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## Executive Summary

The following Master Plan for Roscommon has been developed as a long term vision to guide the future development of Roscommon's significant recreational values and protect and enhance its natural values.

The Master Plan is an evidence based plan that has been developed following extensive community consultation with Roscommon tenants, major users groups and the broader community. It builds on community consultation carried out previously as part the development of the Roscommon Reserve Activity Plan (2012) and the Tangara Trail Network Management Plan (2012).

The broad principals of the plan are to enhance and expand the recreational opportunities for walking, cycling, horse riding and children's play; to provide the primary site for equestrian and archery in southern Tasmania; and to undertake revegetation activities to create more habitat, improve the aesthetics of the reserve and to strengthen the greenway corridor between the coast and the Meehan Range.

The reserve will also play an important role in the future management of water quality entering Ralph's Bay and coastal inundation in the Lauderdale area.







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# Roscommon Master Plan - Lauderdale

## 1. Background

Roscommon is a large council owned reserve (approximately 115 ha) situated between Acton Road and Roches Beach in Lauderdale (Figure 1). It is highly valued recreational site for the local community; contains the state base for a range of equestrian disciplines; the key site for archery in southern Tasmania and is an important part of the Tangara Trail Network.

The reserve contains important natural values and habitat for fauna species and a constructed wetland that plays an important role as a detention basin and bioremediation site for the local catchment.

The need to develop a master plan for Roscommon was identified following community consultation associated with the Roscommon Reserve Activity Plan (RAP) and the Tangara Trail Network Management Plan (TTNMP). These plans highlighted the need to assess the current and potential recreation uses for the reserve and develop a plan to maximise its use by the local and wider community.

## 2. Process

The development of the Roscommon Master Plan is divided into four key stages -

- I. Conduct Analysis – review current information, conduct consultation with stakeholders and broader community and undertake site analysis.
- II. Set Broad Principles for the site (using results of analysis) and develop key design directions for the site.
- III. Develop an evidence based Master Plan and release for public comment.
- IV. Finalise Master Plan (incorporating community feedback).

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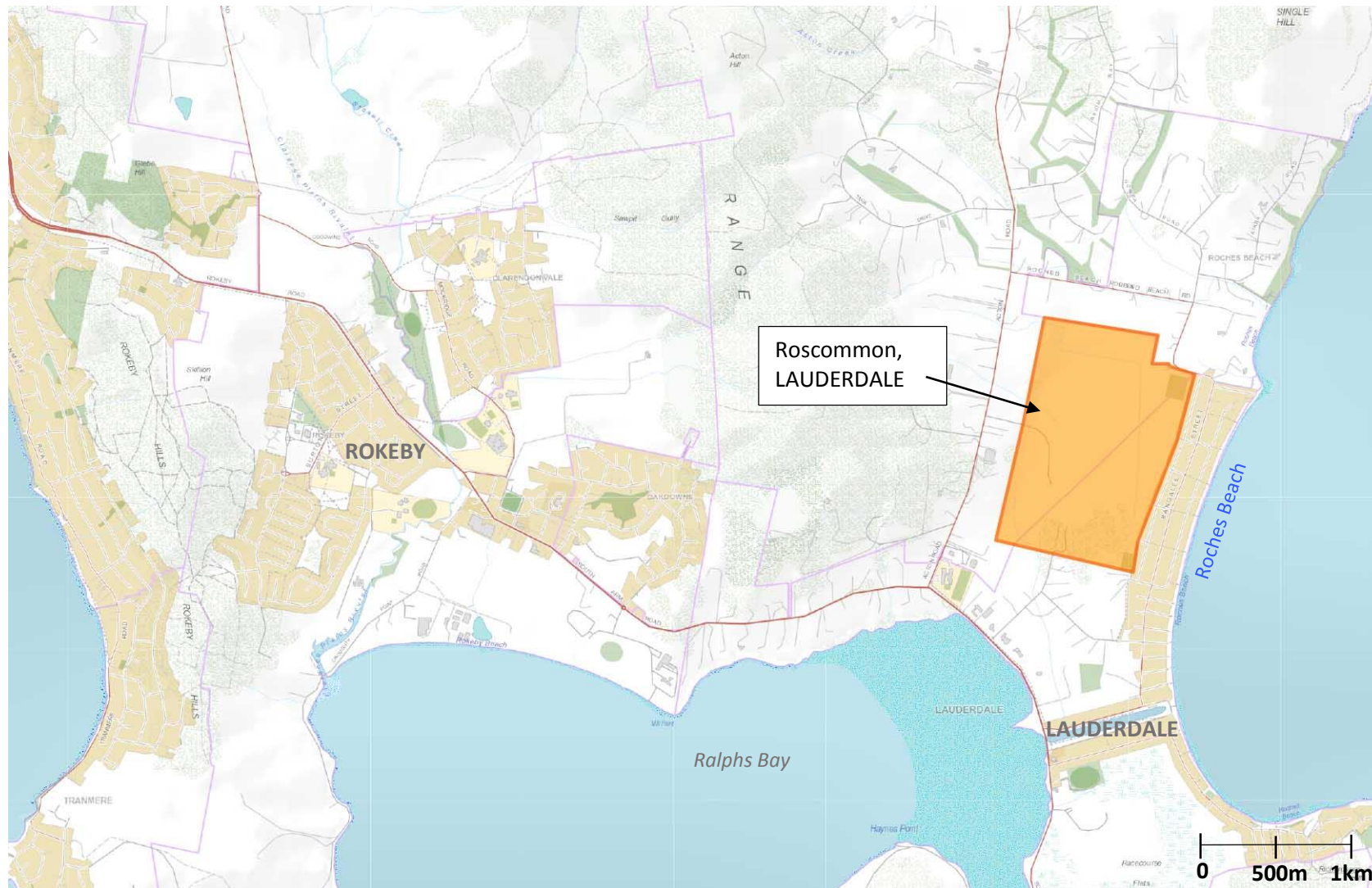


Figure 1 – Location Plan

### 3. Analysis

#### Review of current information

The following documents were reviewed as part of the project.

- Roscommon Master Plan 2013- 2018 – Project Brief for Quotation
- Reserve Activity Plan 2012-2017 – Roscommon Reserve
- Tangara Trail Network Management Plan 2012 – 2017
- Roscommon Bushfire Management Plan, Roscommon and Lauderdale Dunes Coastal Reserve, Lauderdale, 2011.
- Southern Tasmania Regional Land Use Strategy 2010–2035
- Draft Clarence City Council Sports and Active Recreation Strategy 2012 – 2037
- Clarence Planning Scheme 2007
- Draft Clarence Interim Planning Scheme 2014
- Clarence City Council Public Open Space Policy 2013
- Tasmanian Coastal Adaptation Pathways Project, Lauderdale Recommended Actions, July 2012.
- Tasmanian Coastal Adaptation Decision Pathways Project: Inundation Control Works for the Lauderdale Area. June 2012.
- Lauderdale environmental assets: assessment of climate change impact on coastal and marine areas. May 2012.

#### Community Consultation Process

Extensive community consultation was undertaken to canvas the views of the major user groups and stakeholders and the wider community in regard to current and future recreational uses and conservation values of the site.

This community consultation process built on previous consultation undertaken as part of the Roscommon RAP, Tangara Trail Network Management Plan (TTNMP) and the Roscommon Bushfire Management Plan (BMP).

It involved the following aspects;

- 1 on 1 consultation with Tasmanian Equestrian Centre (TEC), Hobart Archery Club (HAC), Tangara Trail Association (TTA), Lauderdale Coastcare Group (LCCG) and Roches Beach Living (RBL).
- A community meeting – held at TEC clubrooms, 23 attendees (including up to 8 TEC members)
- Community Feedback Forms – forms were distributed by Scout group to approximate 1200 residents in the surrounding areas - 88 written responses were received

#### 3.1 Response Analysis

##### STAKEHOLDERS

The following stakeholder and user groups were consulted during the first stage of the project. All were asked a series of pre-determined questions regarding current usage, usage



by others and short term and longer term development within the reserve. A summary of their feedback is provided below with more detailed information provided in Appendix 1.

**Tasmanian Equestrian Centre (TEC)** – Leases reserve and oversees various equestrian disciplines at the reserve including show jumping, dressage, cross country and Pony club. Sublease the northern portion of the reserve to HAC.

Have plans to develop further infrastructure on site i.e. new clubrooms, better access, parking, new yards, indoor arena and undertake further revegetation for windbreaks and to improve visual amenity.

Site has sufficient space for future infrastructure development and expansion of horse riding activities at the site.

TEC is open to providing public access to lease area under controlled circumstances, however TEC has some concerns regarding use/access to and of facilities by non-members due to liability. TEC can see the benefit of shared use e.g. dog users through TEC lease would potentially provide some security benefits for site.

**Hobart Archery Club (HAC)** – Sublease northern half of the reserve from TEC. Undertake a range of archery activities on site including target shooting, field archery and clout. Site provides excellent location for archery due to large area of open space which has good visibility.

