

A full-page background image of a hockey player in a green and white uniform, captured in a dynamic pose as if swinging a hockey stick. The player is wearing green socks with "HICE" and "QUICK" visible on the lower leg, and green and blue cleats. The background is a blurred outdoor arena with spectators and a white banner with blue text.

STRATEGIC FACILITIES MASTER PLAN

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ABOUT THIS DOCUMENT (VOLUME 1)

The Strategic Facilities Master Plan for Victorian Hockey is delivered in three volumes.

VOLUME 1 – SUMMARY PLAN

Provides an overview of the zone structure of Hockey Victoria including the facilities located within each zone, clubs and membership numbers and key facility enhancement and development priorities for the next ten years.

VOLUME 2 – STRATEGIC FACILITIES MASTER PLAN

Provides all background information collected, policy and strategic review, key stakeholder consultation and research findings, demand assessment and recommended strategic directions and actions for the next ten years.

VOLUME 3 – SITE AUDITS AND FACILITIES CONDITION REPORTS

Provides a summary report of all hockey facility audits. This includes a condition assessment of all playing areas and supporting infrastructure, surface ratings and lifecycle estimates, maintenance and renewal recommendations and site photos.

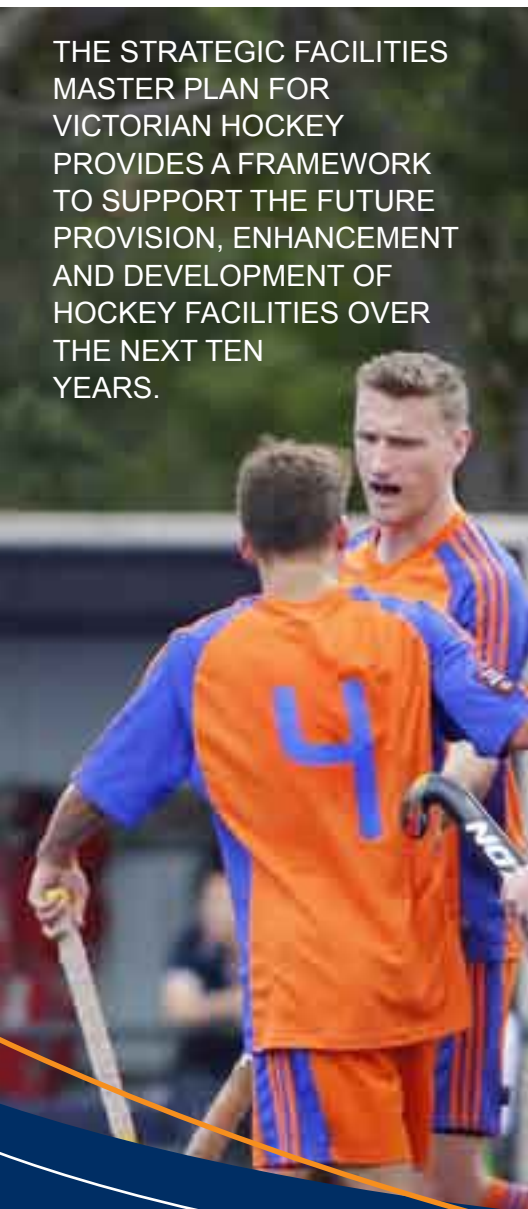
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THE STRATEGIC FACILITIES MASTER PLAN FOR VICTORIAN HOCKEY PROVIDES A FRAMEWORK TO SUPPORT THE FUTURE PROVISION, ENHANCEMENT AND DEVELOPMENT OF HOCKEY FACILITIES OVER THE NEXT TEN YEARS.



Hockey Victoria is separated into ten individual zones (six metropolitan and four regional). These zones include over 170 recognised clubs and associations and service approximately 21,605 registered players (excluding school competitions, social and indoor hockey players). There are currently 70 recognised hockey venues and 88 hockey pitches across Victoria. The majority of these pitches are used for Hockey Victoria competitions and are generally owned by local councils and operated by local clubs and associations under direct lease or license arrangements.

The existing suite of hockey facilities in Victoria varies in terms of their general condition and overall surface life expectancy. Current facilities provide a range of hockey surfaces suitable for all levels of hockey competition, training and events. Metropolitan Zones offer a range of predominantly synthetic grass pitch types which have been developed over time to support localised competitions, whilst natural turf pitches generally dominate regional areas.

The Strategic Facilities Master Plan provides Hockey Victoria, facility owners and other key stakeholders with a detailed inventory of the existing network of hockey facilities across Victoria, and an assessment of their overall condition, service level and lifecycle for both on field and off field infrastructure. The facility audit process and consultation with clubs and facility owners identified a number of existing pitches requiring immediate renewal and others that will require investment in the short to medium term. This project recognises the significant expense associated with hockey pitch renewal and upgrades and encourages a collaborative approach between the sport, government and community stakeholders.

To help guide stakeholder investment and to support the future provision and development of hockey facilities over the next 10 years we have developed a Hockey Victoria Facilities Hierarchy. The Hockey Facilities Hierarchy proposes minimum facility and amenity requirements for each level and is informed by specific hockey requirements and an assessment of the opportunities and gaps associated with the existing hockey facility landscape. An analysis of the current facility provision and a review of hockey participation numbers has identified a shortage of hockey facilities in the Central and East Metropolitan Zones to adequately service existing membership numbers.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Regional Zones are generally well serviced with hockey facilities, however with the majority of surfaces being natural grass there is a significant shortage of synthetic pitches to satisfy the current playing members and player development. Synthetic grass is the preferred playing surface for club competition and training and can also offer shared use opportunities that would greatly benefit regional communities. The Strategic Facilities Master Plan is presented in three volumes. Volume 1 Summary Plan (this document) provides an overview of all hockey facilities and clubs operating in each zone and recommends a range of development priorities over the next ten years. A number of renewal, upgrade and new facility development initiatives are proposed and are supported by evidenced based planning and research (Volume 2) and facilities audit findings (Volume 3).

