

# Partner Maitland Heart of the Hunter

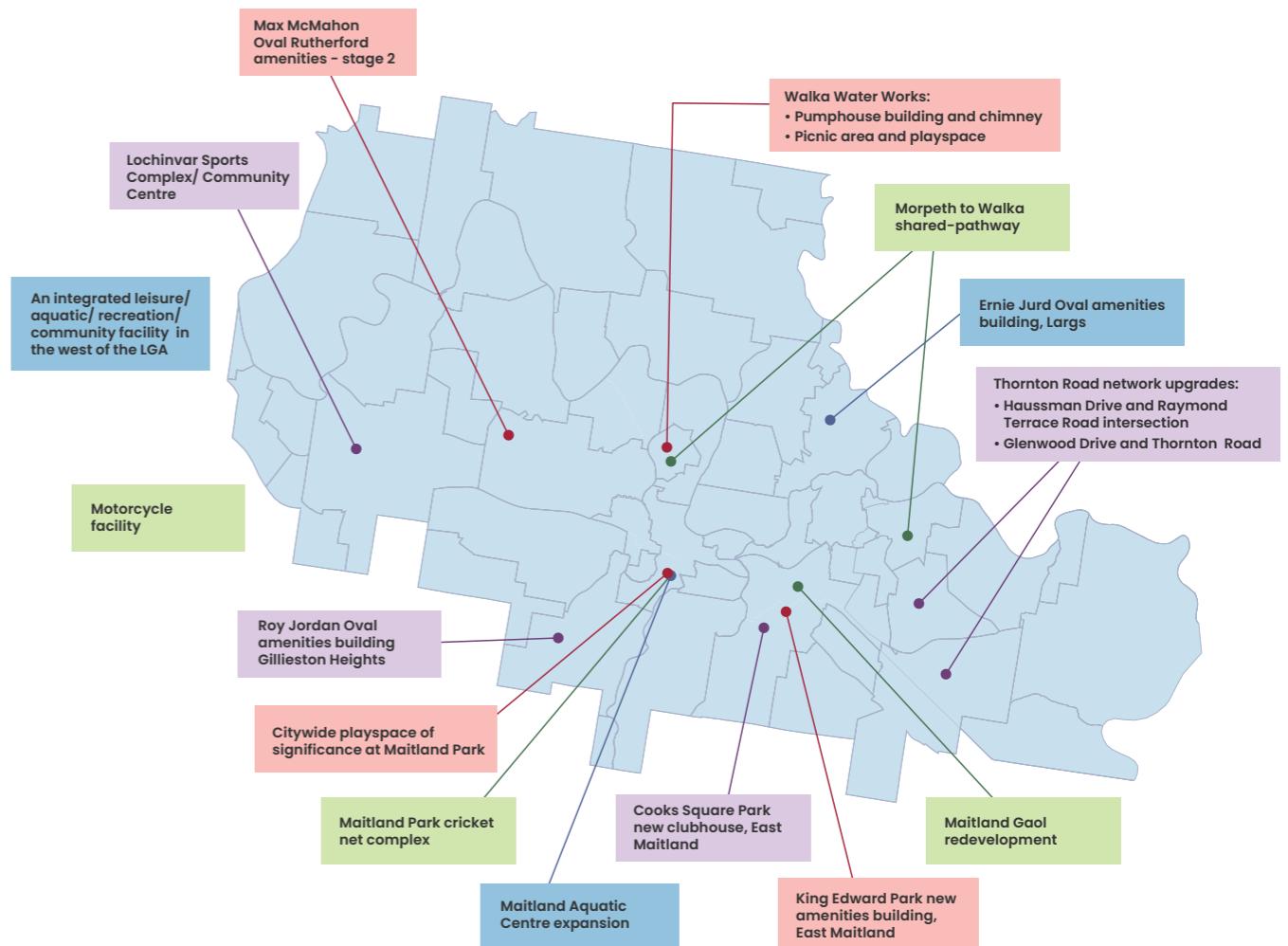




## Our priorities

### Map of key priority infrastructure partnership projects

These are key infrastructure priorities for our community. These projects are within the capability of Council to deliver if funding/grants become available.



## Partnership projects – top priority infrastructure projects

	PROJECT ESTIMATE	ANTICIPATED CO-CONTRIBUTION	GRANT REQUIRED				
<b>Recreation and open spaces*</b>							
Citywide playspace of significance at Maitland Park	\$13,500,000	\$3,500,000	\$10,000,000				
<b>Roads, transport and drainage*</b>							
Thornton Road network upgrades: Haussman Drive and Raymond Terrace Road intersection	\$36,700,000	\$10,000,000	\$26,700,000				
Thornton Road network upgrades: Glenwood Drive and Thornton Road	\$87,100,000	\$12,500,000	\$74,600,000				
<b>Active transport</b>							
Morpeth to Walka shared-pathway	\$13,000,000	\$3,000,000	\$10,000,000				
<b>Major venues and facilities*</b>							
Walka Water Works redevelopment: Pumphouse building and chimney	\$10,000,000	\$2,000,000	\$8,000,000				
Walka Water Works redevelopment: Picnic area and playspace	\$2,500,000	\$1,000,000	\$1,500,000				
Maitland Gaol redevelopment	\$30,000,000	\$1,200,000	\$28,800,000				
<b>Aquatics**</b>							
Maitland Aquatic Centre expansion	\$60,000,000	\$5,000,000	\$55,000,000				
An integrated leisure/ aquatic/ recreation/ community facility to serve the western part of the LGA	\$60,000,000	0	\$60,000,000				
<b>Sporting and community facilities</b>							
Lochinvar Sports Complex/Community Centre	\$25,000,000	\$12,500,000	\$12,500,000				
Cooks Square Park new clubhouse	\$7,000,000	\$2,000,000	\$5,000,000				
Motorcycle facility	\$3,000,000	\$1,500,000	\$1,500,000				
Maitland Park cricket net complex*	\$800,000	\$300,000	\$500,000				
King Edward Park new amenities building	\$3,500,000	\$1,500,000	\$2,000,000				
Ernie Jurd Oval Largs amenities building	\$4,000,000	\$2,000,000	\$2,000,000				
Roy Jordan Oval Gillieston Heights amenities building	\$4,000,000	\$2,000,000	\$2,000,000				
Max McMahon Oval Rutherford amenities - stage 2	\$2,500,000	\$1,000,000	\$1,500,000				
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$362,600,000</b>	<b>\$61,000,000</b>	<b>\$301,600,000</b>				

Project costs are current estimates and subject to change based on further design, investigations and cost escalation.

\* State owned asset

\*\* State owned asset (pending)

## CITYWIDE PLAYSPACE OF SIGNIFICANCE: Maitland Park

**The site:** Maitland Park is a significant greenspace in the heart of Maitland, and a regional recreation destination supporting organised events, leisure, and play.

**The challenge:** Our city is one of the fastest growing inland cities in Australia with an annual growth rate consistently above 2.5 per cent. Maitland's continued high population growth rates will continue to influence strategic and recreational planning to ensure adequate mix of housing and community infrastructure for the expected increase in population. We aim to ensure that Maitland grows in a sustainable way – socially, economically and environmentally. As the population grows, it needs to be supported by adequate infrastructure, services and amenities. If not, this growth can lead to pressure on existing infrastructure and services.