Club has plans for further development of the site including an indoor multi-use facility, lighting and new clubrooms. Overall vision for site and facilities to be used as training facility for multi-sports – archery, fencing, equestrian – possible Olympic training venue.

HAC would like to host national events and further revegetation for wind breaks desired.

HAC are open to development of further public trails across their lease provided that trails are located to maintain good visibility across site and not interfere with events.

**Tangara Trail Association (TAC)** – Organisation that oversees the management of the Tanagra Trail in conjunction with Clarence City Council (CCC). Roscommon forms part of Tangara Trail and provides important open area for riding away from roads and houses.

TAC would like new trails through the reserve and favours loop tracks. The lack of maintenance of some trails is seen to inhibit use by some riders at present.

TAC would like a nearby hub for unloading/loading horses (suggested Roches Beach Road end or off Ringwood Road as possible hub) to increase use of reserve.

**Lauderdale Coastcare Group (LCCG)** – Strong association with reserve, have carried out a lot of tree planting and maintenance over an extended period, in particular around the constructed wetland. Facilitate involvement by Sandford Scout Group with plantings and maintenance.

LCCG would like to see the open area developed/maintained at southern end of reserve for ball games, fitness area etc. Improvement in track conditions for use by retirement home residents especially between Ringwood Road and Balook Street.

More trails for walking, biking etc. in conjunction with wetland expansion and inundation basin, to include more revegetation. Safer access to school for children through/around reserve.

**Roches Beach Living** (Independent retirement living centre) – the centre manager was consulted and residents responded through feedback forms.

A number of residents utilise the lower end of the reserve from Ringwood Road. There is a desire to improve condition of trail along southern boundary to allow for use by older residents (i.e. level track with uniform surface); install seating and exercise equipment and improve access.

**Lauderdale Primary School (LPS)** - located nearby to Roscommon. Students have participated in tree planting activities within Roscommon in conjunction with TEC. School was contacted (via email and phone) in regard to Master Plan development. No formal response was received from School.

The development of a direct link between Roscommon and the school would provide a safe walking and riding route for students and promote greater use of Roscommon as an outdoor classroom and education resource.

## COMMUNITY

The community was consulted through a community meeting and via feedback forms. Residents and attendees responded to the same four pre-determined questions presented to stakeholders. A summary of the responses is contained in Appendix 2.

Strong themes to emerge from this consultation include the following:

- Reserve well used for a variety of activities including walking, running, dog walking, cycling and horse riding.
- Community highly values natural values of the reserve and would like this to remain or be enhanced.
- Additional tracks and trails for walking, cycling and dog walking desired.
- Establish more areas of native vegetation.
- Avoid significant infrastructure development in the reserve.
- Desire for playground, picnic area, outdoor gym, seating and shaded area.
- Access to reserve and signage requires improvement.

## 3.2 Site Analysis

As part of the analysis process, an on-site assessment of existing trails; entrances; linkages to Tanagra Trail, Roches Beach and Lauderdale town centre; topography, current uses, drainage, vegetation and site restrictions was undertaken.

### 3.3 Feedback following release of Draft Plan

Feedback on the draft Roscommon Master Plan was sought following its public release in May 2014. Eleven (11) written submissions were received and additional feedback was received from the Tasmanian Equestrian Centre during a meeting in early July 2014.

The comments were considered and the Master Plan amended to reflect these comments were appropriate.



## 4. Master Plan Principles

Broad principles for the Master Plan were developed based on the council brief for the site, results of stakeholder and community consultation, on-site analysis, and future directions of the draft CCC Sport and Active Recreation Strategy. The following four (4) principles were developed using an evidence based approach. A number of more detailed design directions are provided under each principal.

1. Increase the opportunities for recreational and social uses within the reserve in a sustainable manner.
  - *Increase the number of trails in the reserve including loop trails and improve condition of existing trails.*
  - *Develop area suitable for outdoor, nature based play, picnic area and open area for ball games.*
  - *Develop and promote the educational value of Roscommon as an outdoor classroom and site for on-ground environmental management training.*
  - *Develop additional links between the reserve and Roches Beach, Lauderdale Primary School, Roches Beach Living and the Tangara Trail.*
  - *Enhance entrances to reserve and improve signage.*
  - *Provide horse loading/unloading facilities.*
  - *Establish car parking around Roscommon to enable higher use of reserve by wider community.*
2. To facilitate the continued use and future expansion of the Tasmanian Equestrian Centre and Hobart Archery Club at the site.
  - *Support continued use and future expansion and infrastructure development within the reserve for the Tasmanian Equestrian Centre and Hobart Archery Club.*
  - *Establish an advisory committee to develop Business Plan for infrastructure development within TEC and HAC leases. Provide a coordinated approach to the implementation of the Master Plan and future infrastructure developments*
  - *Ensure additional public access to lease areas is managed to ensure impact to existing tenants is minimal.*
3. To maintain and enhance the natural values of the Roscommon.
  - *Undertaken planting in reserve to increase natural areas, create more fauna habitat, provide windbreaks and enhance walking, riding and cycling trails.*
  - *Strengthen landscape scale greenway links across the reserve and between Roches Beach, Roscommon and the greater Meehan Range.*
  - *Continue relationship of Schools and Scout groups with TEC and LCCG by undertaking plantings and maintenance and educational activities.*
  - *Increase community participation in reserve management and maintenance*
  - *Develop additional wetlands within reserve.*
4. To provide a potential site for a future inland detention basin as required.
  - *Develop additional wetland areas within the reserve to improve flood mitigation and improve quality of water entering Ralphs Bay.*
  - *Allow for future use as inland detention basin for projected sea level rise.*

## 5. Recreational and Social use Development

The community consultation process identified that the community highly values Roscommon for recreational pursuits and would like to see pursuits enhanced and further recreational and social opportunities developed. This will involve the extension of the trail network (including establishing new linkages) and enhancing the existing trails; development of a public recreational area; developing educational opportunities; improving entrances and signage; providing dog exercise area, horse hubs and car parking.

### 5.1 Tracks and Trials

#### NEW TRAILS

Extend Tangara Trail (multi-use) to form loop trails around Roscommon, with trails located within 30-70m wide greenway corridors (where there is sufficient space). Corridors are to be progressively revegetated to provide future habitat, wildlife corridors, wind breaks and improve the visual amenity (Figure 2). The development of these new trials aligns with the Tanagra Trail Network Management Plan (2012) which identified the desire for a loop track within the reserve.

New trails are to be developed in a staged manner. Initially trail routes will be mown and signage erected to promote the new links. The trails will be improved and hardened as usage and demand for higher quality tracks increases. Staged revegetation will be undertaken along these routes to develop the green way over the period of the Master Plan and beyond. The ultimate vision is to develop 1 - 1.5m wide hardened walking/cycling trail with 6m wide mown grass margin to one side suitable for 2 horses to ride abreast or pass each other within a wide green way (new trails need to consider access by CCC maintenance vehicles and TFS appliances).

A new section of track will provide a link between the new central trail and the existing trail along the western side of the site (Figure 2). This section of trail will form a control point during cross country events at the TEC (estimated at less than 5 per year) with access restricted from the Tangara Trail. During events riders using the Tangara Trail will be able to utilise the new trail across the centre of the reserve to complete a loop. The control point will not be fenced, rather a mown trail will be maintained to delineate where the trail runs and signage erected during events. The control point will be trialled in this format and if there are issues with access to TEC or during events a fencing and gate system may be installed in the future (following consultation with TEC and TT).

#### Recommendation T1

- Develop new trails along northern boundary behind Archery centre, down towards equestrian centre and across centre of site from east to west. Trail to be part of a wide green way (Figure 2) and to be developed in staged manner.

#### Recommendation T2

- Develop controlled trail section across TEC cross country course (Figure 2).

*Controlled trail section to be developed in conjunction with TEC to ensure cross country course is not compromised.*

#### Recommendation T3

- Develop new trails in conjunction with wetland expansion.

*Opportunity to extend trail network within new wetland areas. New trails should consider the need to have 'low disturbance' areas or 'no go zones' for native fauna within wetlands and as such trails along one side of wetland should be considered in preference to loop tracks.*

#### UPGRADE EXISTING TRAILS

#### Recommendation T4

- Upgrade existing trail along eastern boundary of site

*Upgrade and/or harden sections of existing trail down from Roches Beach Road to wetland track to avoid/remove wet areas. Track to be multi-use incorporating hardened sections for walking and cycling and wide mown margins for horse riding (upgraded trails to consider access by CCC maintenance vehicles and TFS appliances). Upgrade to include construction of crossings over drainage swale along eastern boundary. These crossings may utilise stone arch bridges as constructed on other reserves in Clarence if funds permit (Figure 3). Any bridges that form part of Tangara trail need to be accessible to horse riders or an alternative crossing provided.*

*(NOTE: there is a scheduled sewage connection to be installed across the rear of houses along Terrina Street in the drainage line – track upgrades should be undertaken following this work).*

#### Recommendation T5

- Upgrade trail from end of Ringwood Road to Balook Street to minimum Class 2 or 3 standard track. Multi Use link for horses to be include in trial upgrade and also Manatta Road.

