

# NORTH WANGARATTA SPORTS RESERVE SITE MANAGEMENT PLAN



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This management plan has been created in consultation with North Wangaratta Sport Reserve Committee of Management, user groups, EPA Victoria, and the Rural City of Wangaratta.

The objective of this plan is to ensure that facilities at the Sports Reserve, including the oval, clay target range, buildings, netball court and children's play area can be used safely.

This management plan will facilitate a staged return to designated areas of the Sports Reserve and the resumption of activities as clean up and remediation occurs.

This plan also includes important information for users of the Reserve precinct including cleaning regimes for buildings and roles and responsibilities of Reserve users and occupiers.

The plan doesn't address site contamination management including reporting and remediation. These issues are managed under notices issued by EPA Victoria.

## *CURRENT STATUS*

*Council has received advice from EPA that resident clubs may return to limited operations at the reserve, the details of which are laid out in this document.*

*Club facilities located at the North Wangaratta Sports Reserve including the Football/Netball club rooms, Clay Target Clubrooms, children's play area and netball courts can be used without restriction. Part of the oval remains restricted*

## **For distribution to:**

- The Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS);
- EPA Victoria;
- North Wangaratta Reserve Committee of Management;
- North Wangaratta Clay Target Club;
- North Wangaratta Football/Netball Club; and
- the Rural City of Wangaratta.

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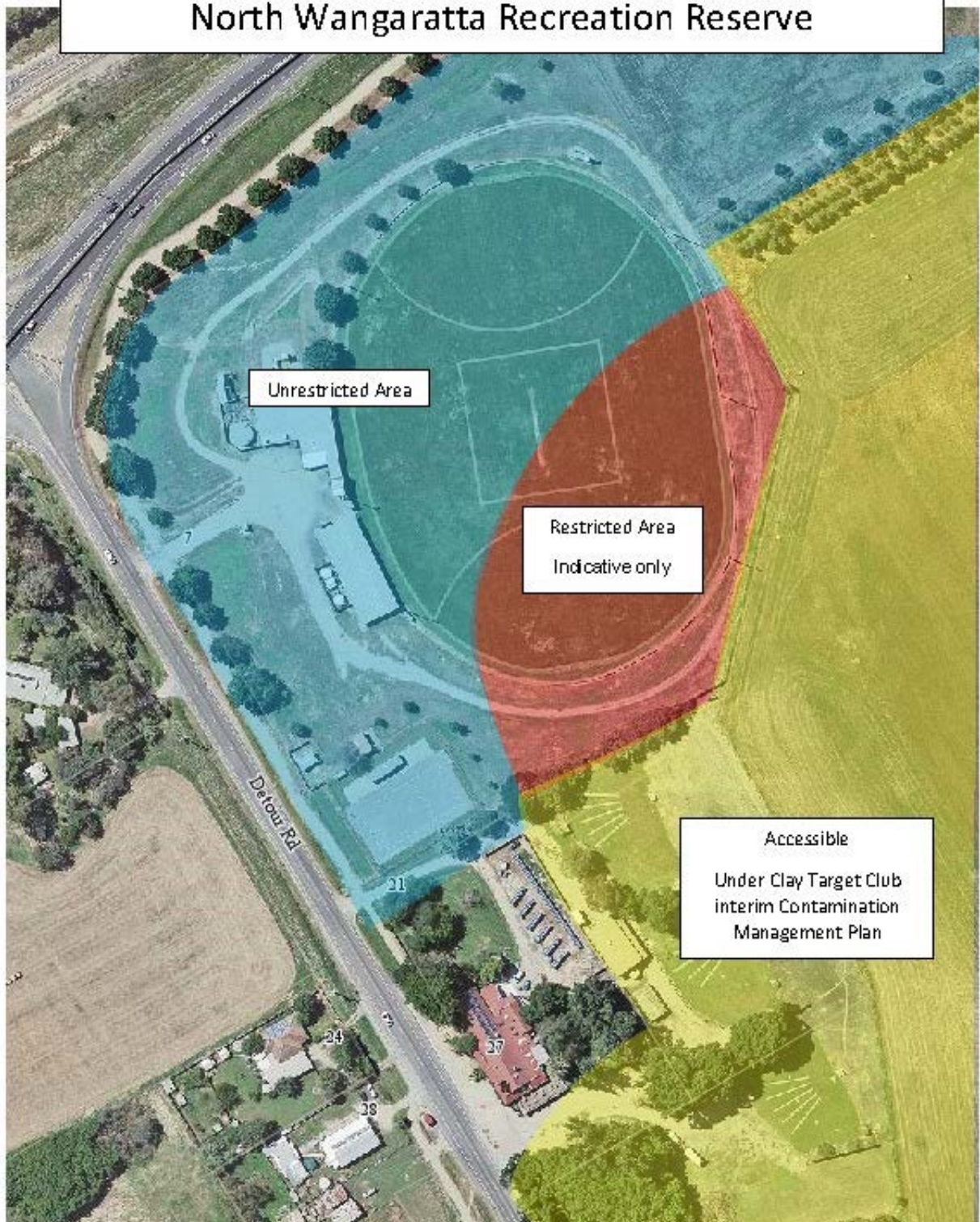
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# North Wangaratta Recreation Reserve