### The opportunity:

#### PROJECT NAME: Maitland Park citywide playspace of significance

Project details	The project is to redevelop the existing playspace, increasing its size from 0.2ha to 0.6ha to create an inclusive and accessible playspace of significance for our growing community. The inclusive concept design seeks to provide a range of play experiences for different ages, as well as being challenging, accessible, intergenerational, creative, robust, while minimising impact on the natural environment. Community consultation has been undertaken on the concept design with plans to triple the size of the current Maitland Park playspace. The community engagement highlighted the community was supportive of the design with the inclusion of water play, a focus on shade, disability inclusion and additional parking. The concept design retains all existing canopy trees that are fundamental to the existing significant character of Maitland Park.			
Project stage	Concept design and community consultation complete. Due diligence reports underway.			
	INITIATE	DESIGN	DELIVER	COMPLETE
Purpose (why is it important?)	To provide a playspace of significance for our growing city. Redevelopment of the existing playspace, increasing its size from 0.2ha to 0.6ha.			
Community engagement	The 2025 Maitland Park Playspace Expansion Project received a 70 per cent community approval rating on the proposed concept design for an expanded play space. Recent engagement results reflect a growing community sentiment for the need for an expanded play space in Maitland and to be similar quality to other major play ground facilities that families travel outside the LGA to access. Source: <a href="http://yoursay.maitland.nsw.gov.au/maitland-park-playground-concept-design">yoursay.maitland.nsw.gov.au/maitland-park-playground-concept-design</a>			
Community benefits	This project provides a citywide playspace, a large inclusive/all abilities playspace, diverse play equipment servicing the families of Maitland. It allows for intergenerational play opportunities and improves outdated asset (addressing potential safety risks). The principles intrinsic to the playspace concept design are inclusive, accessible, intergenerational, sustainable and include cultural and environmental theming.			
Strategic alignment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Maitland's Future – creating a Liveable Maitland by providing inclusive public spaces and places</li> <li>Maitland Park Master Plan</li> <li>Draft Community Infrastructure Strategy</li> <li>Disability Inclusion Action Plan</li> <li>Maitland Local Strategic Planning Statement 2040</li> <li>Maitland Environmental Sustainability Strategy 2030</li> </ul>			
STATE SEAT: Maitland	FEDERAL SEAT: Paterson	PROJECT ESTIMATE: \$13,500,000	ANTICIPATED CO-CONTRIBUTION: \$3,500,000	GRANT REQUIRED: \$10,000,000



## ROADS AND TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT:

### Thornton North road infrastructure

**The site:** Thornton North (Chisholm), is a key growth area and the fastest growing area within Maitland's eastern sector.

**The challenge:** A funding cap imposed on the Thornton North Section 94 Contributions Plan in 2011, limited the amount that could be levied per new lot. This significantly reduced the funds collected from developers leading to a major funding shortfall which has hampered ongoing development of land in area and has caused delays in the construction of key infrastructure including vital road upgrades. Further funding is critical to address these issues.

#### The opportunity:



#### PROJECT NAME: Haussman Drive and Raymond Terrace Road Intersection, Thornton

Project details	This project will see traffic control signals at Haussman Drive and Raymond Terrace Road Intersection, Thornton with lane duplication of Raymond Terrace Road between Settlers Boulevard and Harvest Boulevard. (TN36, 37 and 45).				
Project stage	Ready for construction	INITIATE	DESIGN	DELIVER	COMPLETE
Purpose (why is it important?)	<p>The Haussman Drive intersection is considered a critical link for traffic passing through the area, connecting to the existing facilities including Thornton Primary School and the shopping complex as well as the regionally significant employment precincts of Thornton and Beresfield.</p> <p>The project would facilitate housing growth and road safety for over 10,000 vehicles and road users on a daily basis. This site is identified as providing significant employment and economic opportunities to support the rapid population growth. Immediately to the west the road infrastructure upgrades will support the development of the regionally significant Brickworks Employment Precinct.</p>				
Community engagement	<p>There is a long history of community and political lobbying to improve this intersection. In ten years to June 2018, there were eight recorded crashes at or in the close vicinity of the intersection. (parliament.nsw.gov.au)</p> <p>A community petition in 2018 was undertaken for funding for the intersection upgrade. 48 per cent of all Maitland residents in 2024 are not satisfied with maintenance of local roads (CSS 2024) In 2019, Council received 151 comments related to intersection upgrades in Thornton, specifically Government Road, Haussmann Drive and Raymond Terrace Road.</p>				
Community benefits	Improved safety between state and arterial road corridors, reduced accidents, reduced congestion, reduced wait times. These important transport linkages, allow access to unlock future housing and economic land.				
Strategic alignment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Maitland's Future - Creating a Liveable Maitland by ensuring safe and efficient road networks</li> <li>Thornton North Master Plan 2003 and Thornton North Section 94 Contributions Plan 2008</li> <li>Maitland Local Housing Strategy 2041</li> <li>Maitland's Local Strategic Planning Statement 2040+</li> <li>Hunter Regional Plan 2041</li> <li>Greater Newcastle Metropolitan Plan 2036</li> <li>The Draft Hunter Regional Transport Plan.</li> </ul>				
STATE SEAT: Maitland	FEDERAL SEAT: Paterson	PROJECT ESTIMATE: \$36,700,000	ANTICIPATED CO-CONTRIBUTION: \$10,000,000	GRANT REQUIRED: \$26,700,000	

#### THORNTON

- 10,690** people
- Most households have **two** motor vehicles
- 64 per cent** use cars as preferred transport method
- 0.8 per cent** of working population walk or ride a bike
- 1.1 per cent** use public transport to travel to work
- 56 per cent** of people have a long-term health condition

#### CHISHOLM

- 4,577** people
- Most households have **two** motor vehicles
- 60 per cent** use cars as preferred transport method
- 0.5 per cent** of working population walk or ride a bike
- 0.6 per cent** use public transport to travel to work
- 40 per cent** of people have a long-term health condition

## ROADS AND TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT:

### Thornton North road infrastructure

**The site:** Thornton North (Chisholm) area, is a key growth area within Maitland's eastern sector.

**The challenge:** Further funding is critical for the delivery of this project. A funding cap imposed on the Thornton North Section 94 Contributions Plan in 2011, limited the amount that could be levied per new lot. The cap significantly reduced the funds that could be collected from developers leading to a major shortfall. The funding shortfall has hampered the ongoing development of land in area and caused delays in the construction of key infrastructure including vital road upgrades.



#### The opportunity:

#### PROJECT NAME: Glenwood Drive and Thornton Road, Thornton

Project details	This project outlines the next stages of works required for the Thornton North Road Infrastructure upgrade which comprises of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Thornton Road and Glenwood Drive, lane duplications - preliminary works including detailed design, land acquisition and service relocations (TN41, 52 and 53)</li> <li>Glenwood Drive and Thornton Road intersection - traffic control signals including lane duplication of Glenwood Drive from Thornton Road to Weakleys Drive (TN53)</li> <li>Thornton Road lane duplication including Huntingdale Drive intersection - traffic control signals and lane duplication of Thornton Road from rail bridge to Glenwood Drive (TN41 and 52)</li> <li>Glenwood Drive and Weakleys Drive intersection - traffic control signals to replace roundabout intersection control.</li> </ul>				
Project stage	Design underway	INITIATE	DESIGN	DELIVER	COMPLETE
Purpose (why is it important?)	<p>These works will support the provision of essential infrastructure and allow for further development to be realised within the rapid growth area.</p> <p>The works will improve access for the residents of Thornton and Chisholm to the New England Highway. Commuter traffic from these two areas has increased significantly in the last 10 years and congestion is experienced most weekdays.</p>				
Community engagement	Long history of community and political lobbying to improve road congestion in the area.				
Community benefits	Improved safety, reduced accidents, reduced congestion, reduced wait times. Important transport linkages between state and arterial road corridors.				
Strategic alignment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Maitland's Future - Creating a Liveable Maitland by ensuring safe and efficient road networks</li> <li>Thornton North Master Plan 2003 and Thornton North Section 94 Contributions Plan 2008</li> <li>Maitland Local Housing Strategy 2041</li> <li>Maitland's Local Strategic Planning Statement</li> <li>Hunter Regional Plan 2041</li> <li>Greater Newcastle Metropolitan Plan 2036</li> <li>The Draft Hunter Regional Transport Plan.</li> </ul>				

STATE SEAT: Maitland	FEDERAL SEAT: Paterson	PROJECT ESTIMATE: \$87,100,000	ANTICIPATED CO-CONTRIBUTION: \$12,500,000	GRANT REQUIRED: \$74,600,000
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## ACTIVE TRANSPORT:

### Morpeth to Walka shared pathway

**The site:** A shared pathway connection between Maitland's tourism destinations Morpeth, The Levee and Walka Water Works.