*Upgrade trail along southern boundary (Figure 2) to form a loop walking track suitable for all ages and capabilities. Seating to be incorporated into trail upgrade. Trail upgrade to be undertaken in conjunction with establishing bushfire buffer as recommended in Roscommon BMP.*



## Roscommon - Tangara Trail - Creating the Roscommon Loop

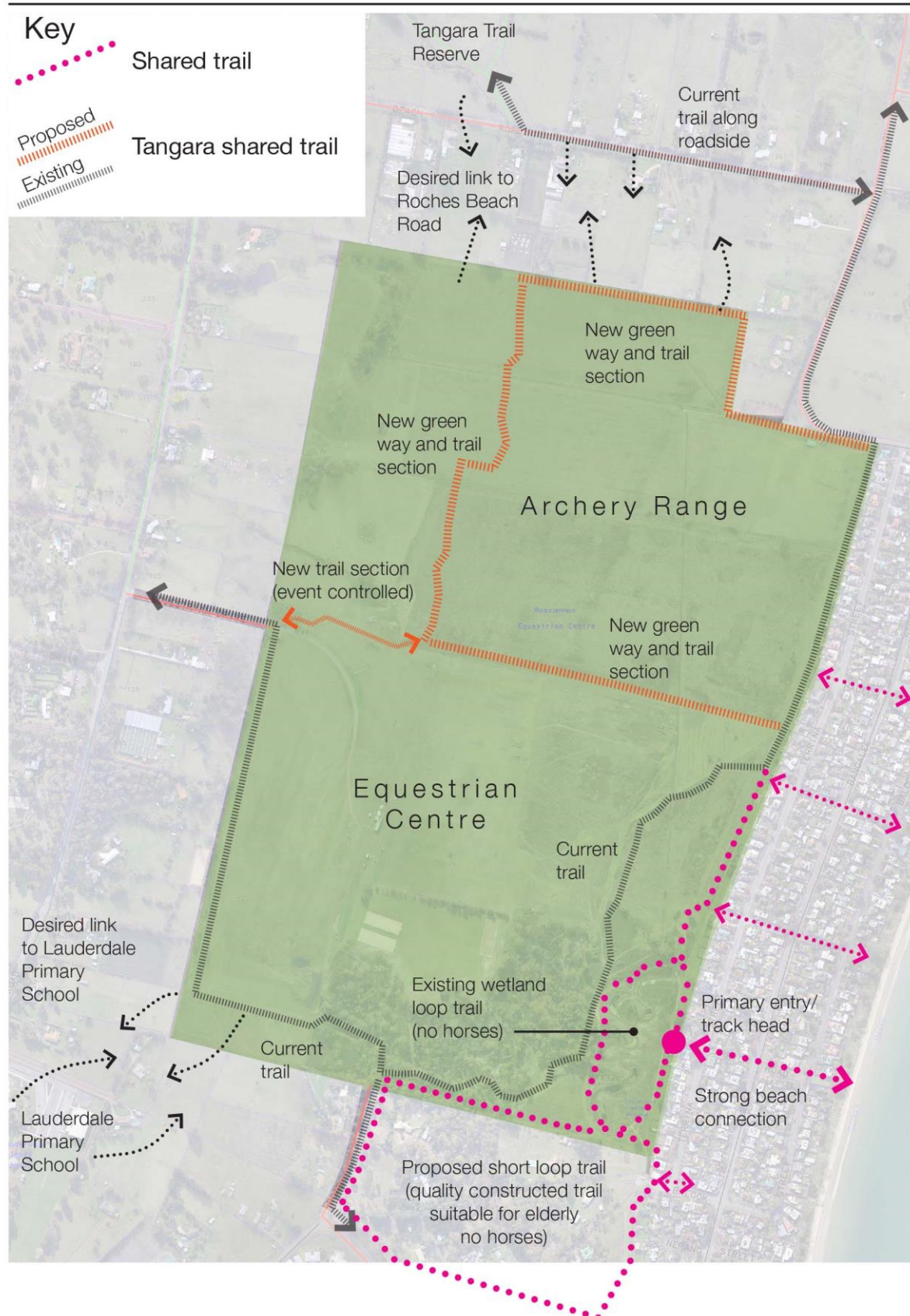


Figure 2 – Trail Map

#### Recommendation T6

- Strengthen/upgrade track from Roches Beach to Roscommon along Carrick Road, to include landscaping (refer to Figure 2 and 4).

*This will included entrance enhancement as per section 5.3. Landscaping/revegetation to enhance greenway link to Roches Beach and strengthen greenway link to the Meehan Range (refer to Figure 6).*



Figure 3 – Example of stone arch bridge for crossings over drainage swale.

## 5.2 Public Recreational Space

In response to a strong desire expressed during the community consultation, an area has been designated within the reserve for a public recreational space or outdoor nature based play space where simple activities such as ball games can occur. Facilities such as outdoor gym equipment, picnic area and/or playground may be located within or nearby to this open space. This area may also incorporate public seating, shaded areas and observation points (adjacent to wetland) for less active walkers and elderly users. The need for public toilets will also be assessed to reflect increased usage.

The public recreational space (PRS) is to be located within an existing open grassy area adjacent to the wetlands and in close proximity to various walking tracks and entrances (refer Master Plan diagram). Separation from the Tangara Trail will need to be maintained to minimise stress to horses.

A detailed plan will need to be developed for this space to incorporate the various uses and its development should include a needs based analysis of nearby playgrounds, picnic facilities, public toilets etc. to prevent overlap or duplication.

The development of this space is consistent with recommendations contained within the Roscommon Reserve RAP.

#### Recommendation PR1

- Develop large open space adjacent to wetland by mowing and maintaining existing rough grassy area.

#### Recommendation PR2

- Conduct need based analysis of playgrounds, parks, picnic and BBQ facilities and public toilets in the Lauderdale Area and use results to develop detailed master plan for PRS.

*Task carried out by Roscommon Management Advisory Committee (refer Section 6)*

#### Recommendation PR3

- Install seating (minimum 3 seats) along upgraded track along southern boundary and around wetland as required.

*Exact location is to be determined in conjunction with RMAC\*, TTC, Coastcare Group and Roches Beach Living.*

*\* RMAC = Roscommon Management Advisory Committee – refer to Section 6.*

### 5.3 Promotion of Education Benefits

Roscommon has the potential to provide a significant educational reserve as an outdoor classroom and site for undertaking on-ground training of environmental activities.

Aspects such as planning and implementation of revegetation projects, development of interpretative resources, bioremediation and storm water management, wetland design; track design construction and function and flora and fauna management.

Lauderdale Primary School has an existing relationship with TEC through tree planting projects and students from the Conservation and Land Management course at Tas TAFE were involved with the development and revegetation of the constructed wetland. The Sandford Scout Group has been involved with revegetation and maintenance in Roscommon and around the wetland and activities undertaken there form part of their award system for 'environment'.

These existing relationships should be enhanced and expanded to include other schools and groups in the local and wider area.

#### Recommendation ED1

- RMAC\* to promote educational benefits of Roscommon with local schools, Scout Groups, Tas TAFE and other educational bodies.

*\*RMAC = Roscommon Management Advisory Committee – refer to Section 6*



## 5.4 Entrances, Trail Heads and Signage

The consultation process identified that the entrances to the reserve need to be upgraded as well as signage to direct people to and around Roscommon. This will include formation of trail heads, installing crossings over open drains and installing directional and interpretive signage.

The main pedestrian entrance to the reserve should be developed off the end of Carrick Road. An indicative landscape plan has been provided for this entrance. Some car parking spaces have been included in the plan however this will need to be investigated further to ensure that the mature white gums in this area are not impacted in any way. Alternative locations for car parking in this area may need to be assessed (such as in Carrick Street between Terrina and Bangalee Streets).

All other entrances to the reserve should have standard entry treatments. A design for the standard treatment will include landscaping and signage.

### MAIN PEDESTRIAN ENTRANCE

#### Recommendation ETS1

- Develop main entrance to reserve for pedestrians – off end of Carrick Road where there is a strong link to Roches Beach.

*This will serve as the main pedestrian entrance into the wetland and walking tracks and provide access to the Tangara loop trails for walkers and cyclists. Refer to Figure 4 for a suggested landscape plan for this entrance.*



Figure 5 – Existing entrance off Carrick Road to be enhanced.

## Roscommon - Carrick Road Car Park Detail



Figure 4 – Indicative Carrick Road entrance design.

## OTHER TRACK HEADS

### Recommendation ETS2

- Design and construct standard entry treatment for Roscommon entrances listed below:
  - Equestrian Drive – Horse riding (main) and pedestrian entrance (to TT).
  - Roches Beach Road entrance (adjacent to Archery centre) – Horse riding and pedestrian entrance.
  - Entrances off Terrina Street – Hadlow, Grafton and Epping Streets - Horse riding and pedestrian entrances. These entrances will include rock arch bridges over drainage line.
  - Balook Street – Pedestrian access only.
  - Ringwood Road – Horse riding & pedestrian entrance – Provide car parking.

