



CITY OF BALLARAT

### **Draft Public Toilet Strategy Summary**











# The Public Toilet Strategy Summary

#### Vision

The City of Ballarat will provide high quality, inclusive and accessible public toilets that are safe, clean and cater to diverse community needs.

#### **Guiding principles**



#### Location and distribution

The City of Ballarat will provide a comprehensive and well-connected network of high-quality public toilets across the municipality.

Public toilets will be well-sited, easy to find and located within a comfortable walking distance from key destinations.



#### Design

The design of public toilets will be functional, attractive, and responsive to the local context and community need.



#### Public toilets for everyone

Universal and inclusive design principles will apply to all future upgrades and provision of new public toilet facilities.



#### Management and maintenance

Public toilets will be maintained to a high standard of cleanliness to support community safety, health and wellbeing.

A proactive approach to the management of public toilets will be adopted across the City of Ballarat.

#### **Public Toilet Planning Strategy Toolkit** -

### Capital works plan

A prioritised10-year list of short, medium and long term actions associated with public toilet upgrades, including refurbishment, renewal and new facilities.

# Strategic and operational priorities

A list of actions that set out a range of strategic and operational priorities regarding public toilet planning and provision across the City of Ballarat.

# Service and typology guide

A set of considerations to guide the type and design of public toilet facilities across the City of Ballarat.

### **Assessment** frameworks

A suite of decision making frameworks that will assist the City of Ballarat in determining ad-hoc requests to upgrade, refurbish or provide new public toilets that are not costed or listed in the capital works plan.

### Strategic and operational actions



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#### Location and distribution

| Actio | n  | Timeframe      |
|-------|--|----------------|
| 1     | To assess ad-hoc requests for upgrades or new public toilets from stakeholders or the community, apply the <b>Decision-Making Framework</b> outlined in the Public Toilet Strategy Summary.  | Ongoing        |
| 2     | Monitor the need for a new public toilet at Midvale Shopping Centre, or along Geelong Road between Buninyong and Ballarat Central.   | Short - medium |
| 3     | Monitor the need to provide a new public toilet around Pleasant Park Activity Centre, having regard to proposed upgrades to public toilets at City Oval (Intercultural Garden) and Drummond Street in the short - medium term.   | Medium         |
| 4     | Undertake a site impact assessment to explore the provision of a new public toilet at St Patrick's Point, as per the Lake Wendouree Masterplan. The assessment should consider:  - SWOT analysis of preferred site location and siting  - Services and utilities provision  - Urban design, safety (CPTED) and environmental design outcomes  - Social and gender impact assessment  - Site condition  - Planning requirements e.g. Heritage Overlay  Subject to findings of the impact assessment, preparation of a business case to unlock implementation and funding may be required. | Short - medium |
| 5     | As an interim measure to mitigate spatial gaps along the southern edge of the Lake, consider the provision of signage showing walking distance to nearby public toilets, for example at City Oval, Victoria Park and the Ballarat Aquatic and Lifestyle Centre.  | Short          |
| 6     | Improve wayfinding and signage to public toilets around Lake Wendouree, including display of opening hours on the doors.   | Short          |
| 7     | Advocate for inclusion of a new destination public toilet in Bridge Mall, through the Bridge Mall masterplaning process.   | Short          |
| 8     | Subject to outcomes of above action, explore alternative locations for the provision of a new destination public toilet in Bridge Mall area.   | Medum - long   |