**The challenge:** Funding is required for the construction of new dedicated active transport infrastructure to create a safe network along priority routes between Maitland's main tourism destinations. The cycleway network needs to be expanded beyond Maitland, with a focus on safe, direct routes connecting employment hubs and residential areas.

#### The opportunity:

##### PROJECT NAME: Morpeth to Walka shared pathway



Project details	The creation of a pathway connection between Maitland's key tourism destination including Morpeth, The Levee and Walka Water Works, including completing connection from Morpeth Bridge to Queens Wharf.			
Project stage	Project in planning stages.			

**INITIATE**   **DESIGN**   **DELIVER**   **COMPLETE**

Purpose (why is it important?)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Active transport opportunities for residents and visitors.</li> <li>A connected footpath and cycleway network supports the health and wellbeing of our residents by providing opportunities to be physically active,</li> <li>Access to local facilities to engage in shared activity and foster stronger community connections.</li> <li>A pathway connection provides access between tourism destinations Morpeth / The Levee / Walka Water Works.</li> <li>Facilitation of cycle tourism around the Hunter vineyards and connecting strategic cycle routes to the coast. This project also represents a connection to a relevant regional project, the Shiraz to Shore cycle trail.</li> </ul>
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Community engagement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Engagement completed for the 2019 Maitland Destination Plan, linking of Morpeth with Walka Water Works and Central Maitland through a network of shared pathways with way finding and interpretative signage was a key opportunity identified from the 1,100 community suggestions.</li> <li>A 2019 product gap analysis of Maitland's tourism product offering showed poor connectivity between anchor destination points.</li> </ul>
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Community benefits	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Investing in infrastructure that helps people get to school, work and local services safely without needing to jump in the car is vital for connecting our community, helping our community to thrive.</li> <li>Health benefits for residents and the growing population. A complete footpath network also helps achieve social equity goals. The most physically and economically disadvantaged groups tend to rely more on walking including walking to public transport stops. People who cannot drive and must use public transport and need a footpath for mobility, are seriously disadvantaged.</li> <li>Safe and accessible active transport options, like walking and cycling, help boost social connection, promote healthy choices and make our cities and regions more vibrant places to live.</li> </ul>
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Strategic alignment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Maitland's Future - Creating a Liveable Maitland by ensuring integrated movement through connected active transport</li> <li>Disability Inclusion Action Plan</li> <li>Maitland Local Strategic Planning Statement 2040</li> <li>Maitland Environmental Sustainability Strategy 2030</li> <li>Maitland Destination Management Plan 2030</li> <li>Hunter Joint Organisation - Advocacy priority - Shiraz to Shore Project</li> <li>Draft Hunter Strategic Regional Integrated Transport</li> <li>Queens Wharf Plan of Management and Master Plan</li> </ul>
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Maitland	Paterson	\$13,000,000	\$3,000,000	\$10,000,000

## WALKA WATER WORKS REDEVELOPMENT:

### Pumphouse and chimney

**The site:** Walka Water Works is a much-loved site for the Maitland community, a heritage-listed complex set on 64 hectares of reserve. The former industrial site, owned by Crown Lands, has been managed by Maitland City Council since 2007. The complex features its pumphouse with a striking chimney and ornate brickwork and is one of the largest and most intact 19th Century industrial complexes in the Hunter Valley. The Pumphouse building was added to the NSW State Heritage Register in 1999 and has National Engineering Significance putting it alongside the likes of the Sydney Harbour Bridge.



**The challenge:** The historic pumphouse remains closed for public safety. Heritage restoration is required for the 1887 Pumphouse building as well as improvements to the Eastern Annex for it to be able to reopen for weddings and functions. Conservation works are necessary to the Pumphouse Building and chimney, to bring the external areas back to original condition maintaining historic elements for future generations. Stabilisation of the chimney structure is required to preserve the aesthetics of the site.

#### The opportunity:

##### PROJECT NAME: Walka Water Works: Pumphouse building revitalisation and chimney intervention

Project details	This project will remediate the Pumphouse and chimney making it safe for community use, thereby protecting this valuable example of State significant heritage. The project will create additional employment opportunities for local business both existing and new through the first stage of reopening the building as a function and wedding venue.			
Project stage	The project is currently in pre-planning with the delivery of the draft Plan of Management and a Master Plan being developed for the site.			
<b>INITIATE</b> <b>DESIGN</b> <b>DELIVER</b> <b>COMPLETE</b>				
Purpose (why is it important?)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Heritage restoration of the significant 1887 Pumphouse building</li> <li>Preservation of the historical aesthetics of the site</li> <li>Stabilisation of the chimney structure to make the site safe for community use</li> <li>Improvements to the Eastern Annex to reopen for weddings and functions</li> </ul>			
Community engagement	In 2024, a survey of over 500 respondents indicated a strong desire for historical engagement at Walka Water Works, and a resorted pumphouse was the number one improvement area identified, with 76 per cent of all respondents supporting this.			
Community benefits	<p><b>The vision:</b> Walka Water Works is the heart of healthy Maitland – a revitalised open space and community destination promoting wellness and connection to history and nature, attracting both locals and visitors.</p> <p>A protected State significant heritage building maintained for future generations, additional employment opportunities created, the function and wedding venue reopened.</p>			
Strategic alignment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Maitland's Future - Creating a Vibrant Maitland by ensuring a diverse local economy through investment attraction and vibrant community life</li> <li>Walka Water Works Plan of Management and Master Plan</li> <li>Maitland Destination Management Plan 2030</li> <li>Draft Maitland Economic Development Strategy</li> <li>Maitland Local Strategic Planning Statement 2040</li> <li>Crown Land Strategic Plan 2031</li> <li>Hunter Regional Economic Development Strategy</li> <li>NSW Visitor Economy Strategy</li> <li>Destination Sydney and Surrounds North Destination Management Plan</li> <li>Draft Community Infrastructure Strategy</li> </ul>			
<b>STATE SEAT:</b> Maitland	<b>FEDERAL SEAT:</b> Paterson	<b>PROJECT ESTIMATE:</b> \$10,000,000	<b>ANTICIPATED CO-CONTRIBUTION:</b> \$2,000,000	<b>GRANT REQUIRED:</b> \$8,000,000

## WALKA WATER WORKS REDEVELOPMENT:

### Picnic area and playspace

**The site:** Walka Water Works is a unique 64ha parcel of land, including a lake and heritage buildings, in government ownership. A valuable community asset and visitor attraction. The nature reserve offers extensive lawn and picnic areas that border the lake and surrounding bushland with its native fauna and flora. The large lake area with over 140 species of birdlife and approximately 12km of trails for walkers and cyclists surround the lake. The site is steeped in history, making it a special place in the Lower Hunter.



**The challenge:** Council was appointed the Reserve Trust Manager in August 2007. In 2022, asbestos contamination was discovered in areas between the pumphouse and reservoir, leading to the site's complete closure in February 2022. While the site was partially reopened in December 2022, several areas remain closed for public safety reasons, alongside the historic pumphouse. Remediation works are needed to remove the asbestos and will require the removal of existing assets.