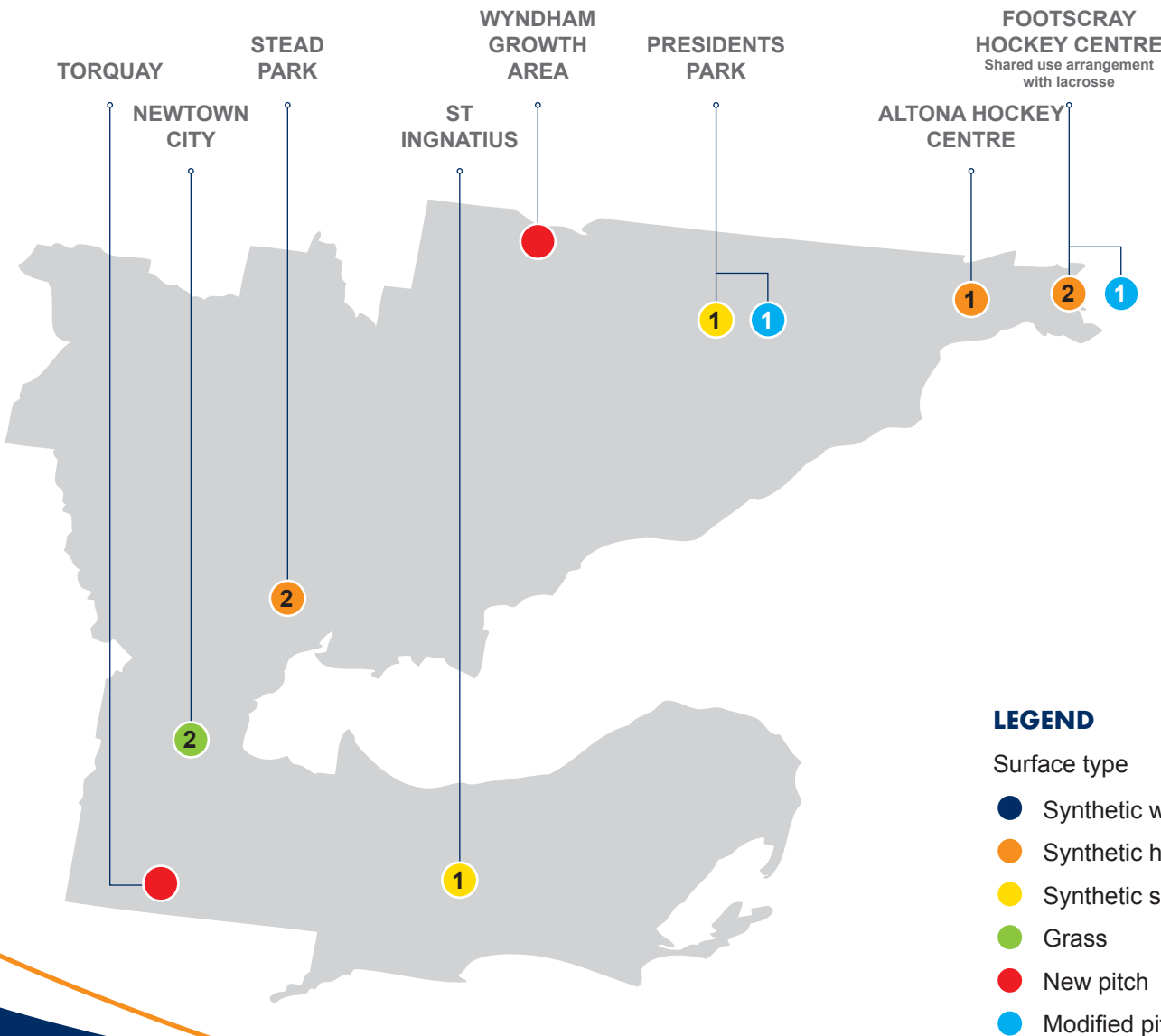
A key focus for Hockey Victoria will be to support and advocate for new facility development opportunities in key growth areas and to ensure new facilities are strategically placed to match projected population increases. This Master Plan also provides Hockey Victoria with a set of guidelines and minimum requirements for the establishment of new hockey facilities and the expansion of existing facilities to meet the future needs of increased hockey participation.

It is recommended that any new hockey facility development projects consider shared use opportunities, are supported by detailed planning and business case development, and have a sustainable management model with involvement from a range of stakeholders. The benchmarks of 1 pitch for every 100,000 people or 300 playing members should also be considered as a guide for any new pitch development projects.

Exploring potential partnership with schools for greater access to existing and new facility development projects is essential in supporting the future needs of hockey participants. The development of multipurpose training pitches (half pitches) should also be considered to alleviate pressure on existing facilities and address the growing demand for modified hockey competitions or alternative forms of the game.