| Actio | on .   | Timeframe      |
|-------|--|----------------|
| 9     | Engage with landowners of Norwich Plaza to discuss potential of a new public toilet provision as part of future upgrades to the Plaza.   | Medium         |
| 10    | Subject to outcomes of Bridge Mall masterplanning process, undertake a site impact assessment to identify alternative locations for a new public toilet in the Little Bridge Street area. The assessment should consider:  - SWOT analysis of preferred site location and siting  - Services and utilities provision  - Urban design, safety (CPTED) and environmental design outcomes  - Social and gender impact assessment  - Site condition  Subject to findings of the impact assessment, preparation of a business case to unlock implementation and funding may be required | Short - medium |
| 11    | Continue to operate and manage public toilets in regional Ballarat and monitor the need to increase public toilet provision with reference to the <a href="Decision-Making-Framework">Decision-Making-Framework</a> outlined in the Public Toilet Strategy Summary.  | Ongoing        |
| 12    | Align the updated Open Space Strategy with the recommendations of this Strategy with regard to the public toilet <a href="Typology and Service Guide">Typology and Service Guide</a> .   | Short          |
| 13    | Advocate for the inclusion of new public toilet facilities as part of major open space masterplanning processes.   | Ongoing        |
| 14    | Partner with relevant departments, agencies and Committees of Management to advocate for the provision of new public toilets in key locations on crown land.   | Ongoing        |
| 15    | Consider, on a case-by-case basis, the utilisation of existing co-located toilets in sports pavilions to increase the network of public toilets in locations where there are future provisional gaps.  | Ongoing        |
| 16    | Monitor the need to provide new public toilets adjacent to playspaces on a case-by-<br>case basis, with reference to the <b>Decision Making Framework</b> outlined in the Public<br>Toilet Strategy Summary.   | Ongoing        |
| 17    | Ensure that new public toilets are provided as part of the delivery of new / future community and social infrastructure.   | Ongoing        |
| 18    | Identify and monitor future (planned and funded) community infrastructure that will be developed over the next 5 years to ensure that new, accessible public toilet facilities are provided in conjunction with the development.   | Short - onging |
| 19    | Monitor demographic change and levels of development activity occurring in Ballarat's residential growth areas. Should new public toilets be required, advocate with the private sector to deliver new facilities that meet the minimum requirements set out in this Strategy.   | Ongoing        |
| 20    | Explore opportunities to improve provision and management of public toilets in early planning processes and as part of negotiations with developers.   | Ongoing        |



### Public toilet design

| Actio | Action  |         |
|-------|---|---------|
| 21    | When building new public toilets, the typology of the facility should be contextual to its location. In first instances, apply the <a href="Service Hierarchy and Typology Guide">Service Hierarchy and Typology Guide</a> to determine what type of public toilet should be developed. | Ongoing |
| 22    | Standardise the provision of fixtures and fittings across the existing public toilet network in accordance with the <b>Service Hierarchy and Typology Guide</b> .   | Medium  |
| 23    | Apply the Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design principles for the upgrade and delivery of new public toilet facilities.  | Ongoing |
| 24    | Review and monitor data to identify facilities that have the highest levels of energy, water and utilities consumption.   | Ongoing |
| 25    | Where possible, refurbish and upgrade existing public toilets rather than demolishing them.   | Ongoing |
| 26    | Integrate Environmentally Sustainable Design principles into all new public toilets.  | Ongoing |
| 27    | When developing new all-service public toilets, ensure that sustainable design principles are incorporated.   | Ongoing |



### Public toilets for everyone

| Actio | n   | Timeframe       |
|-------|---|-----------------|
| 28    | Apply the universal design principles to all public toilet renewals, upgrades.  | Ongoing         |
| 29    | Undertake a condition and accessibility audit of all City of Ballarat owned and managed public toilet facilities, assessing each against their compliance with AS1428.1.    | Short - Ongoing |
| 30    | Based on the findings of the audit, identify and prioritise upgrades of high-usage, existing public toilets that do not currently meet the minimum requirements of AS1428.1 | Ongoing         |



Capital works plan



| Actio | n  | Timeframe      |
|-------|--|----------------|
| 45    | Promote and communicate the availability of Master Locksmiths Access Keys (MLAK) for people with bladder or bowel challenges through existing support networks, such as the Continence Foundation of Australia.  | Short          |
| 46    | Update the signage on all public toilets to show (at a minimum) opening hours, features inside the toilet and contact details to report a maintenance issue.   | Short - medium |
| 47    | Undertake a site impact assessment to explore the provision of a new Changing Places facility in the Central Ballarat area. This may be in conjunction with exploration of a new destination public toilet at Bridge Mall. The assessment should include engagement with people and groups who currently use Changing Places facilities. | Medium         |
| 48    | Advocate to Changing Places Australia for inclusion of all Changing Places and Full Adult Changing rooms to be included on the Change Places Australia map.  | Short          |
| 49    | Engage and partner with the private sector and other government agencies to advocate for the provision of new Changing Places facilities as part of new major developments.  | Ongoing        |