#### The opportunity:

#### PROJECT NAME: Walka Water Works redevelopment: Picnic area and playspace (post remediation).

Project details	This is a project to revitalise the picnic area and playspace at Walka Water Works to renew the community recreation space on the site. Following the remediation of the contaminated areas (assumed to have been completed as a precursor to these works). This project will reinstate community use facilities such as shade structures, barbecues, seating, tables and basic play facilities to improve usage following the extended closure.
Project stage	The project is currently in pre-planning with the delivery of the draft Plan of Management and a Master Plan being developed for the site.  <span style="background-color: #e63946; color: white; padding: 2px 5px;">INITIATE</span> <span style="background-color: #f0f0f0; color: black; padding: 2px 5px;">DESIGN</span> <span style="background-color: #f0f0f0; color: black; padding: 2px 5px;">DELIVER</span> <span style="background-color: #f0f0f0; color: black; padding: 2px 5px;">COMPLETE</span>
Purpose (why is it important?)	This investment will have long lasting accumulative positive impacts on the community, being a place that they can be proud of, connect through and use as a vehicle towards a healthy lifestyle. Improved site attendance following the extended closure on the site and the return of community organised events, Replacement of the aged infrastructure at the site will see enhancements to existing infrastructure and nature-based opportunities.
Community engagement	73 per cent and 57 per cent of those surveyed in 2024 from a sample size of over 500 indicated a desire to improve picnic areas and play areas respectively at Walka Water Works.
Community benefits	<b>The vision:</b> Walka Water Works is The Heart of Healthy Maitland – a revitalised open space and community destination promoting wellness and connection to history and nature, attracting both locals and visitors. While Maitland is rich in many things, like community spirit, pride and river frontage, unlike our surrounding regional neighbours, we do not possess the abundance open natural spaces like parks, beaches and lakes, with our residents driving outside of area to access these. This makes Maitland, and the Walka Water Works asset specifically, poised as a prime opportunity for investment to make long-term positive impacts to a large number of people. A revitalised recreation space, the largest public green space available in Maitland.
Strategic alignment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Maitland's Future - Creating a Liveable Maitland by ensuring great neighbourhoods and quality open space networks</li> <li>Walka Water Works Plan of Management and Master Plan</li> <li>Maitland Destination Management Plan 2030</li> <li>Draft Maitland Economic Development Strategy</li> <li>Maitland Local Strategic Planning Statement 2040</li> <li>Crown Land Strategic Plan 2031</li> <li>Draft Community Infrastructure Strategy</li> </ul>

**STATE SEAT:**  
Maitland

**FEDERAL SEAT:**  
Paterson

**PROJECT ESTIMATE:**  
\$2,500,000

**ANTICIPATED CO-CONTRIBUTION:**  
\$1,000,000

**GRANT REQUIRED:**  
\$1,500,000

## COMMUNITY AMENITIES:

### Maitland Gaol redevelopment

**The site:** Maitland Gaol is a state heritage item and the longest continuously operating gaol in New South Wales, being open from 1848 until its closure in 1998. The different policies and social changes that occurred over the Gaol's history contribute strongly to its historic and cultural value.



**The challenge:** The Gaol, which is managed by Council on behalf of the NSW Government as a tourist attraction, is currently closed following an independent safety review of the site including the fire and electrical systems. As a 170-year-old heritage site, Maitland Gaol has always required ongoing specialist maintenance, but it became clear that the site's safety issues posed a risk to staff and visitors.

#### PROJECT NAME: Maitland Gaol redevelopment

Project details	Major redevelopment works at Maitland Gaol look to transform the historic site into a vibrant precinct and iconic destination for the Hunter, driven by its unique heritage, connection to the community and innovative experiences. Through the NSW Government, Australian Government and Council funding, over \$11.7 million has been allocated for the redevelopment. However, Maitland City Council has developed a scope of works, timeframe and budget required to remediate and rejuvenate the site, revealing a cost of over \$30 million for essential and high priority works with a \$20 million shortfall required to bring the site up to standard.			
Project stage	<span style="background-color: #e63946; color: white; padding: 2px 5px;">INITIATE</span> <span style="background-color: #f0f0f0; color: black; padding: 2px 5px;">DESIGN</span> <span style="background-color: #f0f0f0; color: black; padding: 2px 5px;">DELIVER</span> <span style="background-color: #f0f0f0; color: black; padding: 2px 5px;">COMPLETE</span>			
Purpose (why is it important?)	Major redevelopment works planned for Maitland Gaol look to transform the historic site into a vibrant precinct and iconic destination for the Hunter, driven by its unique heritage, connection to the community and innovative experiences. The Maitland Gaol Development Plan and associated Site Master Plan and Plan of Management provide a comprehensive guide for the future development and management of the Maitland Gaol site.			
Community engagement	The Maitland Gaol Development Plan was shaped by input from the community, with two engagement periods run from November 2018 to February 2019, and July 2020 to August 2020 and adopted by Council at its meeting on 8 September 2020. Maitland Gaol is one of five identified 'priority destinations' in Maitland Destination Management Plan 2020-2030 which is currently under review.			
Community benefits	Through the NSW Government, Australian Government and Council funding, over \$11.7 million has been allocated for the next stage of the Maitland Gaol redevelopment – which includes investment in boutique accommodation, a new activity hub, innovative interpretation of the site and the provision of new event infrastructure. Access to the Gaol site will be opened up through the existing walls, allowing for improved community access to the activity hub and internal courtyard area. However, the current funding does not cover the entirety of the project.			
Strategic alignment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Maitland's Future - Creating a Vibrant Maitland by ensuring we leverage our city's connections, to attract investment</li> <li>Maitland Gaol Development Plan and associated site Master Plan and Plan of Management</li> <li>Maitland Destination Management Plan 2030</li> <li>Draft Maitland Economic Development Strategy</li> <li>Maitland Local Strategic Planning Statement 2040</li> <li>Crown Land Strategic Plan 2031</li> <li>Draft Community Infrastructure Strategy</li> </ul>			
<b>STATE SEAT:</b> Maitland	<b>FEDERAL SEAT:</b> Paterson	<b>PROJECT ESTIMATE:</b> \$30,000,000	<b>ANTICIPATED CO-CONTRIBUTION:</b> \$1,200,000	<b>GRANT REQUIRED:</b> \$28,800,000

## AQUATICS:

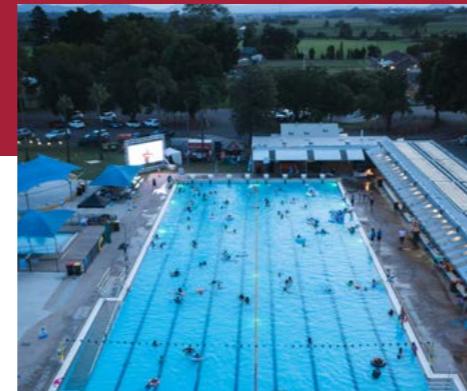
### Maitland Aquatics Centre expansion

**The site:** Maitland Aquatics Centre plays an important role in the leisure and recreation services offering to the Maitland community.

**The challenge:** Our city is one of the fastest growing inland cities in Australia with an annual growth rate consistently above 2.5 per cent. Maitland's continued high population growth rates will continue to influence strategic and recreational planning to ensure adequate mix of housing and community infrastructure for the expected increase including families with young children.

Rapid population growth for Maitland is expected to continue, with Maitland forecast to grow from 93,497 in 2021 to at least 144,550 by 2041 representing a forecast population growth of 61 per cent over the next 20 years. We aim to ensure that Maitland grows in a sustainable way – socially, economically and environmentally. As the population grows, it needs to be supported by adequate infrastructure, services and amenities. If not, this growth can lead to pressure on existing infrastructure and services.

