1. **Issues and Opportunities**

1. **Agricultural Pavilion:** Agricultural and table tennis pavilion in the south eastern corner of the site is of heritage significance and should be retained. Existing use of the pavilion should be maintained.

2. **Linear Path/Trail:** Reinforce/improve the linear path linking to the train station.

3. **Surplus infrastructure and shedding:** Age and condition of existing shedding detracts from the visual amenity of the reserve and receives minimal use. Remove surplus items. Incorporate adequate storage in alternative facilities.

4. **Oval width:** Oval is under recommended size for senior AFL football. Eastern boundary also impacting on existing trees. Consider options to increase oval width. Consider impacts on existing light towers and infrastructure.

5. **Sports Pavilion:** Existing club rooms are servicing football/netball and cricket club basic needs, however facilities are ageing and offer limited appeal for broader community use. Opportunity to consider new club rooms as part of a new facility on the reserve.

6. **Change rooms:** Existing change rooms are ageing, inadequate and lack female friendly facilities. Consider opportunities to replace facilities.

7. **Netball court:** The existing single netball court is spatially constrained in the current location, which impacts adequate run-off, safety and circulation zones. Facility lacks adequate lighting and spectator amenity. An additional court has been requested for training and competition purposes – with lighting.

8. **Netball rooms:** Services daily operational needs of the netball club (i.e. office/administration). Infrastructure is ageing and requires replacement.

9. **Poultry Shed:** Unsightly, aged and infrequently used – limited to storage only. Location of the building detracts from park entry/gateway and limits available space for netball. Subject to heritage assessment, consider opportunities for removal.

10. **Cricket nets and storage garage/gym:** Cricket nets service the basic needs of the cricket club, however facilities are ageing and will need to be renewed in the foreseeable future. Consider alternative location in north-south orientation if new facilities are to be established. Goat shed is used for storage and gym/weights and should be retained to service current use.

11. **Public Toilets:** Ageing facilities with limited appeal. Consider replacing as part of any new buildings.

12. **Stables:** Stables in the south west corner are of architectural significance and should be preserved.

13. **War memorial/s:** There are several memorial items on the hill. Consider opportunities to relocate and/or incorporate as part of any new building works.

14. **Mature trees:** Consider tree replacement strategy for ageing trees.

15. **Event lawn:** The site currently lacks an open grassed area suitable for the Agricultural Show and other community events. Opportunities to provide an event lawn should be considered.

16. **Flooding and drainage:** Camp Reserve currently floods impacting on existing infrastructure and use of the reserve. Implementation of the action items in the Mount Alexander Shire Council Investigation and Design of Flood Mitigation Treatments (June 2017) and constructing new facilities outside of flood zone should be considered.
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**NEW FACILITIES:**

- **Community Pavilion:** Develop a new community pavilion outside of the flood plain to service existing sporting clubs (i.e. Cricket, Netball and Football) and broader community uses. The new pavilion is to incorporate adequate change rooms, social areas, meeting space, storage and kitchen facilities. Design of the pavilion will be subject to a separate future planning process. Two storey design to be considered.

- **Netball Courts:** Construct a new fully compliant netball court in the south west corner of the reserve, adjacent to a multi-use community court with appropriate training lights, players benches, coaches boxes and spectator viewing shelter. Undertake tree removal, earthworks and construct retaining walls as required.

- **Car Parking:** Construct new car park near pavilion and the north end of the oval to be asphalt, Gingell Street parking to be gravel. Provision will be made for accessible parking and a loading zone for the pavilion.

- **Cricket Nets:** Demolish the existing cricket practice nets and replace with new training facilities.

- **Public Toilets:** Demolish the three existing public toilets (due to age, accessibility and compliance) and replace with new public toilets. Additional public toilets to be provided in new community pavilion in the southern end of the reserve. Any additional toilets required to support community events to be provided on a temporary basis.

**RELOCATE, REMOVE AND UPGRADE FACILITIES:**

- **Oval playing surface:** Upgrade and re-size the oval to provide a compliant size playing surface for senior football. Extent of re-sizing to be within limits imposed by existing light towers (i.e. 175-180m long x 116m wide subject to detailed design). Oval upgrade to include new boundary fence, perimeter seating (relocate existing recently installed seating and complement with new seating as required), new coaches boxes and relocated score board. Ensure gated access to the oval surface from both the southern and northern ends of the reserve.

- **Time keepers box and storage facility:** Construct a new time keepers shelter with storage for turf maintenance equipment.

- **Castlemaine and District Agricultural Society Office:** Remove existing show office and consider replacement in same location.

- **Horse railing:** Relocate horse railing to northern end of the reserve.

- **Demolition:** Surplus and ageing infrastructure should be removed and/or relocated including: existing poultry pavilion, change rooms and club rooms; the former CWA Building (netball ‘office’) which should be removed and relocated to an alternative location within the Shire; and reserve fencing where no longer required.

**OTHER IMPROVEMENTS:**

- **Pedestrian Paths:** Formalise pedestrian paths throughout the reserve to connect surrounding streets, the train station and proposed recreation facilities. Paths in southern part of the site should be trafficable by vehicles.

- **Event Lawn:** Provide an open grassed area in the northern section of the reserve to support Agricultural Show and general community use.

- **Stables:** The existing stables in the south west corner of the reserve are to be retained in recognition of their heritage significance. Upgrade/maintain assets as required to support continued use by the Show.

- **Interpretive Signage:** Incorporate interpretive signage within the reserve recognising the cultural heritage significance of the site, including long association with the Agricultural Show.

- **Flooding and Drainage:** Consider implementation of the proposed actions items outlined in the Mount Alexander Shire Council Investigation and Design of Flood Mitigation Treatments (June 2017) to improve use of the reserve and to protect proposed infrastructure and facilities.

- **Existing Trees:** Retain existing Poplar and Elm trees to the eastern and western boundaries of the site and develop a tree succession plan to allow for staged replacement as they reach the end of their useful life. Complement existing vegetation with additional tree planting where identified.

- **Vehicle Circulation:** Formalise existing vehicular access in the north of the reserve. Modify vehicular access from Forest Street in the south of the reserve to cater to two way traffic, ensuring heritage gates are retained.

- **Agricultural Pavilion:** Retain the existing Agricultural Pavilion in recognition of its heritage significance. Support ongoing use for the annual agricultural show and local table tennis club. Structural integrity of the existing facility to be maintained, however facility upgrade or improvements are not proposed in the life of this Master Plan.

- **Power & Water:** Establish new connection points for power and water to support event use of the reserve. Location to include the proposed new pavilion; netball spectator shelter; coaches/timkeeprs box; and new public toilets.