres

In the main townships, residences should be within 800m of an off-road trail/shared path.

Unsealed paths should be of consolidated gravel pavement – and not screenings or Lilydale toppings where the fines will wash away and leave surfaces that are difficult to walk or wheel on and unsuitable for older adults.

Recommendations

24. Include trail design recommendations / regulations as part of the land development policy.
25. Ensure all future trail corridors are at least 10 metres wide, and include Buffers and right of way on either side of the trail
26. Canopy trees within the trail corridor
27. Increase wayfinding and signage to inform users about trail locations, including what activities they are suitable for.
28. Lighting on key trails in CBD e.g. Gutteridge gardens and along the river in Smithton.
29. Ensure a suitable surface is used for unsealed trails

7. Marketing and promotion

Increased and correct usage of off road trails can be greatly enhanced through the use of a focused marketing and promotional plan.

Currently there is no comprehensive source for information relating to off-road trails or a standardised approach to promoting their location or suitability for certain activities. Integration between Council and TAS Parks is required to provide the required information and promotion, to enhance the use of existing and future trails.

Both residents and tourists should be able to find information on trails easily before undertaking a journey. Their travel should be aided while on the trail with clear and well-positioned wayfinding and signage.

Trails should also be marketed and promoted as a form of recreation and transport, to inform those who may not be aware of their accessibility. This will not only bring health and wellbeing benefits, but will also encourage a more sustainable approach to commuting.

Technology should be embraced as a tool to support use of off road trails. This should include a website and app that provides maps and information on trails. There is also the opportunity to embrace social media to provide a platform for casual users to connect and organise group activities on the trails network.

Recommendations

30. Work with Parks to amalgamate existing trails information and produce a single source of information.
31. Run a marketing campaign to promote the use of existing trails to residents.
32. Produce promotional material that can be used to attract tourists to the trails network.
33. Position trails markers and route info on all major coastal trails.
34. Produce signage and promotional materials to highlight what activities each trail is suitable for.
35. Investigate creating a technological solution to the provision of mapping and trail information.

Attachment 1: Off-road trails proposed by Council and others

Name of Trail	Catchment	Distance	Features	Comments
Wynyard				
Sisters Beach				
Anniversary Bay	Local	3 km	Easy walk Two hours	Excellent views Two caves Beach section (pure white sand)
Postmans Track	Local	3.7km	One hour walk (one way)	Elevated walk. Views of the coast
Boar Harbour				
Beach Coastal Walk			Medium to difficult Links with Postmans Track Three hours (one way)	Transverses small coves and beaches Excellent coastal views
Shelter Point		800m	Walk out to point	Fishing and diving possible along the track.
Table Cape (Lighthouse and Lookout)			45 minute return walk	Clifftop walk.
Inglis River Track Bridge Circuit		6 km	Circuit walk	Follows forested banks of Inglis River.
Fossil Bluff- Foreshore Walk			40minute walk	From Richard Gutteridge Gardens, along the shore to a cave (at low tide) and up to the bluff).
East Wynyard Foreshore Walk		3 km		From the mouth of the Inglis River to Port Creek.
Somerset Somerset Foreshore and Cam River Track			1,400m track	Concrete pathway along foreshore at Somerset.
Gutteridge Gardens		5 km	Various start and exit	River walk to Cape Bridge.

Name of Trail	Catchment	Distance	Features	Comments
/Inglis River			points for this walk.	Cape Bridge first bridge constructed 1861. Former location of settlement (Alexandria). York Street Reserve 16.3 hectares of Eucalypt Forrest.
Gutteridge Gardens to Fossil Bluff		3 km	One way walk	Bicentennial Track follows the northern bank of the Inglis River. Fossil Bluff is a geological monument of Tasmania.
Wynyard Wharf to Doctors Rocks		6km	2-3 hours	Can reduce the walk time either by returning along the road or beach. Moored fishing boats in the wharf. Many geographical and historical features.
Rocky Cape National Park				
Dip Falls Walk			Ten min. walk to base of the falls Five minutes to the Big Tree	Big Tree is a Brown Top Stringy Eucalypt measuring 62 meters. Some facilities provided.
Waratah				
Philosopher Falls			One hour required for walk	Well-formed path. Viewing platform overlooking Philosopher Falls.
Hellyer Gorge			River Walk 10 minutes Old Myrtle Forrest Walk 15 minutes	Toilets and picnic area Mystic atmosphere and many species of fungi.
Magnet Track Road			Five hours return	4 wd access only Ruins of Magnet Silver Mine (fossicking opportunities).
Corinna Walks (Small settlement on the Pieman River)				