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CLUBS

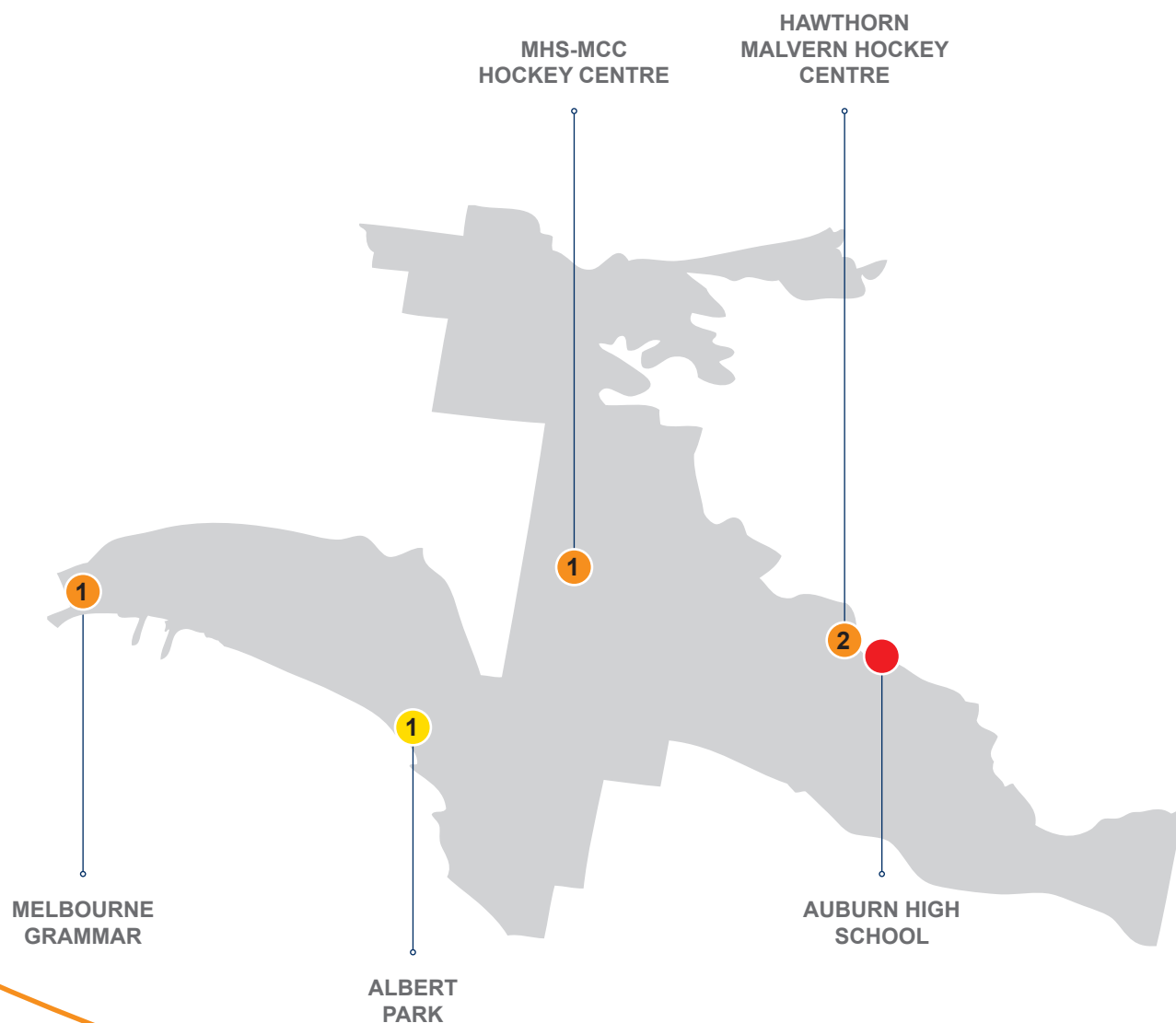
Footscray Hockey Club
Altona Hockey Club
Werribee Hockey Club
Hockey Geelong
Newtown Hockey Club
Torquay Hockey Club
Saints Hockey Club

RMIT (Hockey Club)
Kardinia Hockey Club
Geelong Hockey Club
Geelong College Hockey Club
Corio Hockey Club
Golden Plains Hockey Club
Bellarine Hockey Club

KEY PRIORITIES 2015 - 2025

- ✓ Develop a new synthetic pitch in Torquay.
- ✓ Develop a new synthetic pitch in the Wyndham growth corridor.
- ✓ Renew the hybrid pitch at the Altona Hockey Centre and convert the existing pitch at Presidents Park to a synthetic hybrid surface.
- ✓ Facilitate greater access to pitches at Geelong Grammar and Geelong College.

* Numbers displayed inside the circles represent the number of existing pitches located at the venue.



CLUBS

TEM (Toorak East Malvern) Hockey Club
 Hawthorn Hockey Club
 MCC Hockey Section
 Powerhouse/St Kilda Hockey Club
 MHSOB Hockey Club
 Maccabi Hockey Club
 Parkville Women's Hockey Club

