

Summary of the Social Infrastructure report

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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 Social Infrastructure report, to provide additional time to review these to help inform submissions.

The Social 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, as 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 Social Infrastructure report. More details can be found in the full [Social 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 Social Infrastructure report

- The Social Infrastructure report was prepared by Liesl Codrington Consulting and provides:
 - an understanding of the existing social infrastructure in the investigation area
 - an overview of population growth expected as a result of the Special Activation Precinct
 - recommendations to inform planning for social infrastructure in the Precinct
- Social infrastructure incorporates facilities and services that are used for the physical, social, and cultural wellbeing of the community. It includes education, healthcare, aged care, emergency services, community centres and services, libraries, community recreation and sporting facilities, playgrounds and skate parks and public open space.

Key findings from the Social Infrastructure report

- Overall social infrastructure provided in the investigation area is sufficient for the resident population. However, social infrastructure comes under strain during the peak tourism season (winter months). In many cases, the quality of social infrastructure could be improved to ensure equitable access, and in some cases better functionality, for all sections of the population.
- There are an adequate number of schools in the area. However, the schools need more open space and teaching space. It was recently announced that the new Jindabyne Central

School will be located at the Sport and Recreation Centre. Snowy Mountains Grammar School is also further developing its site to account for growth in student population.

- There is currently no tertiary education provider in the study area, however TAFE and the University of Canberra have expressed a desire to locate in the Precinct.
- Emergency services are provided in Fire and Rescue NSW, NSW Police, NSW Ambulance, NSW Rural Fire Service and State Emergency Service. Stations are located in Jindabyne, Thredbo and Perisher. Local stations require refurbishment or upgrade. This is underway for NSW Police, but requires planning for other emergency services.
- Medical and health centres in Jindabyne are stretched to capacity at peak tourism times. Cooma serves as the local hospital and is currently being upgraded. Allied health services are provided through the medical centre on a regular, but intermittent, basis.
- Community support services are available in Jindabyne, however they lack a dedicated space to adequately serve community needs.
- Aged care services are currently not available in the Precinct area, and there is a known desire in the community for an aged care facility.
- There is no dedicated space for youth to gather for recreation and to access support, which is an identified need.
- Sport, recreation and open space are highly valued by the community, and well provided for across the town, particularly through the Sport and Recreation Centre and Lake Jindabyne foreshore. There is no lack in quantity of recreation facilities, however the quality of these can be improved.
- Art and culture are valued by the community. Current art and culture infrastructure needs upgrading and the area lacks a suitable space to host art events and gatherings.
- There is a desire in the community for more recognition of the region’s Indigenous history to be reflected in culture and heritage. More consultation is required with the Monero-Ngarigo people to determine how best to incorporate Connection to Country and Return to Country into the Precinct.
- Many key social infrastructure facilities need upgrading regardless of the initiatives proposed through the Precinct. For example, Jindabyne Central School, a community library, the Neighbourhood Centre, youth services, aged care, and emergency services station upgrades. In addition, upgrades to the open space in regard to quality and accessibility are also required.

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

Theme	Recommendations
Develop a best practice, future-focussed sport and education precinct at the Jindabyne Sport and Recreation Centre	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Relocate Jindabyne Central School to the Sport and Recreation Centre site • Incorporate tertiary education at the Sport and Recreation Centre • Improve community sport facilities and balance these with elite sport needs • Improve community access to the Sport and Recreation Centre



Theme	Recommendations
Provide services and facilities for all population groups and users	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ensure inclusivity and access for all ages and abilities• Develop a community centre, including formalised spaces for community services, meeting spaces, performance space, permanent library and youth hub• Refurbish and refresh the Jindabyne Memorial Hall• Provide aged care in a walkable distance from the town centre• Continue to engage with Health NSW to determine the health services needs to cater for an increased population• Emergency facility upgrades are required for Fire and Rescue NSW, NSW Rural Fire Service and NSW Ambulance• Provide a youth hub with support and activities to engage the local youth population
Improve the quality and connectedness of open space and recreation	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Activate the foreshore of Lake Jindabyne, including additional outdoor activities, quality landscaping and design for all age groups, and encouraging events• Improve the connectedness of open space and public social infrastructure, including linking open space, parks, sports fields, walkable shady streets and social infrastructure for the health and wellbeing of the community• Provide opportunities for the local art community to contribute to public art and performance• Foster development of the trails network in the area for community recreation, walking and mountain biking, and as a tourism opportunity
Foster social sustainability through community support and by building community resilience	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Facilitate community growth with open and transparent engagement• Recognise and educate the community about Indigenous culture and heritage through thoughtful design, following engagement with local Indigenous community elders• Provide housing for service providers and seasonal workers to reduce barriers for skilled workers• Encourage social responsibility initiatives by future and current resorts in the precinct to improve connection to and involvement with the community

Principles for social infrastructure provision

<p>Planned provision Population projections and future needs will be taken into account to plan facilities, services and open space to support the growth of the SAP</p> 	<p>High quality Social infrastructure will be high quality, future focussed and best practice</p> 	<p>Co-located facilities Facilities will be multipurpose and serve multiple groups where possible to promote efficient use of resources</p> 
<p>Close and connected Located centrally, close to existing centres and distributed to maximise pedestrian, cycle and public transport access</p> 	<p>Serving all populations Developed to deliver to residents, seasonal workers and tourists, and consider flux in seasonal populations</p> 	<p>Accessible for all ages All ages to be provided for in the distribution, design and diversity of social infrastructure</p> 
<p>Viable funding Delivered for the best use of public funds, with ongoing maintenance, staffing and resourcing important considerations</p> 	<p>Connection to Country Prioritising and considering Connection and Return to Country led by engagement</p> 	<p>Accessible for all people Inclusive design and accessibility for all abilities, backgrounds and sections of population</p> 
<p>Clear management Governance, management and maintenance arrangements to be planned from the outset so costs and responsibilities are clear</p> 	<p>Community support Active community involvement and support is important for the viability of plans and helps to build community cohesion and resilience</p> 	<p>Sustainable Environmentally, economically and socially sustainable. Use renewable energy and sustainable materials. Climate change and its impacts to be a key consideration</p> 

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