## SIGNAGE

### *Trail Head and Directional Signage*

Install as per entrance recommendations and as budgets allow. Sign for main entrances and a site map should be installed initially.

### *Interpretative Signage*

### Recommendation ETS3

- Develop and install Interpretive signage

*Interpretive signage may include information regarding the natural values of the reserve and the wetlands; role of wetlands and inundation ponds in protecting water quality and flood mitigation; and trail and linkages maps. Possible locations for interpretative signage are near entrances at the constructed wetland (Figure 6).*

Entrance signage may include seasonal signage such as warnings of snakes during summer; warnings regarding weed control and mowing etc.

### *Way Finding Signage*

### Recommendation ETS4

- Install Roscommon way-finding signage in strategic location such as: junction of Bangalee Street and all cross roads that access Roscommon (Balook, Epping, Carrick, Grafton and Hadlow); at junction of Equestrian Drive and Acton Road; and junction of Ringwood Road and Mannata Street.

## 5.4 Links to Roscommon

Whilst Roscommon has a number of existing access points, additional important linkages between Roscommon and other reserves and facilities have also been identified.



These linkages include between Roches Beach and Roscommon, between Lauderdale Primary School and Roscommon and between the Tangara Trail Reserve (off Roches Beach Road) and Roscommon. The later two links will need to be established through private land and as such will require negotiation with landholders regarding the lease or purchase of land to provide the linkages.

Linkage to Roches Beach – there are five small streets that provide direct links between Roscommon and Roches Beach: Balook Street, Carrick Road, Epping Street, Grafton Road and Hadlow Road. These links should be strengthened via landscaping, signage and paths. The Carrick Road entrance does not contain a roadway and is to be developed to form a greenway link between Roscommon and the beach. The other streets contain roadways and are to be developed as ‘treescape connections’ by planting street trees (Figure 2 & 6 and Master Plan).

Linkage between Reserve and Lauderdale Primary School – this will allow children to walk or ride to school from adjacent residential areas without the need to travel along busy roads. It will also provide a link for classes to access reserve to undertake educational activities (Figure 2 & 6 and Master Plan).

Linkage between Roches Beach Road and northern end of Reserve – this linkage would allow direct access to the Roscommon from the Tangara Trail and remove the need to ride along Roches Beach Road. It would also allow a main access to the reserve in the event of horse loading and unloading area being developed in the reserve off Roches Beach Road (Figure 2 & 6 and Master Plan).

#### **Recommendation L1**

- investigate options to establish linkages between Roches Beach Road and Roscommon and between Lauderdale Primary School and Roscommon

#### **Recommendation L2**

- Develop ‘treescape connections’ between Roscommon and Roches Beach along street links.

### **5.5 Car Parking**

The development of additional trails, recreational open space and improved signage will lead to an increase usage of the area by locals and the broader community. As such the provision of some car parking spaces for non-local users will need to be considered. The suggested location for a small (3-5 cars) car parking area are at the main pedestrian entrance on the eastern side of the reserve off Carrick Road (Figure 4) and off Roches Beach Road at the northern end of Roscommon near Archery centre. Other areas identified in the Roscommon RAP (2012) for potential car parking include the Equestrian Drive and Ringwood Road entrances.



The development of car parking spaces at the Carrick Street entrance must consider the health of the large white gums that occur there. Car parking in this area may be more suitable in Carrick Street between Terrina and Bangalee Streets. Any development of car parking spaces at the end of Ringwood Road needs to ensure no mature trees are removed and needs to ensure that vehicle access into the southern end of TEC is not impeded. This may also require the upgrading or development of footpath (to Class 1 or 2 standard) along Ringwood Road from Mannata Street to Roscommon entrance.

#### **Recommendation CP1**

- **Develop small car parking facility in Carrick Road at main pedestrian entrance to Reserve in conjunction with entrance enhancements (Recommendation ETS1) or between Terrina and Bangalee Streets.**

#### **Recommendation CP2**

- **Develop small car parking facility off Roches Beach Road at northern end of reserve near Archery Centre.**

#### **Recommendation CP3**

- **Develop parking area for 1-2 cars at end of Ringwood Road. Upgrade footpath along Ringwood Road to Class 1 or 2 standard.**

### **5.6 Horse riding Trail ‘Hubs’**

Potential horse riding ‘hubs’ were identified nearby to Roscommon in the TTNAP (2012) at the Ringwood Road entrance and in the reserve adjacent to Roches Beach Road at the northern end of the reserve. The idea of a hub at the southern end of the site off Ringwood Road has been dismissed in favour of a hub within the reserve opposite Roches Beach Road.

A hub would be promoted as the key access point and provide for the parking requirements of users, trailhead signs and information and may provide other facilities that may be required (e.g. shelter, toilets, horse yards) (TTNAP, 2012).

The viability of developing a hub at the northern end of the reserve is largely dependent on access to the reserve through private land off Roches Beach Road. Without negotiated access, all horse riders would need to ride along Roches Beach Road to the corner of the reserve near the Archery Club to access the reserve. This may reduce or discourage usage.

At the time of writing the master plan, this access had not been negotiated with private land holders (however it is recommended that continued negotiation with landowners be undertaken) and as such a hub at this location would not provide an easy access point to Roscommon.

A more strategic option would be to encourage riders to utilise existing facilities within the TEC through membership of that organisation. Alternatively the TEC identified that the future upgrade of horse yards is a priority and as such there may be an opportunity to incorporate a new or upgraded TEC facility with public facilities to maximise funding opportunities and

reduce duplication. It is recommended that discussions be held between CCC, TTC and the TEC to explore the option of shared facilities.

#### **Recommendation H1**

- **RMAC to explore option of developing new shared use horse trail hub within TEC lease (subject to demonstrated need).**

### **5.7 Dog Exercise Area**

A number of respondents expressed a desire for an off-lead dog exercise area to be provided within the reserve (similar to the Dru Point area in Margate and Kingston Beach dog area).

Any dog exercise area would need to be located within areas where horses are prohibited such as the south east corner of the reserve and the area would need to be fenced. Prior to the development of any dedicated dog walking areas in Roscommon dog use is to be reviewed as per CCC Dog Policy Review Process.

#### **Recommendation D1**

- **Review status of dog walking in Roscommon as part of the CCC Dog Policy Review Process.**

Dog walking was identified as one of the top recreation activities undertaken within the reserve. A high number of respondents indicated that they walk their dogs in the reserve. As such, a requirement for dog bag dispensers and bins within the reserve was identified. It is recommended that if dispensers and bins are provided, they should be located at the reserve entrances and, in particular, the entrances off Carrick Road, Balook Street and Ringwood Road.

#### **Recommendation D2**

- **Install dog bag dispensers at main pedestrian entrances to reserve; Carrick Road, Balook Street, Epping Road, Grafton Road, Hadlow Road, Roches Beach Road and Ringwood Road (7 off).**

## **6. Future Infrastructure Development for TEC and HAC**

Roscommon is currently under long-term lease to the Tasmanian Equestrian Centre (TEC) who in turn sub-lease the northern portion of the site to the Hobart Archery Club (HAC). Consultation with the TEC and HAC during the development of the master plan and previously the Roscommon RAP, identified a requirement for or desire to undertake significant infrastructure development in the future (listed below). Each lease area contains sufficient space for future development and therefore the requirement is to obtain community and financial support for future projects.

Potential infrastructure developments identified during consultation process include the following:

- Tasmanian Equestrian Centre – Indoor arena, new clubrooms and amenities block, new horse yards and stables, improved access road and car parking and resurface of dressage area.
- Hobart Archery Centre – indoor range (can incorporate other sports such as basketball, archery, Paralympic facility, power to clubrooms, new lighted target butts (for night shooting)).

The *draft CCC Sports and Active Recreation Strategy* recognises Roscommon as the primary site for Archery and Equestrian use in Clarence municipality with the potential and space for future development of infrastructure. The Strategy also identifies that future investment in infrastructure projects will require the development of long-term master plan and/or business plans. Facilities that include access and benefits to the broader community will also be favoured for funding under the Strategy.

The development of a business plan/s will ensure that a coordinated and strategic approach is adopted with Roscommon wide agreed directions.

To facilitate infrastructure development within the lease areas of the reserve a Roscommon Management Advisory Committee should be established which has representation from the Council (an Alderman and Council officer), TEC, HAC, TTC and the local community. This committee will then provide a coordinated group approach to infrastructure development and oversee the development of business plans. Separate business plans may be developed for the TEC and HAC however they will be linked.

In addition this committee may oversee the recommendations of the Roscommon Master Plan such as trail development, revegetation, community engagement, entrance enhancement and public open space development.

*Note: It is recognised that future infrastructure projects within Roscommon will need to comply with the Clarence Planning Scheme 2007 and/or the Draft Clarence Interim Planning Scheme 2014.*

#### **Recommendation ID1**

- **Clarence City Council in collaboration with TEC, HAC and LCG to establish Roscommon Management Advisory Committee to coordinate implementation of Master Plan and infrastructure development within Roscommon.**

## 7. Natural Values Management

A strong theme of the community consultation was the importance users and local residents placed on the natural values of the reserve and the desire to maintain and enhance these natural values.