#### The opportunity:



#### PROJECT NAME: Maitland Aquatic Centre expansion

Project details	Upgrades to Maitland Aquatic Centre to become a contemporary citywide aquatic centre. The project includes redeveloped changerooms and amenities, a health and fitness centre, warm water program pool and spa, an upgraded entrance, foyer and cafe providing improved connection to Maitland Park and a redeveloped toddler pool and adventure water zone.			
Project stage	The project is at the strategic concept phase to understand the aquatic needs of the whole city.			
	INITIATE	DESIGN	DELIVER	COMPLETE
Purpose (why is it important?)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Maitland is growing and will continue to grow, and as such there is a need to balance the facilities available with current and future demands of our population growth</li> <li>Appropriate infrastructure for the expected increase in families with young children</li> <li>Given the central location within Council's citywide parkland, Maitland Aquatic Centre is well placed to be further developed as Council's citywide aquatic facility</li> <li>Geographically, no open natural spaces for swimming – with our residents driving outside of area to access these.</li> </ul>			
Community engagement	In the 2023 'Aquatic Strategy' engagement which heard from over 1700 respondents, over half of all respondents (58 per cent) indicated they visited aquatic facilities outside of Maitland due to aquatic facilities in Maitland not meeting user needs. In the same engagement, the expansion of Maitland Pool was the fourth priority cited for area for investment. 95 per cent of residents in Maitland LGA refer to swimming pools as an indicator of satisfaction. (CSS 2024)			
Community benefits	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Central location within the local government area with good public transport connections.</li> <li>Population catchment of over 86,326 residents, which is forecast to grow over the next 20 years.</li> <li>Synergies with other sport and recreation facilities of Maitland Park.</li> </ul>			
Strategic alignment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Maitland's Future – Creating a Liveable Maitland by ensuring a welcoming community with inclusive public places and spaces</li> <li>Draft Community Infrastructure Strategy</li> <li>Draft Maitland Aquatics Plan</li> <li>Hunter Regional Plan 2041</li> <li>Greater Newcastle Metropolitan Plan 2036</li> <li>Maitland Park Master Plan</li> <li>Disability Inclusion Action Plan</li> </ul>			
<b>STATE SEAT:</b> Maitland	<b>FEDERAL SEAT:</b> Paterson	<b>PROJECT ESTIMATE:</b> \$60,000,000	<b>ANTICIPATED CO-CONTRIBUTION:</b> \$5,000,000	<b>GRANT REQUIRED:</b> \$55,000,000

## AQUATICS:

### A community facility for the west

**The site:** The west of the Maitland Local Government Area.

**The challenge:** Aquatic Centres play an important role in the leisure and recreation service offering to the Maitland community.

Our city is one of the fastest growing inland cities in Australia with an annual growth rate consistently above 2.5 per cent. Maitland's continued high population growth rates will continue to influence strategic and recreational planning to ensure adequate mix of housing and community infrastructure for the expected increase including families with young children.



Rapid population growth for Maitland is expected to continue, with Maitland forecast to grow from 93,497 in 2021 to at least 144,550 by 2041 representing a forecast population growth of 61 per cent over the next 20 years. We aim to ensure that Maitland grows in a sustainable way – socially, economically and environmentally. As the population grows, it needs to be supported by adequate infrastructure, services and amenities. If not, this growth can lead to pressure on existing infrastructure and services.

#### The opportunity:

#### PROJECT NAME: An integrated leisure/ aquatic/ recreation/ community facility for the west

Project details	Maitland's western precinct contains established communities including Rutherford and Telarah, existing urban release areas such as Aberglasslyn and future urban release areas at Lochinvar, Anambah and Farley. Work is underway with various State and Local Government agencies to prepare a place strategy for the Branxton to Anambah regionally significant growth area. The opportunity represents a chance to partner with relevant stakeholders for the planning and delivery of the proposed facility and for planning of the facility to be considered and undertaken in alignment with Anambah to Branxton Regional Strategic Planning project.			
Project stage	The project is at the strategic concept phase to understand the aquatic needs of the whole city.			
	INITIATE	DESIGN	DELIVER	COMPLETE
Purpose (why is it important?)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Maitland is growing and will continue to grow, and as such there is a need to balance the facilities available with current and future demands of our population growth,</li> <li>Appropriate infrastructure for the expected increase in families with young children,</li> <li>Geographically, there are no open natural spaces for swimming with our residents driving outside of the area to access these.</li> </ul>			
Community engagement	In the 2023 'Aquatic Strategy' engagement which heard from over 1,700 respondents, over half of all respondents (58 per cent) indicated they visited aquatic facilities outside of Maitland due to aquatic facilities in Maitland not meeting user needs. In the same engagement, the expansion of Maitland Pool was the fourth priority cited for area for investment. 95 per cent of residents in Maitland LGA refer to swimming pools as an indicator of satisfaction (CSS 2024).			
Community benefits	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Aquatic facilities to cater for a growing population which is forecast to grow significantly over the next 20 years.</li> <li>health, wellbeing and water safety.</li> </ul>			
Strategic alignment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Maitland's Future – creating a Liveable Maitland by ensuring a welcoming community with inclusive public places and spaces</li> <li>Draft Community Infrastructure Strategy</li> <li>Draft Maitland Aquatic Centres Network Supporting Plan</li> <li>Hunter Regional Plan 2041</li> <li>Greater Newcastle Metropolitan Plan 2036</li> <li>Maitland Park Master Plan</li> <li>Disability Inclusion Action Plan</li> </ul>			
<b>STATE SEAT:</b> Maitland	<b>FEDERAL SEAT:</b> Paterson	<b>PROJECT ESTIMATE:</b> \$60,000,000	<b>ANTICIPATED CO-CONTRIBUTION:</b> \$0	<b>GRANT REQUIRED:</b> \$60,000,000

## SPORTING FACILITIES:

### Lochinvar sports/community centre

**The site:** A sporting complex and community centre for Lochinvar Town Centre (planned) - a new town centre to support the significant planned growth within the Lochinvar urban release area.

**The challenge:** Maitland is also home to fast growing, regionally significant strategic centres, which service the hinterland and rural areas which are significant contributors to the supply of greenfield housing for the Greater Newcastle area. Our city is one of the fastest growing inland cities in Australia with an annual growth rate consistently above 2.5 per cent.

Maitland's continued high population growth rates will continue to influence strategic and recreational planning to ensure adequate mix of housing and community infrastructure for the expected increase in population. As the population grows, it needs to be supported by adequate infrastructure, services and amenities.

#### The opportunity:

#### PROJECT NAME: Lochinvar Sports Complex/Community Centre

Project details	The current sports fields are used for cricket, and football (soccer). Based on the development of a preferred concept plan the new sporting hub for the growing area could include a community centre, amenities building, two additional fields including irrigation, lighting and fencing, playspace, two netball courts, skate parks and a new carpark			
Project stage	Concept plan options developed. <b>INITIATE</b> <b>DESIGN</b> <b>DELIVER</b> <b>COMPLETE</b>			
Purpose (why is it important?)	Maitland's western precinct contains established communities including Rutherford and Telarah, existing urban release areas such as Aberglasslyn and future urban release areas at Lochinvar, Anambah and Farley. This precinct is home to around 23,000 residents and is expected to grow to over 40,700 residents, with an additional 17,700 residents between now and 2040.  The proposed local centre at Lochinvar (together with Rutherford Town Centre), will be the future employment and residential lands in the western precinct will form a strong relationship with Maitland's rural areas, the Upper Hunter region and beyond.			
Community engagement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Major venues and facilities clubs audit in 2024. Community Infrastructure Strategy draft in development.</li> </ul>			
Community benefits	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Co-location of recreational and community facilities</li> <li>Health and wellbeing improvements for current and future residents.</li> </ul>			
Strategic alignment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Maitland's Future – Creating a Liveable Maitland by ensuring a welcoming community with inclusive public places and spaces</li> <li>Draft Community Infrastructure Strategy</li> <li>Maitland Local Strategic Planning Statement 2040</li> <li>Maitland Environmental Sustainability Strategy 2030</li> <li>NSW Office of Sport Strategic Plan 2024-2028</li> </ul>			
<b>STATE SEAT:</b> Maitland	<b>FEDERAL SEAT:</b> Paterson	<b>PROJECT ESTIMATE:</b> \$25,000,000	<b>ANTICIPATED CO-CONTRIBUTION:</b> \$12,500,000	<b>GRANT REQUIRED:</b> \$12,500,000

#### LOCHINVAR

- 1,095 people
- 426 houses and 10 units
- Most households have two motor vehicles
- 1.9 per cent of working population walk or ride a bike
- 61 per cent use cars as preferred transport method
- No residents use public transport as their preferred transport method to travel to work



## SPORTING FACILITIES:

### Cooks Square Park – new clubhouse

**The site:** Cooks Square Park located in East Maitland has been home to Maitland Football Club (FC) since 1968. It is one of only two city-wide football facilities within Maitland's eastern precinct.