Capital works plan

### Management and maintenance

| Action |   | Timeframe      |
|--------|---|----------------|
| 50     | Develop a municipal wayfinding Strategy to improve the promotion and accessibility of public toilets.   | Medium         |
| 51     | As part of the municipal wayfinding Strategy, explore the need to place information on the 'next' closest toilet information on public toilet signs.  | Medium         |
| 52     | Update public toilet signage across all public toilets to provide clear information on the amenities provided in each facility. Prioritise high usage and destination public toilets.   | Medium         |
| 53     | Undertake a public awareness campaign to promote the location and availability of public toilets across the Ballarat municipality. This may include explanation of the type of public toilets, features and amenities that are available for community use. | Short - medium |
| 54     | Review the Capital Works Plan periodically every 3 – 5 years and update actions as required.  | Ongoing        |
| 55     | Undertake condition assessments of public toilets every 5 years.  | Ongoing        |



| Action |  | Timeframe |
|--------|--|-----------|
| 56     | Record and collect information about usage and cleaning performance using counters or other data collection methods.   | Ongoing   |
| 57     | Record all reports and instances of anti-social behaviour and reactive maintenance and monitor over time to identify key hot spots. Use this data as an evidence base to inform prioritisation of upgrades and renewals as part of the <a href="Decision Making Framework">Decision Making Framework</a> . | Ongoing   |
| 58     | Promote the use of Snap, Send and Solve app to report and monitor condition and maintenance issues.  | Short     |
| 59     | Rationalise and update the City of Ballarat's list of public toilets and GIS database to accurately reflect the current network of public toilets.   | Short     |
| 60     | Maintain cleaning frequency of high use facilities   | Ongoing   |
| 62     | Monitor, review and update as necessary cleaning and maintenance schedules to align with levels of usage and peak demand. This may change seasonally.  | Onging    |
| 63     | Database all feedback and complaints received about reactive maintenance to support the evidence base for the <b>Decision Making Framework.</b>  | Ongong    |
| 64     | Monitor the need to increase the capacity of existing public toilets at key destination that host regular large-scale events.  | Ongoing   |
| 65     | Ensure the provision of all accessible public toilets at City of Ballarat run and managed events.  | Ongoing   |



#### Short term 1 - 3 Years

| Public Toilet                               | Suburb           | Action   | Year / Priority |
|---|------------------|--|-----------------|
| Little Bridge Street<br>Public Toilets      | Ballarat Central | In short term, monitor usage of this facility, maintaining regular cleaning schedules to monitor condition. In short term, explore options to relocate as part of the Stage 2 Bridge Mall masterplanning and public realm upgrades. In short term, subject to site impact assessment and design testing, construct new or upgraded facility in Y2 or Y3. | (Y1) - High     |
| De Soza Park<br>Public Toilets              | Buninyong        | Undertake a site impact assessment to explore the provision of a new facility. Existing toilet located within a heritage structure and is not accessible, poorly sited and provides poor user experience. Subject to outcomes of assessment and design testing, delivery of new facility in similar location in medium term.                             | (Y1) - High     |
| Lake Wendouree - Underground Public Toilets | Lake Wendouree   | This facility has been demolished as per City of Ballarat resolution. Exploration of replacement facility to be undertaken in accordance with recommendations of Lake Wendouree Masterplan.  | (Y1) - High     |
| St Patrick's Point /<br>Wendouree Parade    | Lake Wendouree   | Undertake a site impact assessment to explore the provision of new public toilet located within the southern portion of Lake Wendouree. Subject to findings of assessment, delivery of new facility in the medium - longer term. Refer to strategic actions for further detail.  | (Y1) - High     |
| Drummond Street<br>North Public Toilets     | Ballarat Central | Facility is not owned by City of Ballarat. Review management arrangements and explore opportunities to decommission / demolish in short term. In medium term consider replacement of facility in alternative location within the Drummond Street North Precinct.   | (Y1) - High     |
| Alfred Walk Public<br>Toilets               | Ballarat Central | This facility is not City of Ballarat owned. Broader refurbishment of the shopping centre planned. In short term, engage with private landowners/tenants to review management arrangements. In medium term, provision of new facility may be required, however this would be dependent on future actions for the public toilet at Little Bridge Street.  | (Y1) - High     |
| Big W Public<br>Toilets                     | Ballarat Central | This facility is not City of Ballarat owned. In short term, engage / advocate with current owners of the building to upgrade and / or improve management of existing facility. Potential to explore co-management arrangements or delivery of new facility in the short - medium term as part of broader shopping centre revitalisation.                 | (Y1) - High     |
| Victoria Park Public<br>Toilets             | Newington        | Facility reported as attracting anti-social behaviour, particularly around male facilities. Explore /scope design options to improve community safety and accessibility of this toilet in short term. Identified in FY 23/24 for refurbishment.  | (Y1) - High     |
| Weeramar Park<br>Public Toilets             | Wendouree        | No stakeholder or community feedback provided on this facility. Currently identified for renewal in FY 23/24 budget as a facility that requires minor upgrades and refurbishment due to age of facility.   | (Y1) - High     |