This includes the management of the existing woodland remnant vegetation, wetland area and revegetated areas by undertaking weed control, fire management, maintenance, and in some areas revegetation.

### NEW REVEGETATION PROJECTS

A number of revegetation opportunities have been identified in the master plan (Figure 6). The revegetation is generally associated with the expansion of trails in the reserve and aims to provide habitat greenways or corridors, windbreaks, provide habitat for fauna and improve the visual amenity of the reserve and the trails. Areas identified include the following;

- Revegetation along eastern boundary – the current trail along this boundary is in an open area adjacent to the drainage line. Revegetation using native species is recommended along the western side of the trail; whilst revegetation on the eastern side of the track should be designed in line with TFS guidelines and as per recommendations of RRFMP. This revegetation project should use low species so solar access and views for adjacent residences are maintained. *(NOTE: there is a scheduled sewage connection to be installed across the rear of houses along Terrina Street in the drainage line – revegetation projects should be undertaken following this work).*
- Establish ‘greenways’ around northern boundary and across centre of site either side of new trails. These greenways can be revegetated over time to provide habitat and windbreaks for the TEC and HAC and can be up to 30-50m wide to allow the new trails to meander through them.
- Revegetation along western boundary – revegetate along Tangara Trail and adjacent drainage line (Figure 6) to strengthened greenway link, improve trail amenity and provide additional windbreak for TEC.
- Future revegetation around expanded wetland areas – this will provide important native fauna habitat. Areas within the new wetlands where there are no tracks important to provide low disturbance areas for fauna species.

### Recommendation NV1

- **Revegetate new green ways around site margins and across centre of Roscommon.**

The new revegetation projects represent a significant investment in time and money and should be undertaken in a staged manner with smaller areas or nodes established first before moving onto new areas or infilling. Monitoring and maintenance of plants including watering, replacement of dead plants and plant protection is vital to the success of revegetation projects. Revegetation areas should also be set out to ensure ease of maintenance including mowing of grasses around plants.



Significant community and stakeholder input will be required to ensure all areas of revegetation are maintained to be successful in the long term.

Linkages between Roscommon and Roches Beach along existing streets are to be strengthened to form a 'treescape' connection.

#### **Recommendation NV2**

- Plant street trees along Epping Street, Grafton Road and Hadlow Road to form treescape connections (Figure 6).

#### **EXISTING REVEGETATION AREAS**

Revegetation works have been undertaken in a number of areas of the reserve over previous years (Figure 6). The success of these revegetation efforts is varied and additional maintenance and infill planting is required. Issues that have impacted on the success of previous plantings are likely to include incorrect species selection, insufficient maintenance, waterlogging and browsing.

#### **Recommendation NV3**

- Maintain existing revegetated areas around wetland – the constructed wetland was originally revegetated by 1<sup>st</sup> Sandford Scouts Group and students from the Clarence TAFE and has been maintained by CCC, Friends of the Constructed Wetland, Lauderdale Coastcare Group, Sandford Scouts and local residents. This will require continued maintenance and replacement plantings.

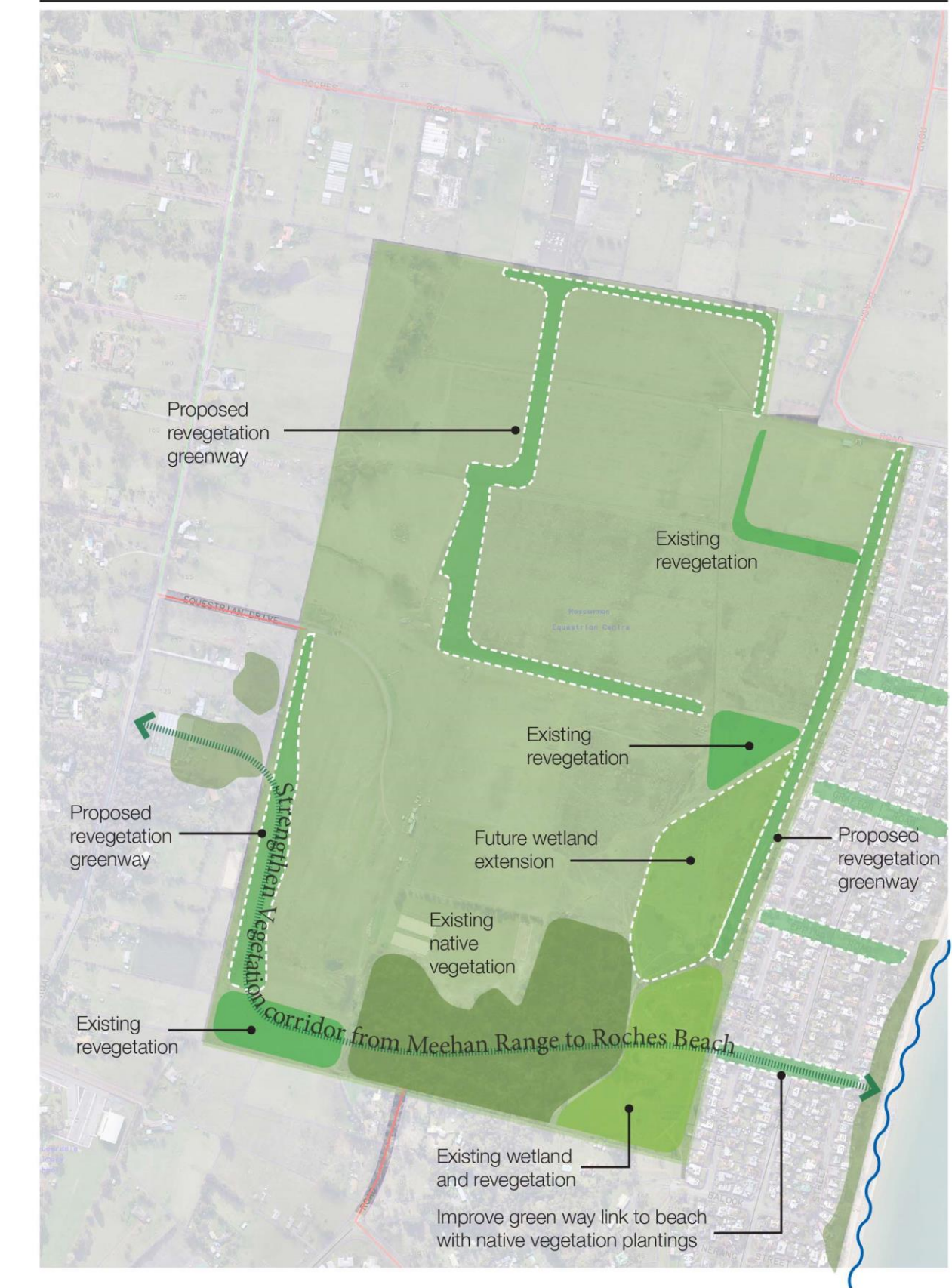
#### **Recommendation NV4**

- Maintain existing TEC and HAC revegetation areas– various linear plantings have been undertaken by the TEC and HAC to provide windbreaks for their sites (Figure 5). These plantings have had various rates of success and require replacement plantings and ongoing maintenance.

#### **Recommendation NV5**

- Maintenance of Lauderdale Primary School/TEC plantings – Lauderdale Primary School and the Tasmanian Equestrian Centre have collaborated on a revegetation project. They have primarily planted rows of the threatened *Eucalyptus morrisbyi*. There has been mixed success in terms of survival and growth performance of these trees.

*Replacement planting and ongoing maintenance is required for this area. Additional plantings to expand the greenway link between the woodland remnant in the lower centre of the site and bushland on adjacent private land. The plantings will contribute to strengthening the vegetation corridor from Roches Beach to the Meehan Range (Figure 5 & 6).*



## 8. Community Participation/Awareness

The Master Plan has identified a significant number of recommendations in relation to enhancement of recreational and natural values of Roscommon.

The implementation and maintenance of the actions recommended in the plan will require significant resources (both financial and in terms of labour) over the course of the plan. The local and broader community will play an important role in the implementation of the plan undertaking revegetation works (planting, seed propagation, maintenance), weed control, track construction and monitoring fauna species. This community support can come from individual residents, local care group, schools, Scout groups and local businesses. Programs such as Conservation Volunteers, Work for the Dole and Greencorps can also provide significant on-ground input to implement the plan.

To engage the local community a sense of ownership of the reserve must be established which will lead to increased participation. Raising the awareness of the reserve and the recreational opportunities it provides is an important first step, as the consultation process identified that a number of local people were not aware that the reserve existed.

The Advisory Committee and the CCC will have an important role in the engagement of the community and the Council will need to support the process by providing materials, leadership and training and by undertaking broad maintenance of the reserve and tracks.