**The challenge:** The club has recently experienced strong growth, increasing from three teams (2014) to 23 teams (2021). Without funding, delivery of enhanced facilities will be significantly delayed.

#### The opportunity:

#### PROJECT NAME: Cooks Square Park – New clubhouse

Project details	This project includes the delivery of a new regional level clubhouse located on the western side of main field one, including grandstand seating, large function areas and commercial kitchen, four gender inclusive changerooms and associated amenities, storage spaces and toilets.			
Project stage	Project in planning stages. Concept plan options are in development. <b>INITIATE</b> <b>DESIGN</b> <b>DELIVER</b> <b>COMPLETE</b>			
Purpose (why is it important?)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>East Maitland was identified as a catalyst area in the Hunter Regional Plan 2041, and will attract an additional 25,000 people by 2041.</li> <li>The club has recently experienced significant growth, increasing from three teams to 23 teams</li> <li>The club has over 300 elite registered players, and a rapid increase in female membership</li> <li>Facility is one of only two citywide football facilities within the eastern precinct of Maitland</li> <li>Maitland's sportsgrounds are at carrying capacity, overuse causes high cases of ground damage and general wear and tear, which leads to increased maintenance cost and downtime</li> </ul>			
Community engagement	Football (soccer) is the most commonly played sport in New South Wales, and girls football in particular is currently experiencing record community participation rates.			
Community benefits	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>This project represents recreational and sporting opportunities, general health and wellbeing improvements for current and future residents. Contemporary facilities, gender inclusive upgrades and regional level facilities appealing to larger sporting events.</li> <li>East Maitland is a diverse, young suburb with a high proportion of families with children, this project encourages healthy lifestyles and a liveable Maitland.</li> </ul>			
Strategic alignment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Maitland's Future – Creating a Liveable Maitland by ensuring a welcoming community with inclusive public places and spaces</li> <li>Draft Community Infrastructure Strategy</li> <li>Maitland Local Strategic Planning Statement 2040</li> <li>Maitland Environmental Sustainability Strategy 2030</li> <li>Hunter Regional Plan 2041</li> <li>NSW Office of Sport Strategic Plan 2024-2028</li> </ul>			
<b>STATE SEAT:</b> Maitland	<b>FEDERAL SEAT:</b> Paterson	<b>PROJECT ESTIMATE:</b> \$7,000,000	<b>ANTICIPATED CO-CONTRIBUTION:</b> \$2,000,000	<b>GRANT REQUIRED:</b> \$5,000,000

#### EAST MAITLAND

- 11,860 people
- 3,955 houses and 1,435 units
- Most households have one motor vehicle
- 1.5 per cent of working population walk or ride a bike
- 60 per cent use cars as preferred transport method
- 1.2 per cent use public transport preferred transport method to travel to work
- 67 per cent of people have a long-term health condition
- The most common long-term health conditions in East Maitland are mental health conditions (including depression or anxiety), arthritis, asthma, any other long-term health condition(s), and diabetes (excluding gestational diabetes).
- As with any growing centre, the accelerated delivery of new or upgraded community infrastructure is needed to support a changing population and meet demand for services.



## SPORTING FACILITIES:

### Motorcycle facility

**The site:** A Motorcycle facility within the Local Government area will form a strong relationship with Maitland's rural areas, the Upper Hunter region and beyond.

**The challenge:** The illegal use of community bushland for motorcycles within the LGA needs to be addressed and people should be encouraged to learn to ride in a safe and more responsible way. Maitland's continued high population growth rates will continue to influence strategic and recreational planning to ensure adequate mix of housing and community infrastructure for the expected increase in population. We aim to ensure that Maitland grows in a sustainable way – socially, economically and environmentally.

#### The opportunity:



#### PROJECT NAME: Motorcycle Track facility

Project details	A competitive and recreational motocross riding facility within the Hunter Valley, where members and community can ride in a safe and controlled environment.
Project stage	Project in planning stages. <span style="background-color: #800000; color: white; padding: 2px 5px;">INITIATE</span> <span style="background-color: #f0f0f0; color: black; padding: 2px 5px;">DESIGN</span> <span style="background-color: #f0f0f0; color: black; padding: 2px 5px;">DELIVER</span> <span style="background-color: #f0f0f0; color: black; padding: 2px 5px;">COMPLETE</span>
Purpose (why is it important?)	Maitland's high population growth will continue to influence strategic and recreational planning. Maitland's location can bring together local clubs, community members and community members from Cessnock, Dungog and Newcastle, creating a valuable opportunity to share ideas and provide feedback on motorcycling across our region.
Community engagement	A major venues and facilities clubs audit was conducted in 2024. The Community Infrastructure Strategy draft is currently in development.
Community benefits	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>This project represents recreational and sporting opportunities for current and future residents,</li> <li>The existing Maitland District Motorcycle Club, Rutherford has approximately 500 club members, both male and female, aged from four to over 50 years old. Their aim is to provide a family orientated motocross riding facility within the Hunter Valley, where members can ride in a safe and controlled environment.</li> <li>Prevent the illegal use of community bushland within the LGA and encourage people to learn to ride in a safe and more responsible way.</li> </ul>
Strategic alignment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Maitland's Future – Creating a Liveable Maitland by ensuring a welcoming community with inclusive public places and spaces</li> <li>Draft Community Infrastructure Strategy</li> <li>Maitland Local Strategic Planning Statement 2040</li> <li>Maitland Environmental Sustainability Strategy 2030</li> <li>NSW Office of Sport Strategic Plan 2024-2028</li> <li>Maitland Destination Management Plan 2030</li> </ul>

**STATE SEAT:**  
Maitland

**FEDERAL SEAT:**  
Paterson

**PROJECT ESTIMATE:**  
\$3,000,000

**ANTICIPATED CO-CONTRIBUTION:**  
\$1,500,000

**GRANT REQUIRED:**  
\$1,500,000

## SPORTING FACILITIES:

### Maitland Park Cricket Net Complex

**The site:** Maitland Park is a significant greenspace in the heart of Maitland, and a regional recreation destination supporting organised events, leisure, and play.

**The challenge:** Our city is one of the fastest growing inland cities in Australia with an annual growth rate consistently above 2.5 per cent.

As our population grows, there will be increased demand on existing facilities and services and, additional infrastructure will be required to meet the needs of our community and to enhance the liveability of our city. If not, this growth can lead to pressure on existing infrastructure and services.