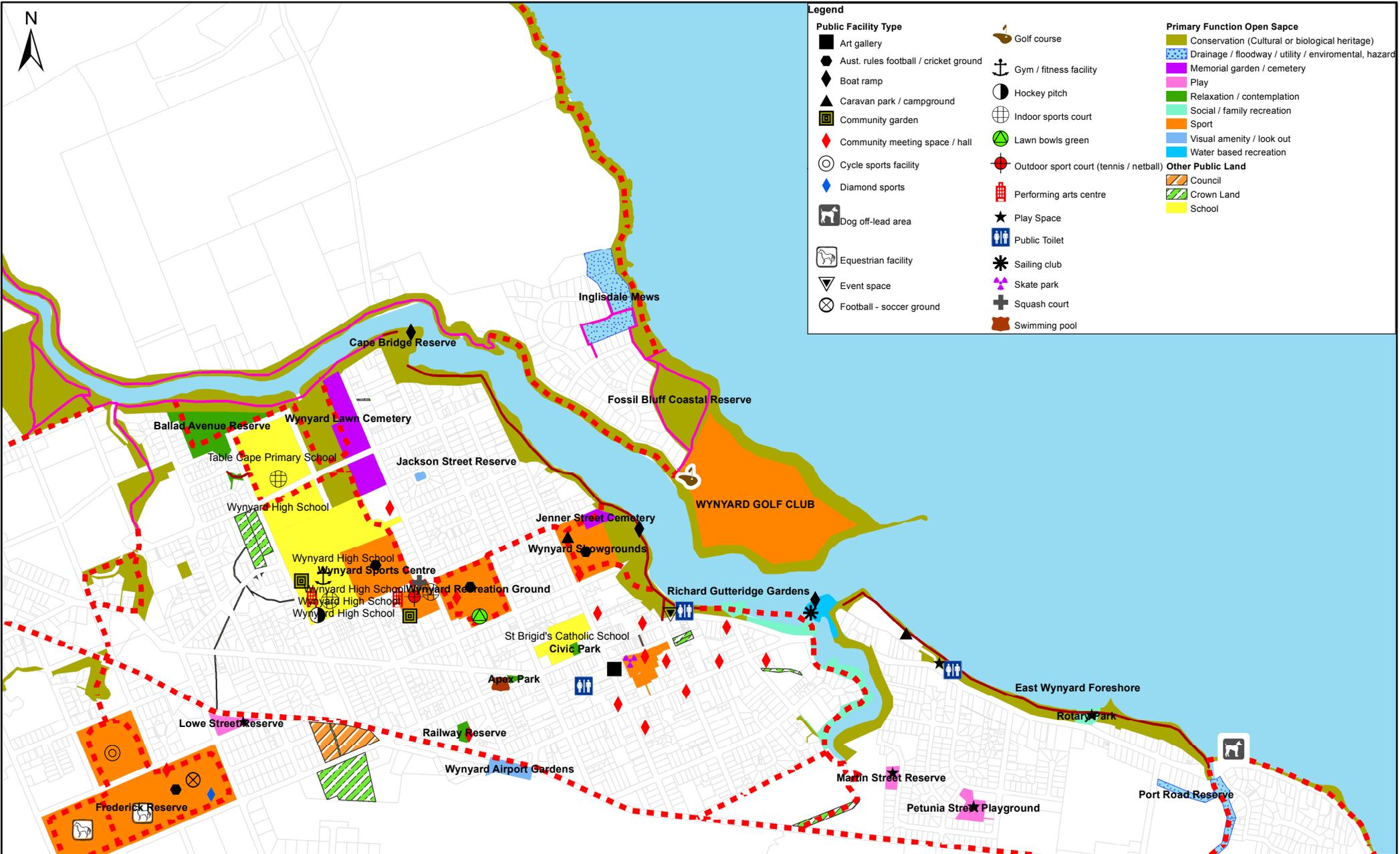
Name of Trail	Catchment	Distance	Features	Comments
Walk 1			15 minutes	Leads to 200 year old 46 foot high tree fern. Platform to photograph tree fern.
Walk 2			2.5 hours	Huon Pine rain forest Forrest with many canopy levels Yabbie City.
Walk 3		1 km	Need to take cruise down Pieman River	Ocean views. Many logs at the river mouth that have washed down the river during floods.
Walk 4			Southern side of Pieman River	Remains of early settlement.
Milk Shakes Hill				Shelters, picnic area and BBQ's. Lookout is a worthwhile climb.
Julius River Rain Forrest			30 minute walk. Two easy walks	Beautiful reserve. Sinkhole Country. BBQ, Picnic Shelter and Toilet Facilities.
Lake Chisholm Reserve		500m track		Lake is a permanently flooded sinkhole Large, still, deep pool of water. Picnic and camping facilities. Excellent black fish and trout fishing.
Circular Head				
Greenhills Dovecote Road Loop,	Local		40mins to 1 hour to complete the loop. Of moderate difficulty	Passes Highfield Historic Site. Transverses rural landscapes Coastal Views Suitable for cyclists.
Stanley Heritage Walk	Local		45 mins to 1 hour to complete loop	Informal walk that is defined by the old village. Number of different route options. Interesting from a historical perspective