### Recommendation CP1

- **Community engagement strategy to be developed by the Roscommon Management Advisory Committee.**

In addition to the engagement of the community to undertake works and maintenance within the reserve, Roscommon should be promoted to the wider community to increase usage and awareness and highlight its regional and state-wide significance. Roscommon is already utilised by various horse riding disciplines for state championships and the archery centre recently hosted a National championship.

### Recommendation CP2

- **RMAC to consider promotion of Roscommon and may oversee the development of a marketing and communication strategy.**

## 9. Future Detention Basin

Roscommon and the associated constructed wetland play an important bioremediation role for stormwater that enters the local catchment. It provides a detention basin to increase the retention time and acts to filter nutrients and sediments from the water before it enters Ralph's Bay. Ralph's Bay is an important water body as it provides habitat for the endangered spotted handfish and contains important seagrass beds and saltmarsh areas.

To further enhance the bioremediation role that the reserve plays and to mitigate flooding events it is recommended that the wetland area be expanded. This will also provide

additional habitat within the reserve, improve the aesthetics and allow for an extension of the trail network in the reserve.

#### **Recommendation D1**

- **Develop concept plan for new wetland area adjacent to the existing wetland (refer to Master Plan diagram) to provide increased capacity of detention basin (increases retention time) and provide bioremediation role to protect water quality in Ralphs Bay.**

A large area has been designated within the reserve for future inland detention basin in line with future climate change impact reports for the Lauderdale area (refer to Master Plan diagram). As part of the future development of a detention basin at the site, drainage flow lines into and through Roscommon will need to be clarified and its design based on hydrodynamic modelling under various climate change scenarios. Whilst the majority of the area designated for the detention basin will be used for detention ponds there may be some scope for multi-use with potential for further trail development and revegetation projects.

#### **Recommendation D2**

- **Broad area designated for future inland detention basin. Future design of detention basins to consider multi use areas following determination of drainage flow lines and detention pond requirements based on various climate change/sea level rise scenarios**

## **10. Review of Master Plan**

The Roscommon Master Plan is for period of 10 years from 2014 – 2024.

The Roscommon Management Advisory Committee is to facilitate a major review of the Plan at the end of the 5th year (2018) and at the end of the 2024. The 5 year review is to include an assessment of priorities for actions.

#### **Recommendation R1**

- **RMAC to facilitate review of plan after each 5 year period (2018 and 2024).**



## 11. Implementation and Costing Plans

The following implementation and costing plans provides actions, priorities and estimated costings for a 10 year period from 2014 - 2024. These plans should be reviewed on a regular basis (annually) to check that priorities remain valid and to measure progress. The costing plan should also be used as a basis for funding applications (both internally within the Council and to access external funding sources).

Each action has been assigned a priority based on the following criteria. A lead role in the implementation of all action has also been designed under responsibility in Table 1.

### Priorities

1. High Priority – important action – implemented within years 1-3
2. Medium Priority – required action – implemented as required years 1-10.
3. Low Priority – desirable action – implemented as funding allows prioritise actions for years 5-10 following major 5 year review of plan.

At the end of the 5<sup>th</sup> year of the plan a review is to be conducted by RMAC. Any actions not undertaken during the first 5 years of the plan and actions planned for the years 6-10 are to be reviewed and re-prioritised.

Table 1 – Implementation Plan for Roscommon

Action #	Action	Outcome	Timing	Responsibility	Priority
<u>Tracks and Trails</u>					
T1	Develop new trails across northern end of reserve and through centre of reserve.	New loop trail developed in staged manner.	Spring – Autumn 2014 - 2024	CCC, TEC, TTN, HAC.	2
T2	Develop controlled trail section across cross country course within TEC lease.	Loop trail will be developed without impacting on cross country course or events within TEC	2014 – 2016 In conjunction with trail development	CCC, TTC, TEC	2
T3	Develop new trails in conjunction with new wetland area	Track network extended around new wetland	2019-2024	CCC, LCCG	3
T4	Upgrade existing trail down eastern side of reserve to avoid wet areas.	Trail can be used all year round	2014 - 2016 Following upgrade of sewage connection	CCC, TTN	1
T5	Upgrade track between Ringwood Road and Balook Street to min. Class 3 standard. To include clearance of fire break as per Bushfire Management Plan recommendations.	Level track developed for use by less active and elderly users	2014 - 2016	CCC, Contractor	1
T6	Strengthen/upgrade track between Roches Beach and Roscommon along Carrick Road.	Enhance link between the coast and the reserve.	2016 - 2019	CCC, LCCG	2
<u>Public Recreation Area</u>					
PR1	Provide mown open space adjacent to wetland	Open area for ball games established	2014 - 2016	CCC	1
PR2	Conduct need based analysis of playgrounds, parks, public toilets, picnic and BBQ areas in the Lauderdale area – Develop master plan for PRA	Determine requirements for additional facilities	2014 - 2016	CCC, consultant	1
PR3	Install seating in wetland area (3 seats)		2014 - 2015	CCC	1
<u>Education</u>					
ED1	RMAC to promote educational benefits of Roscommon with local schools, Tas TAFE and other educational bodies.	Develop educational values of Roscommon. Increase use as outdoor classroom.	2014-2024	RMAC	2
<u>Entrance upgrades and signage</u>					
ETS1	Develop main pedestrian entrance to reserve from Carrick Road. Entrance to reserve to include landscaping, signage and some car parking	Access to reserve enhanced to encourage higher usage.	2014 - 2016	CCC	1

ETS2	Upgrade other entrances to reserve to include signage and landscaping, includes access across drain at Epping Street, Grafton Road and Hadlow Road ( stone arch bridges as budget allows)	Encourage greater use of reserve, identify loop tracks and alternative entrances.	2014-2024	CCC	2
ETS3	Develop and install interpretive signage in reserve. Includes construction of stone arch bridges at each entrance off Terrina Street	Educate users about natural values of reserve and recreational opportunities	2014-2018	CCC, LPS, LCCG	2
ETS4	Install 'way finding' signage at junction of Bangalee St and cross streets that access reserve, junction of Equestrian Dr and Acton Road and junction Ringwood Rd and Mannata Street(7 signs)	Provides assistance to locate reserve.	2014-2018	CCC	2
<u>Links to Reserve</u>					
L1	Consult with all landowners between Roches Beach Road and Roscommon and between Lauderdale Primary School and Roscommon to establish linkages.	Improve access to reserve, provide safe walking riding track to school for local children.	2014-2017	RMAC	2
L2	Develop 'treescape connections' between Roscommon and Roches Beach along connecting roads.	Strengthen connections between Roscommon and Roches Beach. Enhance entrances to Roscommon	2014-2019	CCC	2
<u>Car Parking</u>					
CP1	Construct small car park at Carrick Road entrance or between Terrina and Bangalee Streets.	Provide car parking for non-local users.	2014 - 2017	CCC	1
CP2	Construct small car park off Roches Beach Road near Archery Centre.	Provide car parking at northern end of Roscommon	2017 - 2019	CCC	2
CP3	Construct small car park at end of Ringwood Road, include footpath upgrade.	Provide car parking for non-local users. Provide safe access for local residents	2019 – 2024	CCC	3
<u>Horse riding trail hubs</u>					
H1	Investigate opportunity to develop shared use loading and unloading hub with TEC.	Prevent duplication and maximise use of funds.	2014 - 2019	CCC, TEC, TTC	1
<u>Dog Exercise</u>					
D1	Review status of dog walking in Roscommon as part of the CCC Dog Policy Review Process.	Assess dog requirements in Roscommon through established process.	2014 - 2019	CCC	2

D2	Install dog bag dispensers and bins at entrances to reserve (7 off)	Reduce dog droppings in reserve	2014 - 2016	CCC	1
<u>Infrastructure Development</u>					
ID1	Convene Roscommon Management Advisory Committee to oversee implementation of RMP and develop Business Plan for future infrastructure development	Plan implemented and future development is undertake in strategic and cooperative manner	2014-2015	CCC, TEC, HAC, community	1
<u>Natural Values Development</u>					
NV1	Revegetate new greenway across centre of site and across northern end of reserve.	Additional areas of native vegetation planted, wind breaks and wildlife corridors established.	2014 - 2024	RMAC	2
NV2	Plant street trees along Epping Street, Grafton Road and Hadlow Road to form treescape connections.	Strengthen connections between Roscommon and Roches Beach. Enhance entrances to Roscommon	2014 -2024	CCC	2
NV3	Maintenance of plantings and replacement plantings around wetland	Further enhance habitat around wetland and improve visual amenity	2014 -2024	CCC LCCG, FCW	1
NV4	Maintenance of existing plantings in and around TEC and HAC	Improve wind break, improve visual amenity.	2014 -2024	CCC, TEC, HAC	1
NV5	Maintenance of existing plantings carried out by Lauderdale Primary School and TEC	Provide habitat, improve wind break and visual amenity.	2012 - 2024	TEC, LPS, CCC	2
<u>Community Participation</u>					
CP1	RMAC to develop community engagement plan	Community engaged to assist with implementation of master plan	2014-2016	RMAC	1
CP2	RMAC to consider promotion of Roscommon and may oversee the development of a marketing and communication strategy	Raise awareness of Roscommon	2014-2018	RMAC	2
<u>Detention Basin</u>					
D1	Design new wetland area to north of existing wetland	Provide additional flood mitigation, bioremediation and water quality measures. Provide area for new tracks and revegetation.	2014 - 2024	CCC	3