KEY PRIORITIES 2015 - 2025

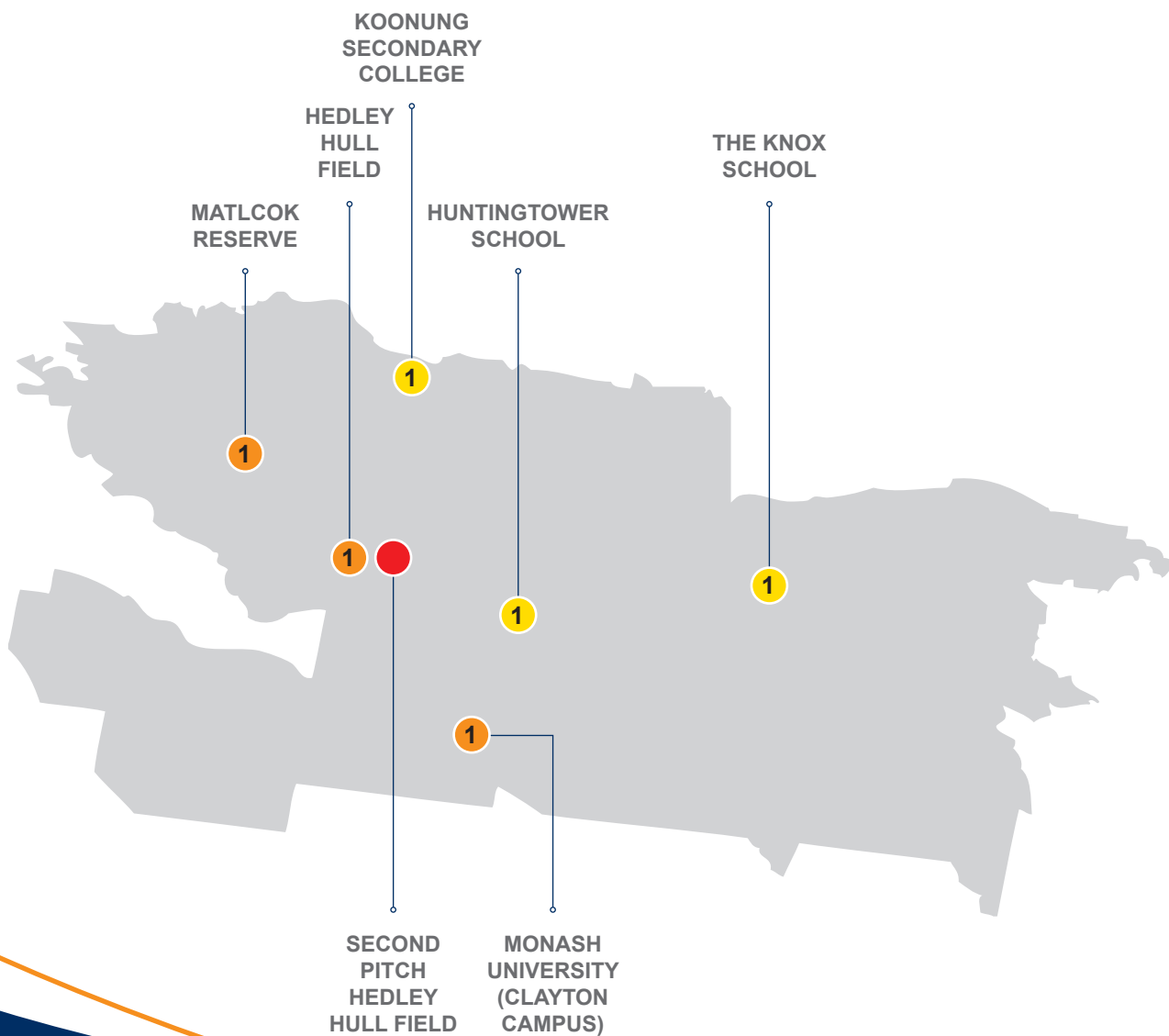
- ✓ Explore opportunities to access school pitches.
- ✓ Renew and convert the existing pitch at Albert Park to a synthetic hybrid surface.
- ✓ Support the development of a new pitch at Auburn High School.

LEGEND

Surface type

- Synthetic water
- Synthetic hybrid
- Synthetic sand
- Grass
- New pitch
- Modified pitch

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CLUBS

Camberwell Hockey Club
 Waverley Hockey Club
 Knox Hockey Club
 Monash University Hockey Club
 Eastern Christian Hockey Organisation
 Old Carey Hockey Club
 Swinburne Hockey Club
 Collegians – X
 Old East Malvern Hockey Club
 Old Camberwell Grammarians Hockey Club