Name of Trail	Catchment	Distance	Features	Comments
The Nut (Lower Loop Walk)	Local		40 minute	Popular with locals Fire trails make up the loop. Condition of path is poor in places. Good views of the southern face of the Nut.
Nut Summit Circuit	Local		One hour Moderate to difficult walk.	Well promoted walk (listed in the 60 great short walks brochure) Spectacular views from various lookouts. 360 degree views. Regular maintenance required on some paths.
Sawyer Bay Foreshore Trail	Local		Sawyer Bay to Stanley Marina	Recently developed. Bins along trail. Popular with both residents and visitors.
Godfreys Beach Walk	Local		40 Mins return Considered an easy walk	Provides scenic views of the Nut. Geological formations known as Tufa's. Aboriginal midden sites known to be in the area.

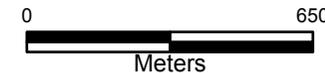
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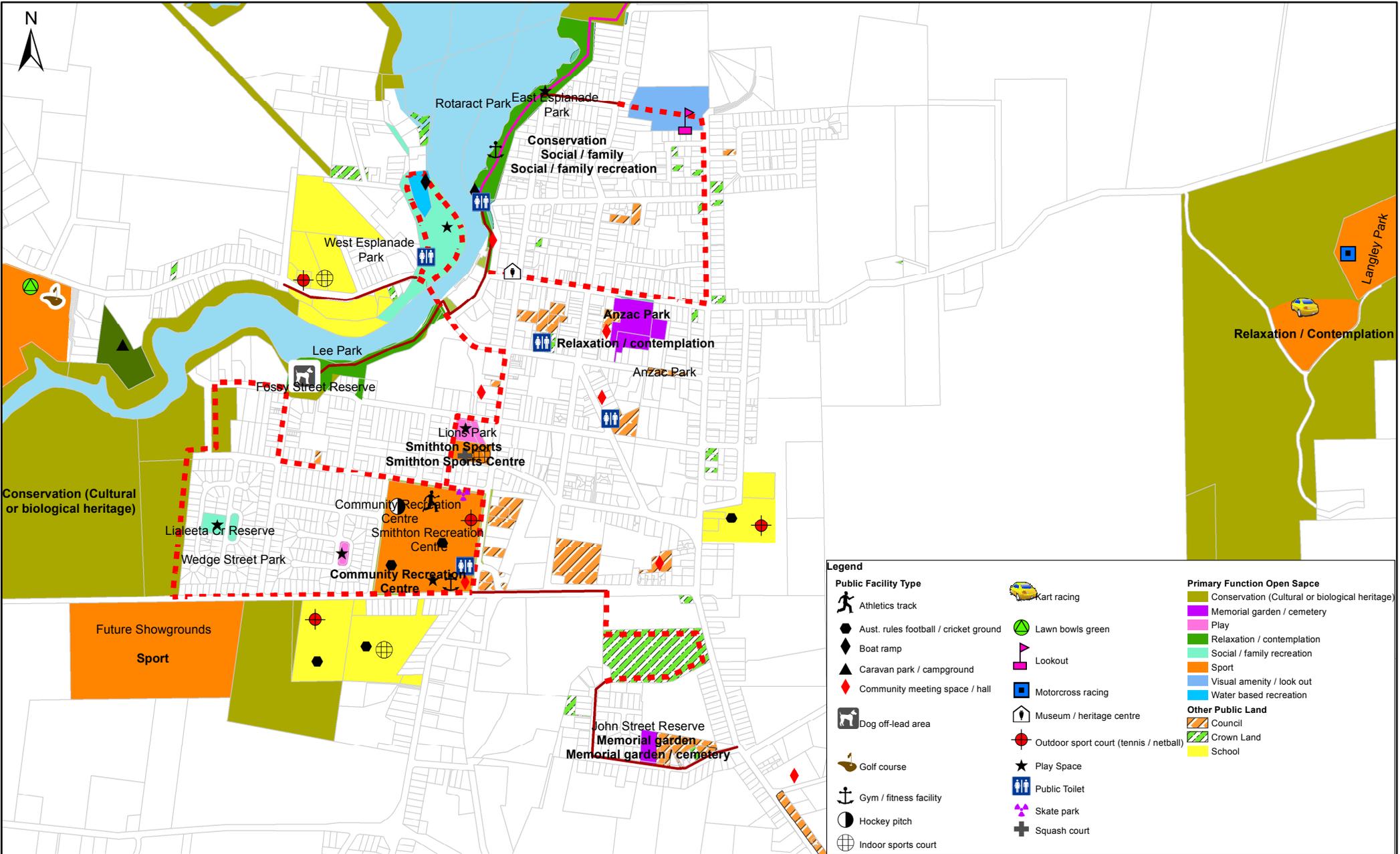
East Duck River Foreshore Bushland Connection to Apex Lookout Hospital Loop Western Duck River Foreshore Fenton Street Connection. Montagu Road– Duck River Connection	Various	Various	Various	Remnant endemic Eucalypt forest, aesthetic, ecological and educational value Local regularly use this trail. Some areas suitable for walkers only. Limited formal infrastructure. Trails link up.
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Attachment 2: Locality Maps with proposed trail routes