D2	Designate area for future inland detention basin. Consider multi use, drainage and sea level rise scenarios in development	Allow for future detention area as required within reserve	2014 - 2024	CCC	1
<u>Review of Master Plan</u>					
R1	RMAC to facilitate review of plan at end of 5th year of plan period and at end of 2024	Plan outcomes to be assessed and plan actions and priorities revisited and reset as required.	End of 2018; End of 2024	RMAC	2 3

*Table 2 – Costing Plan for Roscommon*

Action #	Action	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019 - 2024	Total estimated cost
T1	Develop new trails across northern end of reserve and through centre of reserve. Estimated 2200m @\$30/m	2000	10000	15000	12000	10000	17000	66000
T2	Install control point across cross country course in TEC lease.		2000				3000	5000
T3	Develop new trails in conjunction with new wetland area						15000	15000
T4	Upgrade existing trail down eastern side of reserve to avoid wet areas.		5000	5000				10000
T5	Upgrade track between Ringwood Road and Balook Street to min. Class 3 standard. To include clearance of fire break as per Bushfire Management Plan recommendations.		5000	8000			3000	16000
T6	Strengthen/upgrade track between Roches Beach and Roscommon along Carrick Road.				5000		3000	8000
PR1	Provide mown open space adjacent to wetland for ball games	2000						2000
PR2	Conduct need based analysis of playgrounds, parks, picnic and BBQ areas in the Lauderdale area – Develop plan for PRA		5000					5000
PR3	Install seating in wetland area (3 seats)		7500 3 seats x \$2500				5000	12500
ED1	RMAC to promote educational benefits of Roscommon with local schools, Tas TAFE and other educational bodies.		500	500	500	500	2000	4000
ETS1	Develop main pedestrian entrance to reserve from Carrick		15000					15000

	Road. Entrance to reserve to include landscaping, signage and some car parking							
ETS2	Upgrade other entrances to reserve to include signage and landscaping. Includes 3x stone arch bridges at \$10,000 each.		10000	10000	10000	5000	5000	40000
ETS3	Develop and install interpretive signage in reserve		3000		2000			5000
ETS4	Install 'way finding' signage at junction of Bangalee St and cross streets that access reserve, junction of Equestrian Dr and Acton Rd and junction Ringwood Rd and Mannata St(7 signs)			1400 7 signs x \$200				1400
L1	Consult with all landowners between Roches Beach Road and Roscommon and between Lauderdale Primary School and Roscommon to establish linkages.		2500				2500	5000
L2	Develop 'treescape connections' between Roscommon and Roches Beach along connecting roads.		2000	2000	2000	2000	2000	10000
CP1	Construct small car park at Carrick Road entrance or between Terrina and Bangalee Streets.							Nil – refer ETS1
CP2	Construct small car park off Roches Beach Road near Archery Centre.					10000		10000
CP3	Construct small car park at end of Ringwood Road, include footpath upgrade.						20000	20000
H1	Investigate opportunity to develop shared use loading and unloading hub with TEC.							Nil
D1	Review status of dog walking in Roscommon as part of the CCC Dog Policy Review Process.							Nil
D2	Install dog bag dispensers and bins at entrances to reserve (7 off)		1400 7 x \$200					1400
ID1	Convene Roscommon Management Advisory Committee to oversee implementation of RMP and develop Business Plan for future infrastructure development	5000						5000
NV1	Revegetate new greenway across centre of site and across northern end of reserve.		5000	10000	5000	5000	10000	35000
NV2	Plant street trees along Epping Street, Grafton Road and Hadlow Road to form treescape connections.							Nil – refer L2
NV3	Maintenance of plantings and replacement plantings around wetland	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	5000	10000

NV4	Maintenance of existing plantings in and around TEC and HAC	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	5000	10000
NV5	Maintenance of existing plantings carried out by Lauderdale Primary School and TEC	500	500	500	500	500	2500	5000
CP1	RMAC to develop community engagement plan		3000					3000
CP2	RMAC to consider promotion of Roscommon and may oversee the development of a marketing and communication strategy				2500			2500
D1	Design new wetland area to north of existing wetland						5000	5000
D2	Designate area for future inland detention basin. Consider multi use, drainage and sea level rise scenarios in development						10000	10000
R1	RMAC to facilitate review of plan at end of 5 year periods.					5000	7000	12000
	<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$11500</b>	<b>\$79400</b>	<b>\$54400</b>	<b>\$41500</b>	<b>\$40000</b>	<b>\$122000</b>	<b>\$348800</b>

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## 13. Attachment 1 –Community Consultation Notes

### Summary of responses from feedback forms and community meeting.

(Note: May be some overlap in response by people who attended meeting and also submitted feedback form).

#### Question 1 - What activities do YOU undertake in reserve

<i>Responses</i>	<i># of responses</i>
Walking	37
Dog walking	23
Bird watching	9
Mountain biking/cycling	7
Horse riding	7
Equestrian events at TEC	7
Running	6
Archery at club	3
Painting	1
Kite flying	1
RC aircraft operation	1

#### Question 2 - What activities do see OTHERS undertaking in reserve

<i>Responses</i>	<i># of responses</i>
Horse riding/equestrian	47
Walking	40
Archery at club	36
Dog walking (inc 2 off lead)	30
Mountain biking/cycling	24
Running	10
Bird watching	3
Motor bikes	2
Soccer	1
Rubbish dumping	1
Golf practice	1
Children playing	1
Orienteering	1

#### Question 3 - What would you like to see in future

<i>Response</i>	<i># of responses*</i>
More walking trails/harden/level/improve trails, better for elderly use (esp. SE). Includes track looping the reserve - 9 comments)	20
Playground for kids	14
Improve/enhance access to reserve/Install bridge across drain along back of Terrina St - (inc. better signage)	14
Leave as is/same nature tracks	11
Upgrade/enhance TEC area - new clubrooms, arena	12
Native gardens/plantings	11
More cycling/MB trails	11
Off lead dog area/enclosed like Dru point (end of Ballok St - 1 comment)	9
Install exercise equipment	8
MTB pump track/BMX/skate park	7
kids bike circuit/learn to ride - stop and go signs	6
BBQ facilities/picnic area	6

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Install more seating	6
Community veg garden	6
Tennis courts, bowling, croquet, Curling rink	5
Better maintenance (grass, edges, tracks) - well-kept and tidy	5
Area to fly model airplanes, kites	4
Improved signage	4
Open area for kids to play - balls, cricket etc, kites	4
Dog waste dispenser bins	4
More nature interpretation	4
Expand wetland	3
Improve Archery centre	3
Sports grounds - soccer, AFL	2
Swimming pool	2
Better drainage	2
Shelter near open area	1
Install public toilets	1
Disability play area	1
Bird watching (hide)	1
Multi-purpose sports centre	1
Motorbike track	1
Grandstand, hall facilities	1
Develop fire management plan and implement	1

*\* includes multiple responses made by some individuals, some responses to Question 4 are included in this section as more relevant here.*

**Question 4 - What is your longer term vision for reserve**

<i>Response</i>	<i># responses</i>
Natural reserve with additional plantings to enhance visual amenity and increase wildlife habitat, botanical diversity, extend wetland	19
Keep as natural reserve with wide array of recreational opportunities - more trails for walking cycling	16
Leave as is no structural development (this grouping includes more native plantings, maintenance/ enhancement of tracks)	14
Horse eventing centre indoor, improved facilities at TEC, more user groups	10
Area to be used by school groups for education, recreation. Interpretative signs	4
Relocate football ground here	2
Increased access to all areas (TEC reference), less signs about don't	2
Make parkland area (similar to Silkwood Av, Howrah)	1
Multi-purpose centre, pool, tennis, bowling etc.	1
Indoor archery centre - Olympic training precinct	1
Arts, music, cultural and sporting hub for Lauderdale	1
Reserve a feature of Lauderdale	1
Restrict access for motorbikes	1

## Roscommon Master Plan – Stakeholder Feedback Notes

Hobart Archery Club – Notes from meeting with club members at Archery Club – 22/7/13.

### ***Question 1 – What activities do you undertake in the reserve and where?***

- Three types of archery conducted at facility
  - Target shooting – short range
  - Field archery
  - Clout
- + archery golf possible – future
- Site is excellent for archery as it is large, flat and has good visibility
- Hill at western side of the site is used for target shooting and important for field shooting

### ***Question 2 – What activities do other users undertake in the reserve (activities that you observe or hear about)? – to develop an understanding of all current reserve users.***

- Horse riding – open to idea of extending Tangara trail though their sub lease area. Along northern boundary behind clubhouse plus through centre of site between clubhouse and hillside on western boundary.
- Mountain biking – generally along eastern boundary along Tangara Trail used as a thoroughfare to Single Hill
- Walking – walkers seen along fence at rear of target range – not preferred for safety reasons would prefer to see track further south
- Shooting is ceased on range when horses or people are in close proximity to range – benefit of good visibility is that public in close proximity to range can be sighted.