KEY PRIORITIES 2015 - 2025

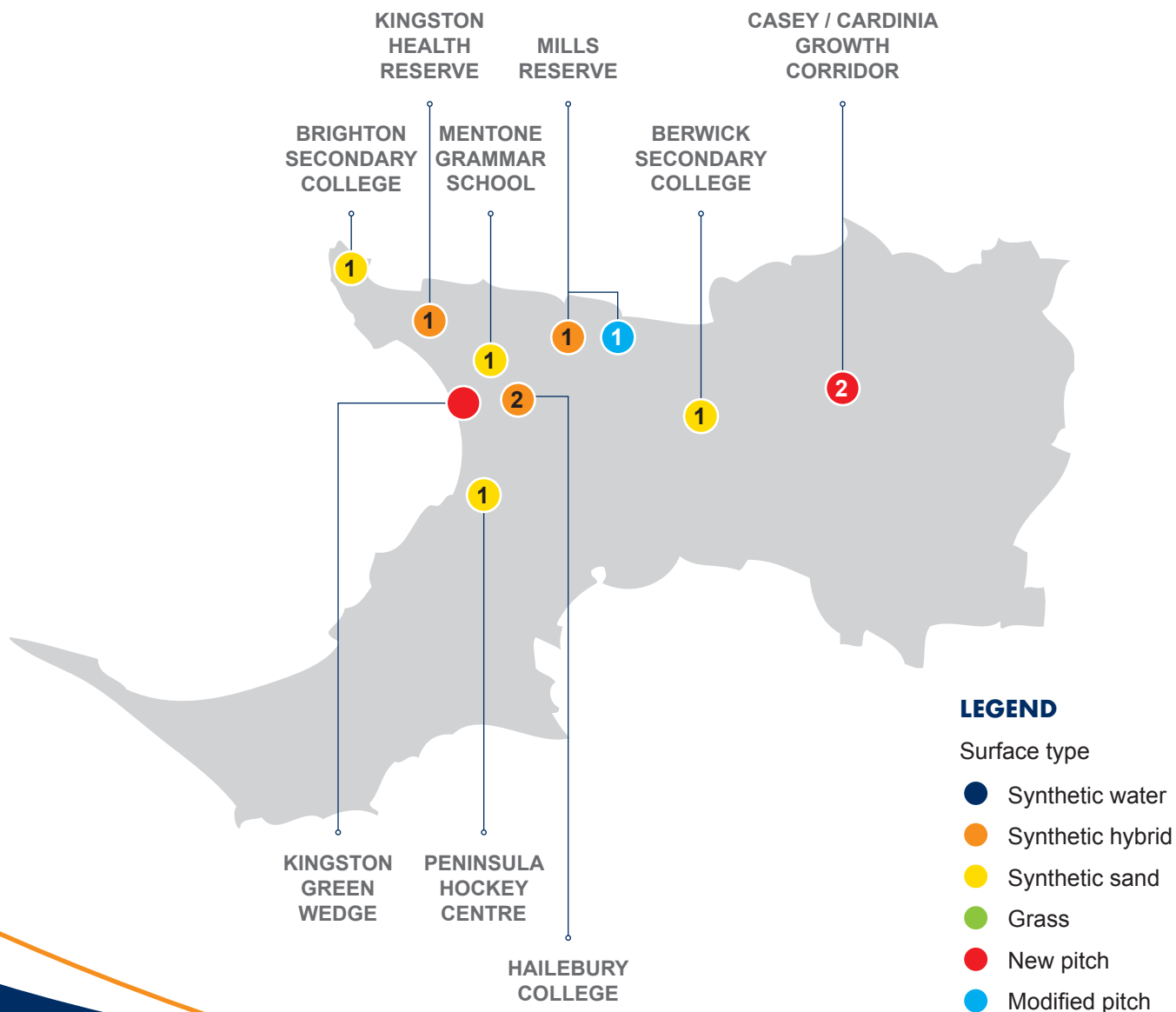
✓ Develop a second pitch at Hedley Hull Field.

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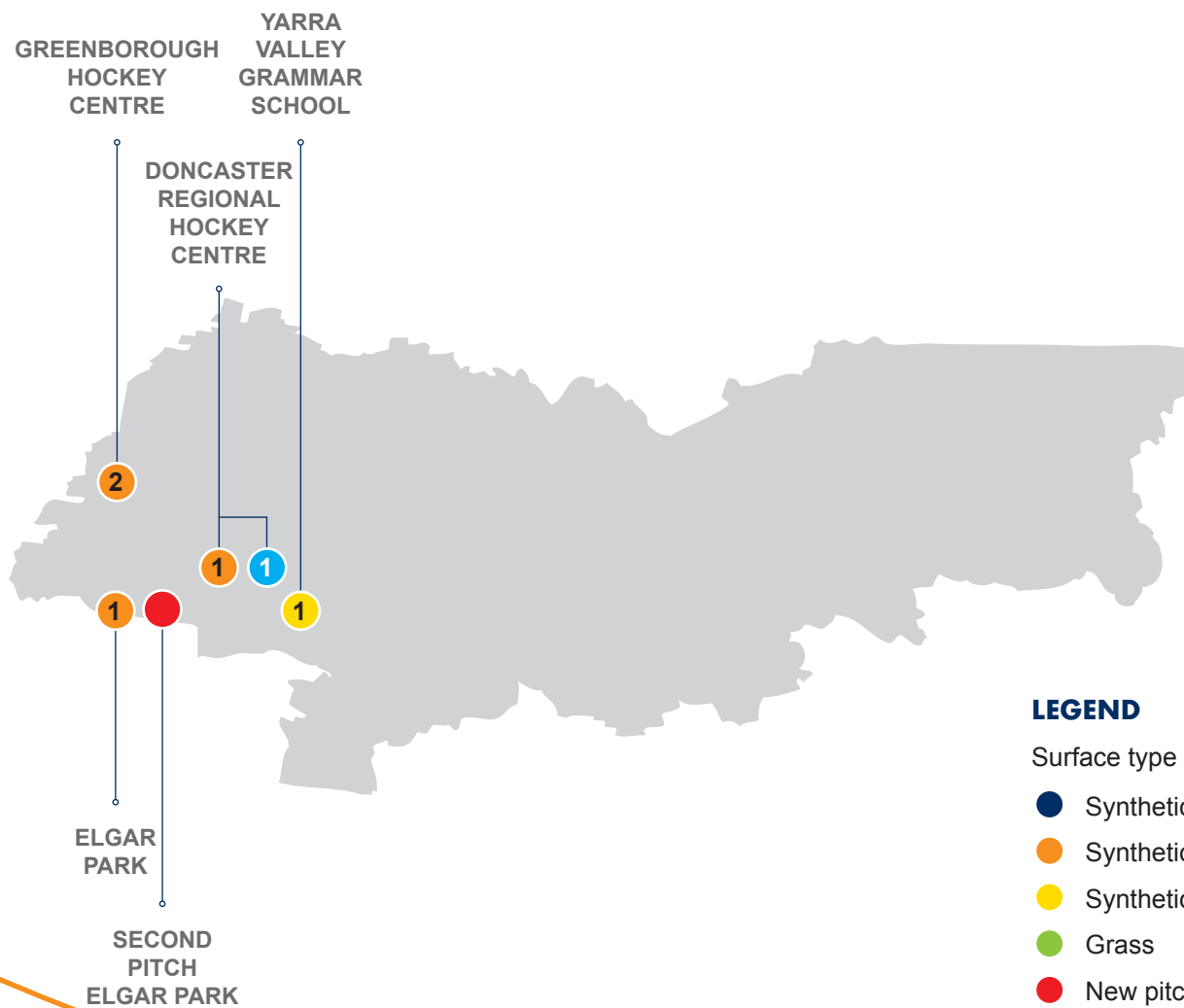
CLUBS