#### The opportunity:



#### PROJECT NAME: Maitland Park Cricket Net Complex

Project details	This project is to design and construct fully enclosed eight-lane cricket net complex at Maitland Park.			
Project stage	Project in planning stages. Is within the Maitland Park Masterplan. <span style="background-color: #800000; color: white; padding: 2px 5px;">INITIATE</span> <span style="background-color: #f0f0f0; color: black; padding: 2px 5px;">DESIGN</span> <span style="background-color: #f0f0f0; color: black; padding: 2px 5px;">DELIVER</span> <span style="background-color: #f0f0f0; color: black; padding: 2px 5px;">COMPLETE</span>			
Purpose (why is it important?)	<p>Council provides a range of community facilities and services across the city including sporting fields, aquatic centres, parks and libraries to meet our community needs. This project is to cater to the area's growing population and Maitland's increasing demand for outdoor sporting facilities.</p> <p>Our community infrastructure provides space and opportunity for our community to come together to share, learn and celebrate. Access to good quality and adequate community infrastructure is key to the health and wellbeing of our residents.</p>			
Community engagement	Feedback on the Maitland Park Master Plan and a major venues and facilities clubs audit that was conducted in 2024. The Community Infrastructure Strategy draft is currently in development.			
Community benefits	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A cricket hub within Maitland Park, training facility for Maitland Park clubs and surrounding clubs.</li> <li>An enclosed facility will reduce current conflict between existing nets and other sporting codes and all of community.</li> <li>This project represents recreational and sporting opportunities, general health and wellbeing improvements for current and future residents.</li> <li>Our community want to see existing sporting and community facilities upgraded, and for more opportunities to be active and healthy.</li> </ul>			
Strategic alignment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Maitland's Future – Creating a Liveable Maitland by ensuring a welcoming community with inclusive public places and spaces.</li> <li>Draft Community Infrastructure Strategy</li> <li>Maitland Local Strategic Planning Statement 2040</li> <li>Maitland Environmental Sustainability Strategy 2030</li> <li>NSW Office of Sport Strategic Plan 2024-2028</li> <li>Cricket NSW Strategic Plan</li> <li>Cricket NSW Infrastructure Strategy – Greater Hunter</li> <li>Maitland Park Master Plan</li> </ul>			

**STATE SEAT:**  
Maitland

**FEDERAL SEAT:**  
Paterson

**PROJECT ESTIMATE:**  
\$800,000

**ANTICIPATED CO-CONTRIBUTION:**  
\$300,000

**GRANT REQUIRED:**  
\$500,000

#### MAITLAND

- Maitland has higher rates of health risks than NSW in a number of categories – of every 100 adults (2017-18) Primary Health Network 2021:
  - 17.9 smoked tobacco (NSW 14.4)
  - 18.3 consumed alcohol at high risk (NSW 15.5)
  - 44.7 were obese (NSW 30.9)
  - 24.0 had high blood pressure (NSW 23.1)
  - 48.4 ate adequate fruit (NSW 52.5)
  - 69.4 undertook low or no exercise (NSW 65.3)

## COMMUNITY AMENITIES:

### King Edward Park (East Maitland)

**The site:** King Edward Park is located in East Maitland, a diverse, young suburb with a high proportion of families with children expected to attract an additional 25,000 people by 2041.

**The challenge:** Our city is one of the fastest growing inland cities in Australia with an annual growth rate consistently above 2.5 per cent. As our population grows, there will be increased demand on existing facilities and services and, additional infrastructure will be required to meet the needs of our community and to enhance the liveability of our city. If not, this growth can lead to pressure on existing infrastructure and services.

#### The opportunity:



#### PROJECT NAME: King Edward Park - new amenities building, East Maitland

Project details	The current sports fields are used for cricket and rugby league. This project is to design and construct a new amenities building. Including a function area and commercial kitchen, four gender inclusive changerooms, associated amenities, storage spaces and toilets.
Project stage	Project in planning stages.
	<b>INITIATE</b> DESIGN DELIVER COMPLETE
Purpose (why is it important?)	Currently the facilities and amenities are in a poor condition and do not meet the requirements or needs of its users. Our community infrastructure provides space and opportunity for our community to come together to share, learn and celebrate. Access to good quality and adequate community infrastructure is key to the health and wellbeing of our residents.  East Maitland was identified as a catalyst area in the Hunter Regional Plan 2041, as it will attract an additional 25,000 people by 2041.
Community engagement	A major venues and facilities clubs audit was conducted in 2024. The Community Infrastructure Strategy draft is currently in development.
Community benefits	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>This project represents recreational and sporting opportunities, general health and wellbeing improvements for current and future residents</li> <li>A much-needed contemporary facility with gender inclusive upgrades</li> <li>Our community want to see existing sporting and community facilities upgraded, and for more opportunities to be active and healthy</li> </ul>
Strategic alignment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Maitland's Future – Creating a Liveable Maitland by ensuring a welcoming community with inclusive public places and spaces</li> <li>Draft Community Infrastructure Strategy</li> <li>Maitland Local Strategic Planning Statement 2040</li> <li>Maitland Environmental Sustainability Strategy 2030</li> <li>Hunter Regional Plan 2041</li> <li>NSW Office of Sport Strategic Plan 2024-2028</li> </ul>

STATE SEAT: Maitland	FEDERAL SEAT: Paterson	PROJECT ESTIMATE: \$3,500,000	ANTICIPATED CO-CONTRIBUTION: \$1,500,000	GRANT REQUIRED:
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#### EAST MAITLAND

- 11,860 people
- 3,955 houses and 1,435 units
- Most households have one motor vehicle
- 1.5 per cent of working population walk or ride a bike
- 60 per cent use cars as preferred transport method
- 1.2 per cent use public transport preferred transport method to travel to work
- 67 per cent of people have a long-term health condition
- The most common long-term health conditions in East Maitland are mental health condition (including depression or anxiety), arthritis, asthma, any other long-term health condition(s), and diabetes (excluding gestational diabetes)
- As with any growing centre, the accelerated delivery of new or upgraded community infrastructure, is needed to support a changing population and meet demand for services and facilities.

## COMMUNITY AMENITIES:

### Ernie Jurd Oval (Largs)

**The site:** Largs is a developing township adjacent to Bolwarra Heights, the historic town of Largs is located north of Morpeth.

**The challenge:** Our city is one of the fastest growing inland cities in Australia with an annual growth rate consistently above 2.5 per cent. As our population grows, there will be increased demand on existing facilities and services and, additional infrastructure will be required to meet the needs of our community and to enhance the liveability of our city. If not, this growth can lead to pressure on existing infrastructure and services.

#### The opportunity:



#### PROJECT NAME: Ernie Jurd Oval (Largs) amenities building

Project details	The current sports fields are used for cricket and football (soccer). This project is to design and construct a new amenities building. Replacement and upgrade of existing amenities building based on standardised gender inclusive design. Modern sports facilities underpin local sporting clubs which are essential to encouraging healthy lifestyles for Maitland's residents. Access to quality community infrastructure makes our neighbourhoods better and our residents happier and healthier.
Project stage	Project in planning stages. Concept masterplan options developed, including a standardised amenities design appropriate for LGA wide application/upgrades.
	<b>INITIATE</b> DESIGN DELIVER COMPLETE
Purpose (why is it important?)	Currently the facilities and amenities are in a poor condition and do not meet the requirements or needs of its users. Our community infrastructure provides space and opportunity for our community to come together to share, learn and celebrate. Access to good quality and adequate community infrastructure is key to the health and wellbeing of our residents.  Outdoor recreation encourages our community to gather, socialise and build relationships, creating a sense of belonging. Strong community clubs support the health and wellbeing of our residents by providing places to be physically active and to engage in shared activity and foster stronger community connection.
Community engagement	A major venues and facilities clubs audit was conducted in 2024. The Community Infrastructure Strategy draft is currently in development.
Community benefits	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>This project represents recreational and sporting opportunities, general health and wellbeing improvements for current and future residents</li> <li>A much-needed contemporary facility with gender inclusive upgrades</li> <li>Facilities to cater for a population growth-area</li> <li>Our community want to see existing sporting and community facilities upgraded, and for more opportunities to be active and healthy</li> </ul>
Strategic alignment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Maitland's Future – Creating a Liveable Maitland by ensuring a welcoming community with inclusive public places and spaces</li> <li>Draft Community Infrastructure Strategy</li> <li>Maitland Local Strategic Planning Statement 2040</li> <li>Maitland Environmental Sustainability Strategy 2030</li> <li>NSW Office of Sport Strategic Plan 2024-2028</li> </ul>