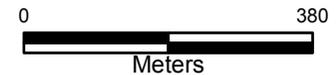
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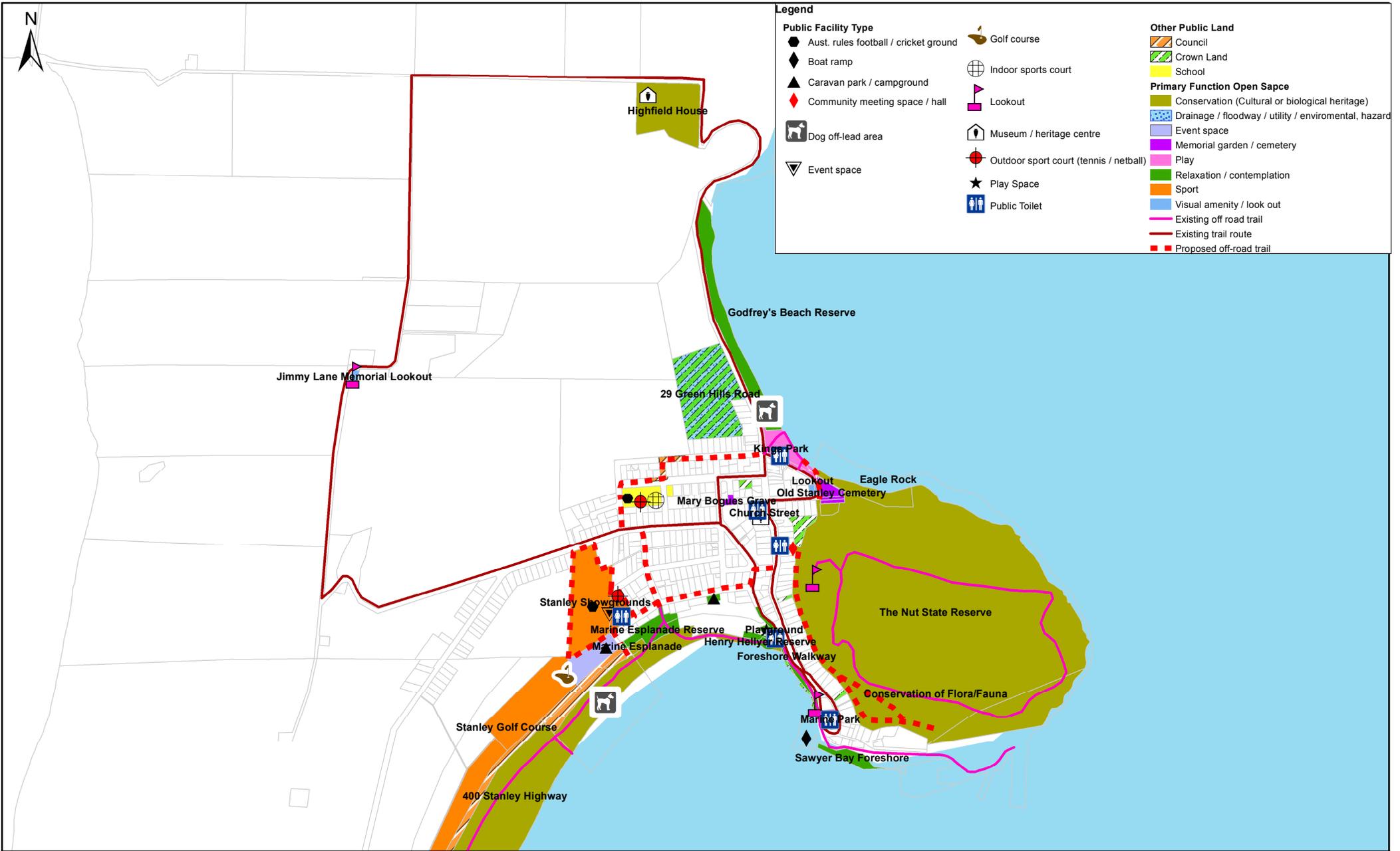