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| Southern United Hockey Club | St. Bedes Hockey Club |
| Mentone Hockey Club | OHA Hockey Club |
| Mornington Peninsula Hockey Club | Pakenham Hockey Club |
| Casey Hockey Club | Sandringham Women's Hockey Club |
| Frankston Hockey Club | Elwood Hockey Club |
| Greater Dandenong Warriors Hockey Club | Southern Knights Hockey Club |
| Bayside Cougars Hockey Club | |

KEY PRIORITIES 2015 - 2025

- ✓ Renew and convert the existing pitch at the Peninsula Hockey Centre to a synthetic hybrid surface.
- ✓ Support the future development of a new pitch in the Kingston Green Wedge and within the Casey / Cardinia Growth Corridor.
- ✓ Explore opportunities to promote access school pitches and develop hockey in the south of this zone.

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CLUBS

Greensborough Hockey Club
 Doncaster Hockey Club
 Kew Hockey Club
 Box Hill Whitehorse Hockey Club
 Kew Junior Hockey Club
 Old Xaverians Hockey Club

KEY PRIORITIES 2015 - 2025

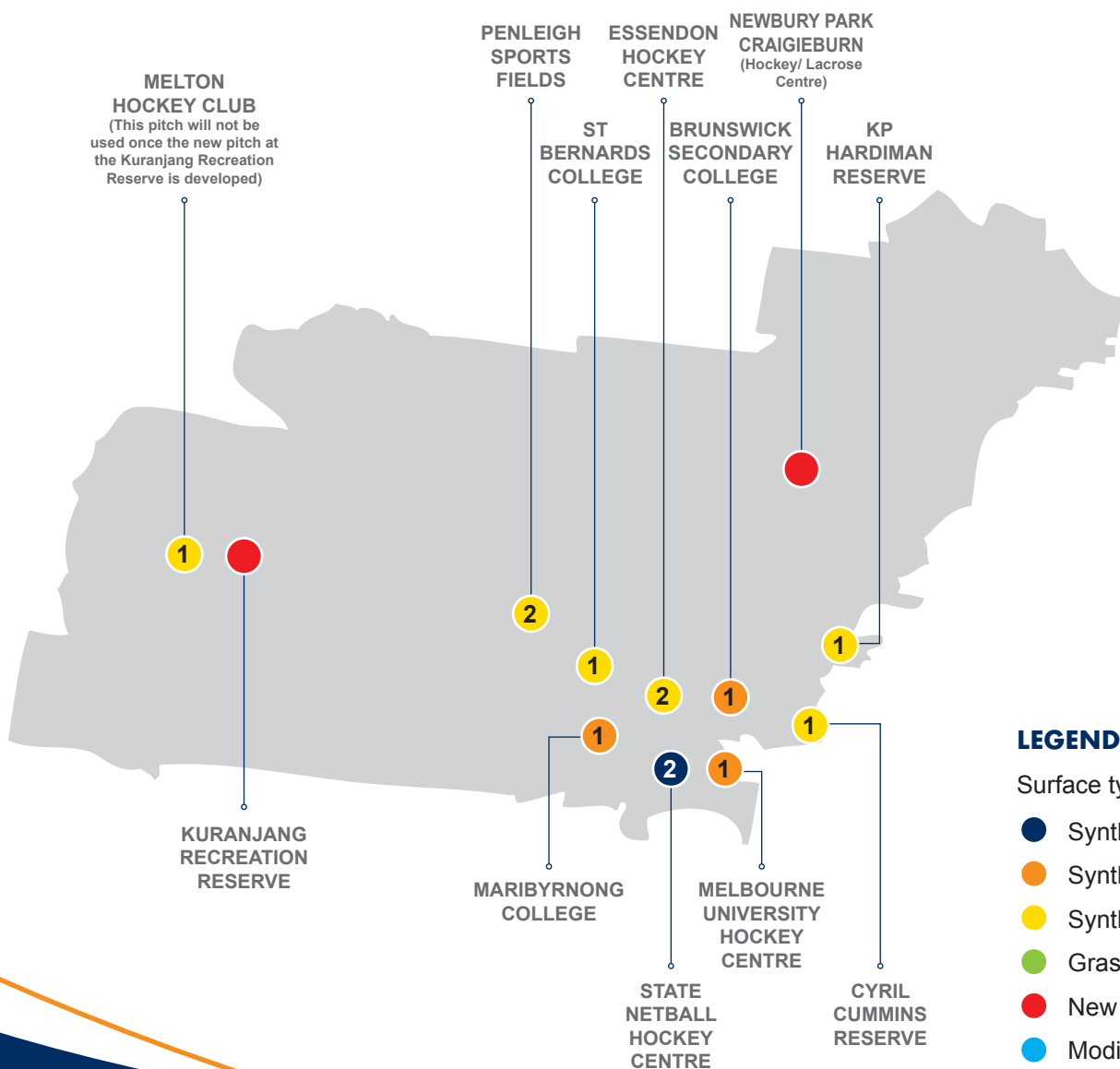
- ✓ Develop a second pitch at Elgar Park.
- ✓ Upgrade the lights on pitch one at the Greensborough Hockey Centre.
- ✓ Renew and convert pitch one at the Greensborough Hockey Centre to a synthetic hybrid surface.