#### Short term (cont.)

| Public Toilet   | Suburb           | Action  | Year / Priority |
|---|------------------|---|-----------------|
| Wendouree West<br>Recreation Reserve                            | Wendouree        | Monitor the need for the provision of new public toilet in this location. It is noted there is already an existing, limited access facility in this location. Potential for delivery of new facility in the medium - longer term.   | (Y1) - High     |
| Albert Street Toilets - Parent Place                            | Ballarat Central | Facility identified in FY 23/24 budget for refurbishment. Prior to update of facility, confirm timing and status of Ballarat Library refurbishment and provision of public toilet facilities with regard to Parents Place components. Reported higher levels of maintenance required for this facility and its location / siting has been reported as an issue among stakeholders and the community.            | (Y1) - High     |
| Ballarat Town Hall<br>Disability Access<br>Toilet               | Ballarat Central | Facility is well located, however has been cited as difficult to find. Improve signage and wayfinding to this facility in short term.   | (Y2) - Moderate |
| Brown Hill Reserve<br>Public Toilets                            | Brown Hill       | Location identified for a new public toilet. Confirm and align with outcomes of the Brown Hill Masterplan with regard to location, design and siting. Consideration for inclusion of accessible change rooms if being delivered as part of proposed Brown Hill Splash park.   | (Y2) - Moderate |
| Prince of Wales<br>Park   | Lake Gardens     | Location identified for a new public toilet. It is noted that an existing toilet is already located here, attached as an amenity to the sports building. It is not fully accessible to the public for usage. In short term, advocate for delivery in conjunction with the implementation of future Prince of Wales Park Masterplan. Subject to site and design assessment, deliver new facility in medium term. | (Y2) - Moderate |
| Ballarat<br>Showgrounds<br>Public Toilets                       | Wendouree        | Existing facility proposed to be demolished and replaced as part of redevelopment of the site.  | (Y3) - Low      |
| Black Hill Reserve  | Black Hill       | Location identified for a new public toilet. Undertake site impact assessment in the short term to deliver new public toilet within this area. Provision of new facility to have regard to reported cases of anti-social behaviour in this area. Development of new facility to form a medium - longer term priority and to be provided as part of the implementation of the Black Hill Reserve Masterplan.     | (Y3) - Low      |
| City Oval Public<br>Toilet                                      | Lake Wendouree   | Review management arrangements of this facility in short term.<br>Advocate for provision of a new toilet as part of the Intercultural<br>Masterplan implementation.   | (Y3) - Low      |
| Marty Busch<br>Reserve Public<br>Toilets - No 2<br>Change Rooms | Sebastopol       | Review and monitor outcomes of current strategic work. Engage with City of Ballarat Parks / Recreation Services teams to confirm whether new facilities are planned for delivery and advocate for delivery of new facility through the masterplanning process. Depending on outcomes, provision of a newer / temporary facility may be required.  | (Y3) - Low      |
| Marty Busch<br>Reserve Public<br>Toilets                        | Sebastopol       | Review and monitor outcomes of current strategic work. Engage with City of Ballarat Parks / Recreation Services teams to confirm whether new facilities are planned for delivery and advocate for delivery of new facility through the masterplanning process. Depending on outcomes, provision of a newer / temporary facility may be required.  | (Y3) - Low      |