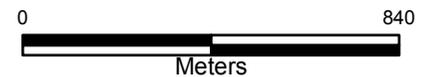
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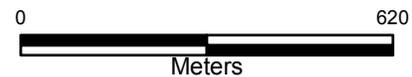
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Summary of Recommendations

1. Acknowledge trails as recreation infrastructure that have a positive impact on the health and wellbeing of the community, as well as tourism and assets that can be used by everyone, regardless of age or ability. 5
2. Consider trails as a priority type of recreation infrastructure for all localities with visitor accommodation, scenic or heritage attractions and settlements other than rural hamlets (see open space planning framework). 5
3. Map and promote key perimeter paths, corridor trails and local circuit trails around settlements, and publish information about each (similar to the current information available on the Waratah-Wynyard scenic walks brochure). 5
4. Provide and promote trails that offer different levels of physical challenge, e.g. those with stairs or hill climbs, suitable for mountain bikes, suitable only for walking, suitable for wheel chair users, suitable for dogs, suitable for horses, etc. 5
5. Develop and complete trails and trail circuits along key scenic routes and regional links along former rail lines, the coast as well as river corridors. 5
6. Promote and support trail events that encourage tourism and physical activity. 5
7. Ensure that all new projects that include open space consider the opportunity to provide a trail corridor (as per the Wynyard Foreshore Development Master Plan). 5
8. Complete the local trail plans and add routes suggested by this plan (See attachments) 8
9. Ensure ongoing support for the recommendations of the Trails Tasmania Strategy, Stanley and Smithton Trails Plan, North West Coastal Pathway (Wynyard to Burnie) and Smithton to Stanley. 8
10. Ensure trails projects in the Waratah Wynyard and Circular Head local government areas consider: 8
 - The need for promotion 8
 - Management strategies for all trails 8
 - Opportunities for stewardship and residents' input into maintenance. 8
11. Work with Parks to promote the Waratah/Wynyard and Circular Head region by highlighting each trail's unique attributes as a point of difference to attract visitors. 8
12. Pursue the following key focus points for trails in Waratah/Wynyard and Circular Head: 13
13. Advocacy for the development of rail trails. 13
14. Development of the Coastal Pathway. 13
15. Prioritise the coastal pathway through to Wynyard and then connecting with the airport and other destinations of interest in the vicinity. 13
16. Improving existing off-road trails, rather than establishing new routes, particularly road verges/footpaths. 13
17. Ensure the continued development and upgrade of circuits around Smithton and Stanley. 13
18. Prioritise the extension of the trails network using disused railway lines heading towards the south-west. 13
19. Encourage volunteer involvement in the development, maintenance and management of trails. 13

- 20. Pursue the commitment to improving the standard of trails to assist in promoting the region as a destination for walkers and cyclists. 13
- 21. Facilitate the collaboration of the camping and trails strategies to expedite the development of the region as a destination for visitors. 13
- 22. Upgrade marketing of routes and trails signage. 13
- 23. Ensure that perimeter trails are incorporated into the development of all large areas of public open space. 13
- 24. Include trail design recommendations / regulations as part of the land development policy. 14
- 25. Ensure all future trail corridors are at least 10 metres wide, and include Buffers and right of way on either side of the trail 14
- 26. Canopy trees within the trail corridor 14
- 27. Increase wayfinding and signage to inform users about trail locations, including what activities they are suitable for. 14
- 28. Lighting on key trails in CBD e.g. Gutteridge gardens and along the river in Smithton. 14
- 29. Ensure a suitable surface is used for unsealed trails 14
- 30. Work with Parks to amalgamate existing trails information and produce a single source of information. 15
- 31. Run a marketing campaign to promote the use of existing trails to residents. 15
- 32. Produce promotional material that can be used to attract tourists to the trails network. 15
- 33. Position trails markers and route info on all major coastal trails. 15
- 34. Produce signage and promotional materials to highlight what activities each trail is suitable for. 15
- 35. Investigate creating a technological solution to the provision of mapping and trail information. 15