STATE SEAT: Maitland	FEDERAL SEAT: Lyne	PROJECT ESTIMATE: \$4,000,000	ANTICIPATED CO-CONTRIBUTION: \$2,000,000	GRANT REQUIRED: \$2,000,000
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#### LARGS

- 1,962 people
- 643 houses and 78 units
- Most households have two motor vehicles
- 0.3 per cent of working population walk or ride a bike
- 62 per cent use cars as preferred transport method
- 0.4 per cent use public transport preferred transport method to travel to work
- 55 per cent of people have a long-term health condition
- The most common long term health conditions in Largs are mental health conditions (including depression or anxiety), asthma, arthritis, other long-term health condition(s), and diabetes (excluding gestational diabetes)

## COMMUNITY AMENITIES:

### Roy Jordan Oval (Gillieston Heights)

**The site:** Gillieston Heights, an established suburb that provides critical links between Central Maitland and Cessnock to the south. The suburb is home to 4,796 residents with this projected to increase to 11,337 by 2041.

**The challenge:** Our city is one of the fastest growing inland cities in Australia with an annual growth rate consistently above 2.5 per cent. As our population grows, there will be increased demand on existing facilities and services and, additional infrastructure will be required to meet the needs of our community and enhance the liveability of our city.

#### The opportunity:

#### PROJECT NAME: Roy Jordan amenities building, Gillieston Heights



Project details	The current sports fields are used for cricket, baseball and football (soccer). This project is to design and construct a new amenities building. Replacement and upgrade of existing amenities building based on standardised gender inclusive design. Modern sports facilities underpin local sporting clubs which are essential to encouraging healthy lifestyles for Maitland's residents. Access to quality community infrastructure makes our neighbourhoods better and our residents happier and healthier.
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Project stage	Project in planning stages. Concept masterplan options developed, including a standardised amenities design appropriate for LGA wide application/upgrades.
	<span>INITIATE</span> <span>DESIGN</span> <span>DELIVER</span> <span>COMPLETE</span>

Purpose (why is it important?)	Currently the facilities and amenities are in a poor condition and do not meet the requirements or needs of its users. Our community infrastructure provides space and opportunity for our community to come together to share, learn and celebrate. Access to good quality and adequate community infrastructure is key to the health and wellbeing of our residents. Outdoor recreation encourages our community to gather, socialise and build relationships, creating a sense of belonging. Strong community clubs support the health and wellbeing of our residents by providing places to be physically active and to engage in shared activity and foster stronger community connection.
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Community engagement	A major venues and facilities clubs audit was conducted in 2024. The Community Infrastructure Strategy draft is currently in development.
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Community benefits	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>This project represents recreational and sporting opportunities, general health and wellbeing improvements for current and future residents</li> <li>A much-needed contemporary facility with gender inclusive upgrades</li> <li>Facilities to cater for a population growth-area</li> <li>Our community want to see existing sporting and community facilities upgraded, and for more opportunities to be active and healthy</li> </ul>
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Strategic alignment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Maitland's Future – Creating a Liveable Maitland by ensuring a welcoming community with inclusive public places and spaces</li> <li>Draft Community Infrastructure Strategy</li> <li>Maitland Local Strategic Planning Statement 2040</li> <li>Maitland Environmental Sustainability Strategy 2030</li> <li>NSW Office of Sport Strategic Plan 2024-2028</li> </ul>
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<b>STATE SEAT:</b> Maitland	<b>FEDERAL SEAT:</b> Paterson	<b>PROJECT ESTIMATE:</b> \$4,000,000	<b>ANTICIPATED CO-CONTRIBUTION:</b> \$2,000,000	<b>GRANT REQUIRED:</b> \$2,000,000
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#### GILLIESTON HEIGHTS

- 4,796 people
- 1,520 houses and 145 units
- Most households have two motor vehicles
- 0.4 per cent of working population walk or ride a bike
- 65 per cent use cars as preferred transport method
- 0.7 per cent use public transport to travel to work
- 53 per cent of people have a long-term health condition
- The most common long term health conditions in Gillieston Heights are mental health conditions (including depression or anxiety), asthma, arthritis, any other long term health condition(s), and diabetes (excluding gestational diabetes)

## SPORTING FACILITIES:

### Max McMahon (Rutherford) Stage 2

**The site:** Max McMahon Oval, Rutherford.

**The challenge:** The Rutherford Town Centre, together with the proposed Local Centre at Lochinvar, and the future employment and residential lands in the Western Precinct will form a strong relationship with Maitland's rural areas, the Upper Hunter Region and beyond. Maitland is growing and will continue to grow. It is important to balance the facilities available with current and future demands of our population growth,



#### The opportunity:

#### PROJECT NAME: Max McMahon Rutherford amenities building Stage 2

Project details	The current sports fields are used for cricket and AFL. The project involves the delivery of stage two of the amenities building redevelopment.
Project stage	Stage 1 works are currently underway this project would see the Delivery of stage 2 of the redevelopment project.
	<span>INITIATE</span> <span>DESIGN</span> <span>DELIVER</span> <span>COMPLETE</span>
Purpose (why is it important?)	Maitland's Western Precinct contains established communities including Rutherford and Telarah, existing urban release areas such as Aberglasslyn and future urban release areas at Lochinvar, Anambah and Farley. This precinct is home to around 23,000 residents and is expected to grow to over 40,700 residents, with an additional 17,700 residents between now and 2040.
Community engagement	A major venues and facilities clubs audit was conducted in 2024. The Community Infrastructure Strategy draft is currently in development.
Community benefits	Our community infrastructure provides space and opportunity for our community to come together to share, learn and celebrate. Access to good quality and adequate community infrastructure is key to the health and wellbeing of our residents. Outdoor recreation encourages our community to gather, socialise and build relationships, creating a sense of belonging. Strong community clubs support the health and wellbeing of our residents by providing places to be physically active and to engage in shared activity and foster stronger community connection.
Strategic alignment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Maitland's Future – Creating a Liveable Maitland by ensuring a welcoming community with inclusive public places and spaces</li> <li>Draft Community Infrastructure Strategy</li> <li>Maitland Local Strategic Planning Statement 2040</li> <li>Maitland Environmental Sustainability Strategy 2030</li> <li>NSW Office of Sport Strategic Plan 2024-2028</li> </ul>

<b>STATE SEAT:</b> Maitland	<b>FEDERAL SEAT:</b> Paterson	<b>PROJECT ESTIMATE:</b> \$2,500,000	<b>ANTICIPATED CO-CONTRIBUTION:</b> \$1,000,000	<b>GRANT REQUIRED:</b> \$1,500,000
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#### RUTHERFORD

- 13,091 people
- 4,536 houses and 702 units
- Most households have one motor vehicles
- 1.5 per cent of working population walk or ride a bike
- 68 per cent use cars as preferred transport method
- 1.4 per cent use public transport preferred transport method to travel to work
- 72 per cent of people have a long-term health condition
- The most common long term health conditions in Rutherford are Mental health condition (including depression or anxiety), Asthma, Arthritis, any other long term health condition(s), and Diabetes (excluding gestational diabetes)
- Rutherford Town Centre has significant potential to be a vibrant centre, providing retail, community, recreational and other supporting land uses to support forecast residential growth in the western precinct over the next 20 years.



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