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Yarra Valley Hockey Club	PEGS Hockey Club
Essendon Hockey Club	Essendon Ladies Hockey Club
Brunswick Hockey Club	Melton Hockey Club
Melbourne University Hockey Club	St. Bernards Hockey Club
La Trobe University Hockey Club	Old Melburnians Hockey Club
	Craigieburn Hockey Club

KEY PRIORITIES 2015 - 2025

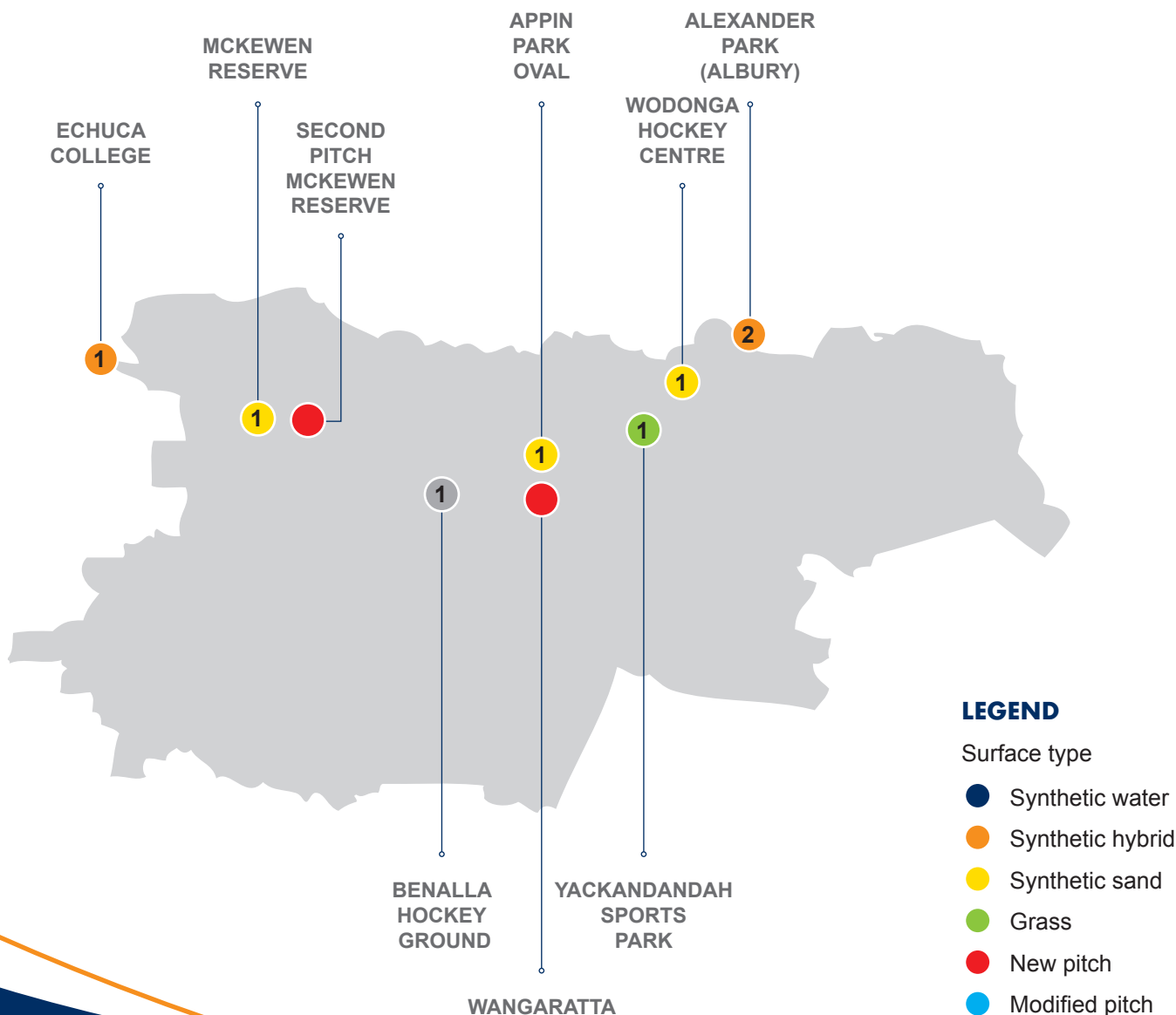
- ✓ Establish program and participation opportunities at Newbury Park
- ✓ Relocate the Melton Hockey Club to Kuranjang Recreation Reserve.
- ✓ Renew and convert the existing pitch at Cyril Cummins and Hardiman Reserve to a synthetic hybrid surface.
- ✓ Renew and convert pitch one at the Essendon Hockey Centre to a synthetic hybrid surface.