This plan recognises that occupation of the entire precinct, including all outdoor areas, must be guided by the ongoing investigation to identify and mitigate the risks associated with the incidence of lead (and other pollutants) in the Reserve and in adjacent areas. Therefore exclusion zones have been created across the precinct in order to manage access and activities.

1. **Blue Zone—Unrestricted Access: Public access is allowed.**
2. **Red Zone—Restricted Access: No public access at any time.**
3. **Yellow Zone—Accessible - Under Clay Target Club interim Contamination Management Plan.**

## Access restrictions explained...

### **North Wangaratta Reserve Football Oval**

Portions of the oval contain lead levels above recommended health guidelines. For that reason, restrictions remain in place on a section of the oval and surrounding areas. These restrictions apply to all users. Signs indicating where access is restricted are in place to separate areas and gates to these areas will remain locked at all times. No children under the age of 18 should enter the restricted area under any circumstances. In the case of a lost sports ball, adults may enter for a short time only for retrieval.

Remaining sections of the oval outside of the restricted area is open and available for club activities.

### **Club Buildings, Netball Court and Children's Playground**

A regular cleaning regime of all club premises should be established of not less than once a month by the respective user groups.

Persons undertaking cleaning of club premises and change rooms must as a minimum utilise disposable gloves, dust mask (P2 or similar) and goggles/safety glasses.

Evidence of cleaning activity is to be recorded and retained by the Committee of Management or club users and occupiers. The Committee of management shall be responsible to ensure that the cleaning is carried out, recorded and retained.

### **Clay Target Club Facilities**

Operations may recommence under the requirements identified within the interim Contamination Management Plan accepted by EPA Victoria.

A copy of the Pollution Management Plan should be made available by the Clay Target Club to the Reserve Committee of Management and the North Wangaratta Football-Netball Club.

### **Public Notice**

A copy of this management plan is to be placed onto notice boards and made available via respective club websites. This management plan is to be provided to users and hirers of club rooms and other facilities.

### **Ongoing Maintenance**

Oval - Unrestricted areas will be prepared for sporting use by Council's field services staff, after which normal ground maintenance will be handed over to the Reserve CoM and user groups. Restricted sections (and restricted surrounds) of the oval will continue to be maintained by Council field staff with the central aim being fire risk mitigation. These areas will be locked and accessible only by Council staff.

### **Dust Monitoring**

Dust risk at the reserve will be monitored by EPA Victoria. If the adjoining Clay Target Club land, or the restricted section of the oval becomes bare earth during dry periods (and prone to erosion by wind) all public access to the Reserve will cease.

## Cleaning Requirements...

## Resuming operations...

## Public information...

## Reserve Site Maintenance...

## Dust...