#### Medium term (4 - 6 Years)

| Public Toilet                                       | Suburb           | Action   | Year / Priority |
|---|------------------|--|-----------------|
| Yorkdale Estate Public<br>Toilets                   | Delacombe        | Currently no public toilets in this location. Adjacent to new playground, as part of development of Yorkdale. Review the provision / need of public toilet in this location alongside update to the Public Open Space Strategy. Potential to provide new facility in medium term.                          | (Y4) - High     |
| Lake Wendouree -<br>South Gardens Public<br>Toilets | Lake Wendouree   | This facility received generally positive feedback from the community. Contains hooks and toilet seat for community use. Identified in FY 23/24 budget for renewal / upgrades.   | (Y4) - High     |
| Victoria Park (southern end)                        | Newington        | Undertake a site impact assessment to explore the provision of new public toilet located within the southern portion of Victoria Park. Subject to findings of assessment, delivery of new facility in the medium - longer term.  | (Y5) - Moderate |
| Miners Rest Reserve<br>Public Toilet                | Miners Rest      | No specific mention about this facility in community or stakeholder engagement. Location, siting and accessibility of toilet to be reviewed. Potential need of renewal or replacement in medium term.  | (Y5) - Moderate |
| Eureka Gardens<br>Stockade Public Toilets           | Eureka           | Reported ongoing maintenance issues and anti-social behaviour around these facilities. These toilets are outdoor and disconnected from the Community Hall and have accessibility issues. Maintain facility and continue to monitor regularly.  | (Y5) - Moderate |
| Armstrong Street Public<br>Toilets                  | Ballarat Central | Facility is not owned by City of Ballarat. Review management arrangements and explore opportunities to decommission / demolish in short term. In medium term consider replacement of facility in alternative location of Armstrong Street North precinct and consider replacement in medium to longer term | (Y6) - Low      |
| Eastern Oval 1- Female                              | Ballarat East    | Undertake design and site impact assessment to determine location and siting of a new facility. Advocate for new toilet in conjunction with masterplanning of the site.  | (Y6) - Low      |
| Eastern Oval 2 - Female                             | Ballarat East    | Undertake design and site impact assessment to determine location and siting of a site impact facility. Advocate for new toilet in conjunction with masterplanning of the site.  | (Y6) - Low      |
| Eastern Oval 1 - Male                               | Ballarat East    | Undertake design and site impact assessment to determine location and siting of a new facility. Advocate for new toilet in conjunction with masterplanning of the site.  | (Y6) - Low      |
| Eastern Oval 2 - Male                               | Ballarat East    | Undertake design and site impact assessment to determine location and siting of a new facility. Advocate for new toilet in conjunction with masterplanning of the site.  | (Y6) - Low      |



### Longer term (7+ Years)

| Public Toilet   | Suburb         | Action  |
|---|----------------|---|
| Llanberris Athletics<br>Reserve Public Toilet               | Golden Point   | Review management arrangements of this facility. Further investigations required to understand the future of Llanberris Reserve. Depending on future timeframes of broader reserve upgrades, provision of new facility may be required. Action subject to outcomes of Commonwealth Games Legacy projects. |
| Llanberris Athletics<br>Reserve Accessible<br>Public Toilet | Golden Point   | Review management arrangements of this facility. Further investigations required to understand the future of Llanberris Reserve. Depending on future timeframes of broader reserve upgrades, provision of new facility may be required. Action subject to outcomes of Commonwealth Games Legacy projects. |
| Midlands Reserve<br>Public Toilets                          | Ballarat North | This a recently developed facility in relation to the splash park. As population and community need grows over time, monitor the need for upgrade or renewal to expand capacity and include changing rooms.   |
| Golden Point<br>Lookout Public<br>Toilets                   | Golden Point   | No community feedback on this facility. Continue to maintain and manage. In medium - longer term, explore management arrangements or consider replacement facility.   |
| Scotsburn Hall<br>Reserve Public Toilet                     | Scotsburn      | This is an older public toilet block. Consider replacement of facility in longer term with more contemporary and accessible design. Facility maintained by a Committee of Management.   |
| Buninyong Botanic<br>Gardens Public<br>Toilets              | Buninyong      | No community or stakeholder feedback on this facility. Continue to maintain and manage in short - medium term. In longer term, consider replacing facility in conjunction with masterplanning process to inform the design and siting of this location.   |
| Lake Learmonth -<br>Yacht Club Public<br>Toilets            | Learmonth      | No community or stakeholder feedback on this facility. Continue to maintain and manage in short - medium term. In longer term, consider accessible replacement facility.  |



