

Frequently Asked Questions Draft Community Infrastructure Plan 2026

1. What is the Community Infrastructure Plan (CIP)?

The draft CIP is a long term plan for the community, sport, recreation, arts and cultural facilities the Shire of Murray will need as its population grows toward 80,000 people. It sets out what is needed, where, and in what order. It replaces the CIP Council adopted in September 2014.

2. What does the draft CIP cover?

It covers physical community facilities provided by the Shire in three groups:

- Sport and recreation: including ovals, courts, pavilions, the aquatic and leisure centre, skate and wheeled sport facilities, boat ramps.
- Community and civic: including halls, community hubs, libraries, youth and seniors spaces, maternal and child health spaces.
- Arts and culture: including arts spaces, performing arts, museums.

3. How was the draft CIP developed?

It was prepared by community infrastructure consultants, TAP Consulting, and reviewed by Shire officers. The work involved a review of existing strategies and plans, a review of trends in community infrastructure planning, and a framework for assessing need that involved demographic population forecasts, an audit of existing facilities, consideration of benchmarks, and targeted discussions with key stakeholders and feedback from the community on relevant past projects.

4. What the draft CIP proposes

The draft CIP proposes 5 Shire wide Directions and 56 projects spread across the Shire, together with an indicative timeframe for each. The Implementation Plan at section 7 of the draft CIP lists summary details of each Direction and Project.

5. Does the draft CIP propose to close, replace or remove any existing facilities?

In some cases yes, however these will be replaced by new facilities. In particular, the draft proposes to:

- replace the Pinjarra Lesser Hall with a district community centre in the Pinjarra Community Hub, and the Civic Centre with a new performing arts venue;

- replace the interim Ravenswood Community Centre with a new district community centre in the Ravenswood Community Hub;
- replace the Pinjarra North Hall with a new local hall in a more central location;
- replace the North Yunderup CWA and West Murray Hall with a new centrally located hall in North Yunderup;
- demolish the Peel Street Hall, which is in poor condition and no longer used, and the George Beacham Pavilion, which is at the end of its life;
- investigate relocating the Roger May Machinery Museum to the Heritage Railway Precinct; and
- remove smaller tennis facilities in local parks, retaining four tennis courts at South Yunderup and build two new 10 court tennis complexes in Pinjarra and Ravenswood.

6. Is my local hall, oval or clubhouse in the draft CIP?

Check the project list in Section 7.1.2 of the draft CIP. If a facility is not listed, the draft does not propose a specific project for it, and it continues to be managed through the Shire's normal asset renewal program.

7. How would the planned facilities be paid for?

The draft CIP lists the typical funding sources available: Shire funds, government grants, developer contributions, and partnerships with government or private organisations. It does not allocate any source to any project. Its funding principles are to use a range of mechanisms, to cover development and where relevant land costs.

Once adopted, the CIP is intended to give the Shire a strategic basis for its own investment, for seeking external funding and for advocating for government investment.

8. Will developers contribute to the community infrastructure?

Yes, that is the intent. New development creates much of the need for the infrastructure in the draft CIP. The Shire intends to prepare a Development Contribution Plan (DCP) to set out how developers will contribute to the new infrastructure needed to serve future growth.

The DCP will be prepared as a separate project, with its own consultation. The draft CIP does not set or estimate any developer contribution, and this consultation does not seek comment on contributions. Landowners, developers and the community will have the opportunity to comment when the DCP is advertised.

9. How do I make a submission?

Complete the online survey or the complete a submission form available on the project page by 4:30 pm on 4 December 2026.

10. What should my submission include?

- The project or section of the draft CIP your comments relate to, using the project numbers in Section 7.1.2.
- Whether you support it, oppose it or suggest changes, and why.
- Any local knowledge, evidence or alternatives you want considered.
- Your name and contact details if you would like a reply, and your group's name if you represent one.

11. What happens to my submission?

All submissions will be summarised in an engagement report. Officers will report the submissions, and any recommended changes to the draft CIP, to Council, which will consider the points raised in the submissions and any changes that may be appropriate to the draft CIP.

Submissions are not a vote. Council considers what is raised and the evidence behind it, not the number of submissions on each point.

12. Where can I get further information?

For more information on the draft CIP, you can view the Community Infrastructure Plan on this webpage, attend a drop-in session or contact the Shire's Planning team at mailbag@murray.wa.gov.au or (08) 9531 7777.