

Summary of the Sports Infrastructure report

Prepared by DHW Ludus Infrastructure for the Snowy Mountains Special Activation Precinct

The Snowy Mountains Special Activation Precinct (Precinct) aims to grow a strong one-season visitor economy into a successful four-season destination by stimulating economic development and investment and increasing year-round jobs in supporting industries.

We are creating a Master Plan that outlines the 40-year vision for the Snowy Mountains, using insights from the community, stakeholders and findings from a range of reports and technical studies.

Prior to public exhibition of the draft Master Plan in mid-2021, a range of reports have been released in advance, including the Sports Infrastructure report, to provide additional time to review these to help inform submissions.

The Sports Infrastructure report outlines a range of factors that have informed the draft Master Plan, however they may not all be reflected in the draft Master Plan, the draft Master Plan also considers the vision for the Precinct, community and stakeholder feedback, available funding for government infrastructure and protection of environmental values.

This report summary provides a high-level overview of the Sports Infrastructure report. More details can be found in the full [Sports Infrastructure report](#). If you have any comments in relation to these reports, please address them in your submission when the draft Master Plan goes on exhibition.

Overview of the Sports Infrastructure report

- The Sports Infrastructure report was prepared by DHW Ludus Infrastructure and provides:
 - an outline of the provision of sports and recreation infrastructure in the investigation area
 - consideration of community needs for organised sport
 - consideration for athletes and teams on the performance pathway through to high performance sport
 - assessment of the existing supply of sporting infrastructure in the investigation area
 - assessment of the needs of the local community, sports organisations, peak bodies as well as other stakeholders
 - opportunities that were considered in the development of the Precinct's plan

Key findings from the Sports Infrastructure report

- To achieve the sporting objectives for the Precinct, existing sports infrastructure needs to be upgraded and new infrastructure added for both community and high-performance sport.
- Community –while the residents in the investigation area and surrounds have access to sporting facilities, they are not always of the quantum, size or condition to meet existing and future demand.
- High Performance – while Jindabyne is a base for winter sport athletes, fosters pathways and provides some world class on-mountain facilities for high performance athletes, the overall quality and scope of facilities (both on and off-mountain) could be improved.

- The investigation area is well provided for in terms of community sporting facilities based on industry supply ratio benchmarks, however there are identified capacity and distribution issues.
- Access to sporting fields, a quality aquatic centre in Jindabyne and indoor courts are identified needs
- The condition of the facilities is generally 'good' or 'reasonable', however there is an identified need for maintenance or upgrades now, and into the future.
- Accessibility, in particular the provision of female friendly facilities and all abilities access, at sports facilities needs to be addressed.
- Almost 40% of facilities are not accessible for people with a disability
- Over 30% of facilities don't have appropriate toilet provision
- 50% of facilities don't have appropriate changeroom provision
- Works to maintain, expand and integrate the local trail network are important to prioritise in the Precinct. The trail network is used for a number of sports, including cross-country skiing, biathlon, mountain biking, trail running and hiking. It is also a mechanism to better connect the Jindabyne Sport and Recreation Centre.
- Some high performance winter sports may be inclined to relocate their programs to the region if appropriate facilities are developed on and off mountain. Facilities would need to be affordable for it to be activated and utilised, and dedicated accommodation is important.
- There is a need to improve community access to the Sport and Recreation Centre.
- The provision of improved and additional community sporting infrastructure can provide economic, health and wellbeing benefits for schools in the investigation area through joint usage arrangements.

Key opportunities from the Sports Infrastructure report that are considered in the draft Master Plan

- Create a Community Sports Hub and improve the High Performance Sports Hub at the Jindabyne Sport and Recreation Centre
- New facilities at the Sport and Recreation Centre could include:
 - Ice rink
 - Indoor and outdoor courts
 - Off-mountain biathlon course and laser range
 - Sports fields, for dual use of athletes and community
 - Aquatics facility
 - Sports climbing wall
 - Gymnastics facility
 - Criterium course
 - High performance training centre
 - University research centre, integrated with the proposed high performance training centre
- Trail enhancements, evolution and integration
- Mountain bike park for beginner and intermediate levels
- Adventure tourism amenity
- Consider road cycling as part of the road upgrade work.