### Ongoing

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| Public Toilet  | Suburb            | Action   | Year / Priority      |
|--|-------------------|--|----------------------|
| Alexander Park<br>Learmonth Public<br>Toilets  | Learmonth         | No community or stakeholder feedback on this facility.<br>Continue to maintain and manage.   | Maintain and monitor |
| Alfredton Sports Pavilion Public Toilets   | Alfredton         | Reported ongoing maintenance issues on internal fixtures and facilities. Maintain facility and continue to monitor regularly.  | Maintain and monitor |
| Cardigan Village Public<br>Toilet  | Cardigan Village  | No community or stakeholder feedback on this facility.<br>Continue to maintain and manage.   | Maintain and monitor |
| Charles Edward Brown<br>Reserve Public Toilets   | Wendouree         | No community or stakeholder feedback on this facility.<br>Continue to maintain and manage.   | Maintain and monitor |
| Djila - tjarriu /<br>Ballymanus Reserve<br>Public Toilets                                | Alfredton         | New facility has recently been delivered as part of the new park. Reported ongoing maintenance issues on internal fixtures and facilities. Maintain facility and continue to monitor regularly. If further issues with maintenance continue, explore design upgrades / improvements to facility. | Maintain and monitor |
| Doug Dean Reserve<br>Public Toilets  | Delacombe         | No community or stakeholder feedback on this facility.<br>Continue to maintain and manage.   | Maintain and monitor |
| Howitt Street Shopping<br>Centre Car Park Public<br>Toilet                               | Wendouree         | Recently built facility. Known challenge around maintenance and location. Maintain facility and continue to monitor regularly.   | Maintain and monitor |
| Lake Esmond Public Toilets   | Canadian          | No community or stakeholder feedback on this facility.<br>Continue to maintain and manage.   | Maintain and monitor |
| Lake Wendouree -<br>Ballarat Grammar Boat<br>Shed Public Toilets                         | Lake<br>Wendouree | Reported difficulties finding this toilet. Opening hours cited as an issue. Explore short term opportunities to improve wayfinding / signage to this facility.   | Maintain and monitor |
| Lake Wendouree -<br>Ballarat Yacht Club<br>Public Toilets                                | Lake<br>Wendouree | Reported difficulties finding this toilet. Opening hours cited as an issue. Explore short term opportunities to improve wayfinding / signage to this facility.   | Maintain and monitor |
| Lake Wendouree -<br>Canoe Club Public<br>Toilets   | Lake<br>Wendouree | Reported difficulties finding this toilet. Opening hours cited as an issue. Explore short term opportunities to improve wayfinding / signage to this facility.   | Maintain and monitor |
| Lake Wendouree -<br>North Gardens Public<br>Toilets - Female                             | Lake<br>Wendouree | No community or stakeholder feedback on this facility. Continue to maintain and manage.  | Maintain and monitor |
| Lake Wendouree -<br>North Gardens Public<br>Toilets - Male                               | Lake<br>Wendouree | No community or stakeholder feedback on this facility. Continue to maintain and manage.  | Maintain and monitor |
| Lake Wendouree North<br>Gardens Public Toilets<br>- Adult change place<br>and accessible | Lake<br>Wendouree | No community or stakeholder feedback on this facility.<br>Continue to maintain and manage.   | Maintain and monitor |



#### Ongoing (cont.)

| Public Toilet  | Suburb Action    |  | Year / Priority      |  |
|--|------------------|--|----------------------|--|
| Lucas District Park<br>Public Toilet                   | Lucas            | Recently developed facility. Known challenge on maintenance and vandalism. Maintain facility and continue to monitor regularly. If further issues with maintenance continue, explore design upgrades / improvements to facility  | Maintain and monitor |  |
| Morshead Park Public<br>Toilets                        | Redan            | This facility has been recently renewed / upgraded. Some feedback of these facilities not being clean. Maintain facility and continue to monitor regularly.  | Maintain and monitor |  |
| Mount Buninyong<br>Public Toilets                      | Buninyong        | No community or stakeholder feedback on this facility. Continue to maintain and manage.  | Maintain and monitor |  |
| Mount Pleasant<br>Reserve Public Toilets               | Mount Pleasant   | No community or stakeholder feedback on this facility. Continue to maintain and manage. This facility has been recently developed.   | Maintain and monitor |  |
| MR Power Reserve<br>Public Toilet                      | Sebastopol       | Recently developed facility. Known challenges of maintenance and vandalism. Maintain facility and continue to monitor regularly. If further issues with maintenance continue, explore design upgrades / improvements to facility.  | Maintain and monitor |  |
| Northern Oval Reserve<br>(SE) Public Toilet            | Wendouree        | City of Ballarat maintains the facility but does not clean. Facility only open on game days. Continue to maintain and manage.  | Maintain and monitor |  |
| Northern Oval Reserve<br>(SW) Public Toilet            | Wendouree        | City of Ballarat maintains the facility but does not clean. Facility only open on game days. Continue to maintain and manage.  | Maintain and monitor |  |
| Russell Square Public<br>Toilets                       | Brown Hill       | Identified from community as higher usage facilities from visitors to Black Hill Reserve. Monitor need for upgrade in the medium term, in parallel with actions for Black Hill Reserve.  | Maintain and monitor |  |
| Sebastopol Library<br>Public Toilets                   | Sebastopol       | Toilet was recently developed as part of Sebastopol Library.<br>Continue to maintain and manage.   | Maintain and monitor |  |
| Sparrow Ground<br>Reserve Public Toilet                | Canadian         | No community or stakeholder feedback on this facility Recently developed facility. Continue to maintain and manage.  | Maintain and monitor |  |
| Victoria Park Inclusive<br>Playspace Public<br>Toilets | Newington        | This facility includes an adult hoist, and receives occasional damage. Communication required to ensure others know where other Changing Places are. Convert to Master Locksmiths Access Keys (MLAK) This will form part of the strategic actions. Regular reports to damage of internal fixtures. | Maintain and monitor |  |
| Victory Park Public<br>Toilet                          | Sebastopol       | A public toilet located next to Sebastopol Water Play Park (Victory Park). Suggest to continue maintain.   | Maintain and monitor |  |
| Western Oval Public<br>Toilets                         | Ballarat Central | Recently developed facility. Known challenges of maintenance and vandalism. No community or stakeholder feedback. Maintain facility and continue to monitor regularly.   | Maintain and monitor |  |
| White Flat Public<br>Toilets                           | Ballarat Central | Recently developed facility. No specific mention about this facility in community or stakeholder engagement. Continue to maintain and manage.  | Maintain and monitor |  |