### ***Question 3 – What other activities would you like to undertake in the future within the reserve and where ?***

- Looking to build indoor range in near future
- Looking to get electricity to clubhouse
- Would like to host national competition, indoor facility important to enable this to occur. Would have 200+ archers at such an event.
- Would like to install lighted butts(targets) for night time shooting
- Have undertaken some reveg but would like to do more to create windbreaks for range

### ***Question 4 – How would you like the site to look in the future (5-20 years, vision for future)***

- Future Olympic training facility for archery, equestrian, fencing –combine with nearby sailing club for sailing as well.
- Would like to undertake target shooting in the bushland area to the south (in TEC lease) but realistic about conflicting use issues with this idea.
- If middle of site is developed as a constructed wetland or inland detention basin they would love to be able to have a shooting course through there.

### ***Other Comments***

- Control of African boxthorn and serrated tussock on hillside is an ongoing issue – currently managed by TEC – Layton Smith – he mentioned that serrated tussock now eradicated.

Lauderdale Coastcare – Notes from meeting with Coastcare members at constructed wetland – 22/7/13.

### ***Question 1 – What activities do you undertake in the reserve and where?***

- Walking plus walking dogs
- They have undertaken tree planting in reserve around wetland for last 20 years with assistance from Sandford Scout Group
- Have buried and registered geocache on site.
- Kite flying; Orienteering

**Question 2 – What activities do other users undertake in the reserve (activities that you observe or hear about)? – to develop an understanding of all current reserve users.**

- Dog walkers in evening in wetland area and near archery area
- Infrequently see horses in bushland or on Tangara Trail along eastern boundary
- Some older residents from Roches Beach Living seen along track off Ringwood Drive with walking sticks – concern re uneven ground along this track

**Question 3 – What other activities/improvements would you like to see in the future within the reserve and where ?**

- Keep area to south west of wetland as open area for ball games, cricket – perceived lack of open areas in local area for this type of play.
- Mini gym would be good near wetland area
- Improve/harden track from Ringwood Drive to south east corner for Roches Beach residents. This could link up with concrete track between end of Balook Street and Mannata Road.
- Improve access from School into Reserve
- Better access for bikes so kids didn't have to ride on road to get from residential areas to the school (issue for wider area as well)
- Like to see/run compass training and orienteering in bushland for cub/scout /girl guide groups - at times when there are no horses around.
- Like to have blackberry and ivy in reserve between wetland and intact bushland eradicated (this should be covered in RAP – CHECK)

**Question 4 – How would you like the site to look in the future (5-20 years) (vision for the future)?**

- Open grassy area across centre of the site to be revegetated and new tracks installed - in conjunction with inundation basin.

#### **Other Comments**

- Local resident does lot of mowing around the wetland area, some concern about widening of mowed strips.
- Don't want public toilets or barbeque facilities in reserve, enough of these in local area already.

Tangara Trail Committee – Notes from meeting with committee member at Archery clubhouse – 25/7/13 – plus from feedback form received after meeting.

**Question 1 – What activities do you undertake in the reserve and where?**

- Originally Tangara Trail raised funds to build the first arena.
- Tangara trail travels through the Roscommon area allowing a safe and pleasant route for recreational; horse riding through the Lauderdale area. The trail is multi-user and is also enjoyed by bike riders and walkers.
- Made sure that access through existing trails was not compromised when TEC leased site.
- TT riders use portions of Roscommon for riding, some TT users park at TEC and ride from there.
- TT users have mentioned that tracks down western boundary needs to be regularly mowed as it represents a snake danger.  
As part of Tangara Trail Management Plan, directional, distance and track name signage is in the process of being erected throughout the trail network.

**Question 2 – What activities do other users undertake in the reserve (activities that you observe or hear about)? – to develop an understanding of all current reserve users.**

- Archery, walking, dog walking, bike riding, variety of horse riding disciplines at TEC



**Question 3 – What other activities/improvements would you like to see in the future within the reserve and where ?**

- Would be pleased to have any new trails through reserve.
- Favours any additional tracks providing loops and links to accesses, around the entire property. To enable meandering tracks with vegetation, a minimum 30 m track width would be preferred where possible.
- Plan for new hub close to the reserve, future consultation for hub enabling car and horse float parking, and horse yards (similar to the one at Acton Court) using part of the existing public open space area on the northern side of Roches Beach Road.
- A new link between properties along the southern side of Roches Beach Road, from the proposed hub to access other trails within the Roscommon Reserve.
- The Tangara Trail Management Plan provides that all trail routes be accessible to horse riders, mountain bike riders and walkers, therefore any new trails would need to conform to this.

**Question 4 – How would you like the site to look in the future (5-20 years) (vision for the future)?**

- Continuity of safe and interesting trails creating a loop or loops throughout the reserve, with access from various entry points, and a nearby hub.

**Other Comments**

- Idea of new trail through archery area lease to make loop would be great. Would not like to see this track subject to closure during archery events though so additional negotiation needed around this to come up with other system. Suggested - I think a better solution would be some signage and give way etiquette to either user, and maybe some slow down bollards or some other safe idea, where the crossing is.
- A wide trail strip between the two separate archery areas could provide the missing link loop. It would be preferred that the trail remain open at all times. If archers needed to cross the trail during archery events to access either shooting area negotiation with the archery club would be required to come to a suitable solution. Suggested – maybe some bollards and signage at the trail crossing and some give way etiquette.

Tasmanian Equestrian Committee (TEC) – Notes from meeting with committee members at TEC clubrooms – 16/9/13.

**Question 1 – What activities do you undertake in the reserve and where?**

- TEC manages centre and manages four major users of centre – Dressage, Hobart Pony Club, Showjumping Assoc. Plus casual users – members and other groups on casual basis.
- Centre occasionally (have in the past) hosts camps for other groups not horse riders - Hash House Harriers events
- Centre host events, regular weekend events during season and state championships.
- Centre closes for a few weeks every year during wettest months.
- TEC have undertaken tree planting in triangle area to eastern side of reserve; plus tree planting in conjunction with Lauderdale Primary and Collegiate in south western corner; TEC tree planting along southern boundary (last 12 months).

**Question 2 – What activities do other users undertake in the reserve (activities that you observe or hear about)? – to develop an understanding of all current reserve users.**

- Dog walkers around edge of reserve and often across the reserve. TEC have no issue with dog walkers as dogs generally behave well and happy to have them across the site outside events. Dog walkers within TEC area seen as benefit in terms of site security.
- Some mountain bikers – happy to work with groups to improve access.
- Archery – within their own archery lease and on hill where there is some shared use – TEC use hill as part of cross country events/training.
- Tangara Trail – some use around centre and occasional riding within centre.

- TEC happy to work with TT to facilitate further access across site. Generally have no issue with riders across their site just have concerns when riders use jumps as there are insurance issues and issues with wear and tear on equipment/jumps.
- Thought that use of centre for casual riders may not be well know. i.e. that riders can become casual members and then use facility to load /unload horse and use the facilities.
- Circular track – open to additional track on reserve to create loop track. Not keen on one proposal that they saw which had new track straight across the site. Preferred up along the western boundary but agreed there were issues with track construction along here (couple of gullies) and some concerns from Pony Club and issues with archery shooting range.
- Track through centre of archery are then joining TT near entrance road was mentioned and TEC would consider – issues were just with access across the cross country course and entry into TEC area. Could be resolved by strong delineation(hardened tracks)/fencing across this area. Perhaps have track closed for cross country events (5-6 a year).
- Widening of exiting track from equestrian drive south is possible as there is unutilised land here – in conjunction with planting to create more interesting trails – Layton Smith’s vision.
- Have seen model glider over site that was lost in TEC area. One off.

***Question 3 – What other activities/improvements would you like to see in the future within the reserve and where ?***

- New clubrooms & infrastructure – have made funding submission in past and will in future
- Indoor arena – with sides
- Expand plantings to create wind breaks – can get windy on site due to open nature. Want to continue to work with schools to do revegetation projects.
- Happy to expand to accommodate other type of horse riding i.e. riding for disabled, cutting, western style.
- Plenty of area suitable for expansion and use for polo cross etc. if they want to approach TEC and can get funding - area along the western side of site is unused.
- Happy to work with TT to improve amenity

***Question 4 – How would you like the site to look in the future (5-20 years) (vision for the future)?***

- New clubrooms – indoor arena.
- Broad support of making reserve an Olympic training venue as per Hobart Archery ideas.

***Other Comments***

- Agreed that improve signage and education of users other horse riders that use TT or could potentially use reserve in future would be useful.
- Overall felt that there was a communication issues with users of reserve that aren’t TEC members.
- Communication that outlines the safety and insurance requirements of TEC to broader public required. i.e to minimise use of jumps by non-members etc. and let people know of TEC facilities and benefits of joining.