# Service and typology guide

|  | Configuration   | Internal fittings   | External fixtures   | Minimum<br>Cubicles | Opening<br>Hours | Minimum Cleaning<br>Frequency   | Example Locations  |
|--|---|---|---|---------------------|------------------|---|--|
| Basic Public Toilet  Example facility:       | <ul> <li>At least one accessible toilet cubicle.</li> <li>The other cubicle may be a uni-sex or accessible toilet.</li> </ul>             | <ul> <li>Stainless steel toilet</li> <li>Toilet seat</li> <li>Dual flush</li> <li>Concealed cistern and pipes</li> <li>Jumbo roll</li> <li>Liquid hand soap and dispenser</li> <li>Sanitary disposal bin</li> <li>Accessible fittings per AS1428.1</li> </ul> | <ul> <li>At grade pathway.</li> <li>Facility sited with access from an accessible car parking space.</li> <li>Signage showing opening hours, features inside the toilet, contact details / QR code to report maintenance issues.</li> <li>Lighting.</li> </ul>  | 2                   | Dawn - dusk      | At least 3 - 4 times per week.  | <ul> <li>Local and neighbourhood public open spaces.</li> <li>At key locations along linear trails/ shared paths.</li> <li>Local destinations that people spend time (e.g. local shopping village, playspaces).</li> <li>Other moderate use locations.</li> </ul>  |
| Standard Public Toilet  Example facility:    | <ul> <li>At least one accessible toilet cubicle.</li> <li>At least one singlegender male and one single-gender female toilet.</li> </ul>  | <ul> <li>All basic features as above.</li> <li>Door hooks on back of all accessible toilets and female toilets.</li> <li>Baby change table provided in locations near key playgrounds and youth/family-orientated destinations.</li> </ul>                    | <ul> <li>All basic fixtures.</li> <li>Permeable privacy screening.</li> <li>CCTV may be provided.</li> <li>If facility located near a splash park, consideration for additional changing room/s may be required.</li> </ul>   | 3                   | Dawn - dusk      | At least once per day.  Some standard facilities that have high foot traffic may be cleaned multiple times per day. | <ul> <li>Neighbourhood parks.</li> <li>Reserves and open space.</li> <li>Adjacent to district level or other high use playspaces.</li> <li>Local or major activity centres.</li> <li>Other high use locations such as sports reserves, ovals.</li> </ul>   |
| Destination Public Toilet  Example facility: | <ul> <li>At least two accessible toilet cubicles.</li> <li>At least one singlegender male and one single-gender female toilet.</li> </ul> | <ul> <li>All standard features.</li> <li>Mirror in accessible public toilets.</li> <li>Baby change table / parents room.</li> </ul>   | <ul> <li>All standard fixtures.</li> <li>Communal hand washing facilities outside of the cubicle may be provided.</li> <li>A safe and secure refuge for assistance animals.</li> <li>Dual water bowl and water fountain.</li> <li>Exterior walls may include public art / mural.</li> <li>Weather protection / canopy.</li> <li>CCTV.</li> <li>Rubbish bins.</li> </ul> | 4                   | 24 hours         | At least 4 times per day.   | <ul> <li>Regional / municipal parks and open space.</li> <li>Major sporting or events locations.</li> <li>High use recreation reserves.</li> <li>Regional playgrounds.</li> <li>Large activity centres.</li> <li>Central Ballarat.</li> <li>Other high-use locations such as Information Centres or tourist destinations.</li> </ul> |



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#### **Basic Public Toilet**

The Portland Loo







The City of Darebin



Royal Park, Melbourne



#### **Standard Public Toilet**

City of Knox



City of Port Phillip



Bendigo City Council



#### **Destination Public Toilet**

Centennial Park, Sydney







City of Kingston





Prima Park, Sydney





#### **Assessment framework 1**

# Upgrading an existing facility

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#### Condition

### Is the existing facility in poor condition?

#### Considerations include:

- Overall age and condition of facility.
- Level of accessibility
- Continued presence of vandalism or graffiti.
- Facilities are unhygienic and difficult to maintain / clean.
- Obvious signs of wear on the existing facilities within the toilet.

#### Resources

- Public toilet audit data.
- Empirical observations or anecdotal information from the community, City of Ballarat staff, cleaning, service or maintenance contractors.
- Maintenance expenditure tracking.
- Compliance with relevant Australian Standards.

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#### **Demand**

# Is there a demonstrated community demand to be replaced or refurbished?

#### Considerations include:

- Community submissions, petitions or ad-hoc requests.
- Feedback through community and stakeholder consultation processes.

#### Resources

- Evidence from the community or municipal audits / records that a City if Ballarat facility is not adequately functioning.
- Ongoing issues with safety, maintenance or accessibility
- Continued maintenance requests from community or operations.
- Feedback / data from community surveys.



#### Usage

# Does the existing toilet have a low level of usage?

#### Considerations include:

- Siting and location of the facility.
- Presence of vandalism or damage.
- Facilities are unhygienic and difficult to maintain / clean
- Known anti-social behaviour issues.

#### Resources

- Usage counters.
- CCTV (if available)
- Empirical observations or anecdotal information from the community, City of Ballarat staff, cleaning, service or maintenance contractors



### Design and siting

# Is the existing toilet accessible, safe and well-designed?

#### Considerations include:

- Compliance with relevant codes and legislation.
- Universal access.
- Types of fixtures or fittings.
- Siting and location of the facility.

#### Resources

- Australian Standard 1428.1
- Assessment against universal design principles.
- Reverent City of Ballarat masterplans, policies and strategies.



### Safety and inclusivity

# Is the existing toilet safe and inclusive for everyone to use?

#### Considerations include:

- Crime prevention through environmental design.
- Universal access.
- Types of fixtures or fittings.
- Cleanliness.
- Opening hours.

#### Resources

- Assessment against CPTED principles.
- Gender Impact Assessment.
- Review of cleaning and opening hours schedules
- Other relevant City of Ballarat policies and strategies for health, wellbeing and inclusion.



#### Assessment framework 2

### Providing a new facility



# Is there an existing or planned public toilet nearby?

#### Considerations include:

- Existing facilities that are located within 400 metres from the proposed location
- Presence of private or other toilets for community usage that are accessible to within 400 metres from the proposed location (e.g. libraries, indoor sport centres)

#### Resources

- Open Space Strategy.
- Activity Centre Strategy.
- Public Toilet Capital Works Plan.
- Relevant masterplans or structure plans.
- GIS database mapping.
- National Toilet Map.



### Strategic alignment

#### Is there an existing strategy, plan or policy that recommends a new public toilet in this location?

#### Considerations include:

- Surrounding land uses.
- Diversity and type of activities.
- Visitor catchment (local, regional, state).

#### Resources

• City of Ballarat strategies, masterplans and / or relevant policies



#### Context

# Is the location a destination in a high pedestrian catchment?

#### Considerations include:

- Surrounding land use context.
- Nearby destinations that are frequented by pedestrians.
- Types of activities near the proposed location.
- Type of visitors the destination attracts (local, regional, international, etc.)
- Proximity of public transport.
- Length of time spent by visitors in this location.

#### Resources

- Activity Centre Strategy
- Open Space Strategy
- Playspace Strategy
- Visitor Economy Strategy
- Traveller Experience Plan



### Community benefit

# Will a new toilet enhance community safety and inclusion in this location?

#### Considerations include:

- Contribution to existing public toilet network
- Addressing the needs of different user groups.
- Improving perceptions of safety in the surrounding area.
- Supporting health and wellbeing outcomes

#### Resources

- Gender Impact Assessment
- Requirements of the Disability Discrimination Act (DDA)
- Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) guidelines
- Ecologically Sustainable Development (ESD) guidelines