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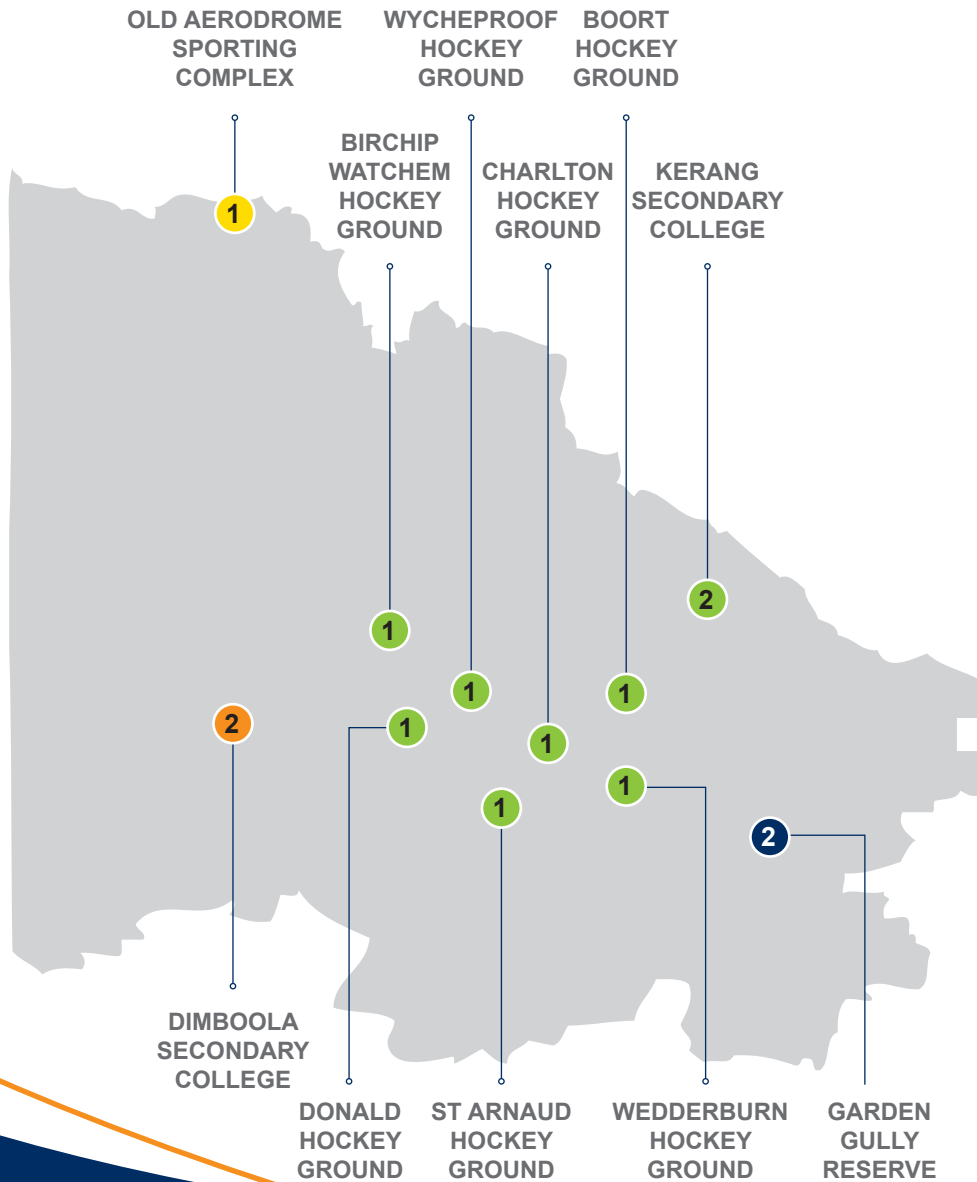
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| Corowa - Rutherglen United Hockey Club | SYC Hockey Club |
| Falcons Hockey Club (Albury) | Strikers Hockey Club |
| Wombats Hockey Club (Albury/Wodonga) | Euroa Hockey Club Inc. |
| Beechworth Hockey Club | Hockey Albury Wodonga |
| Magpies Hockey Club (Albury) | Wedderburn Hockey Club |
| Wodonga Hockey Club | Warracknabeal Hockey Club |
| Echuca Moama Hockey Club (GVHA) | Wangaratta Hockey Club |
| Norths Hockey Club (Albury) | Goulburn Valley |
| Mooroopna Hockey Club | Benalla Hockey Club |
| Scots Hockey Club (Albury) | Swan Hill Hockey Club |
| | Echuca Moama Hockey Club (CV) |
| | Kyabram Hockey Club |

KEY PRIORITIES 2015 - 2025

- ✓ Develop a new synthetic pitch in Wangaratta.
- ✓ Renew and convert the existing pitch at McKewen Reserve to a synthetic hybrid surface and support the development of a second pitch on the site.
- ✓ Upgrade the gravel pitch at the Benalla Hockey Ground (Churchill Reserve).
- ✓ Renew and convert the existing pitch at the Wodonga Hockey Centre to a synthetic hybrid surface.

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CLUBS

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| Strathdale Hockey Club | Birchip Watchem Hockey Club |
| Eaglehawk Hockey Club | Charlton Hockey Club |
| Boort Hockey Club | Horsham Hockey Club |
| Sandhurst Hockey Club | Girton Hockey Club |
| Mildura Wanderers | Sunraysia Hookin2hockey |
| Waratahs Hockey Club | Dimboola Hockey Club |
| Senjuns Hockey Club | Yanack Hockey Club |
| Donald Hockey Club | Nhill Hockey Club |
| Koowinda Hockey Club | Horsham Hockey Club |
| St Arnaud Hockey Club | Hockey Central |
| CV Blazers | Hookin2hockey |
| Rivaside | Loddon Murray Hockey Club |
| Wycheproof-Narraport Hockey Club | Maryborough Hockey Club |
| Kerang Junior Hockey Association | Spring Gully Hockey Club |

LEGEND

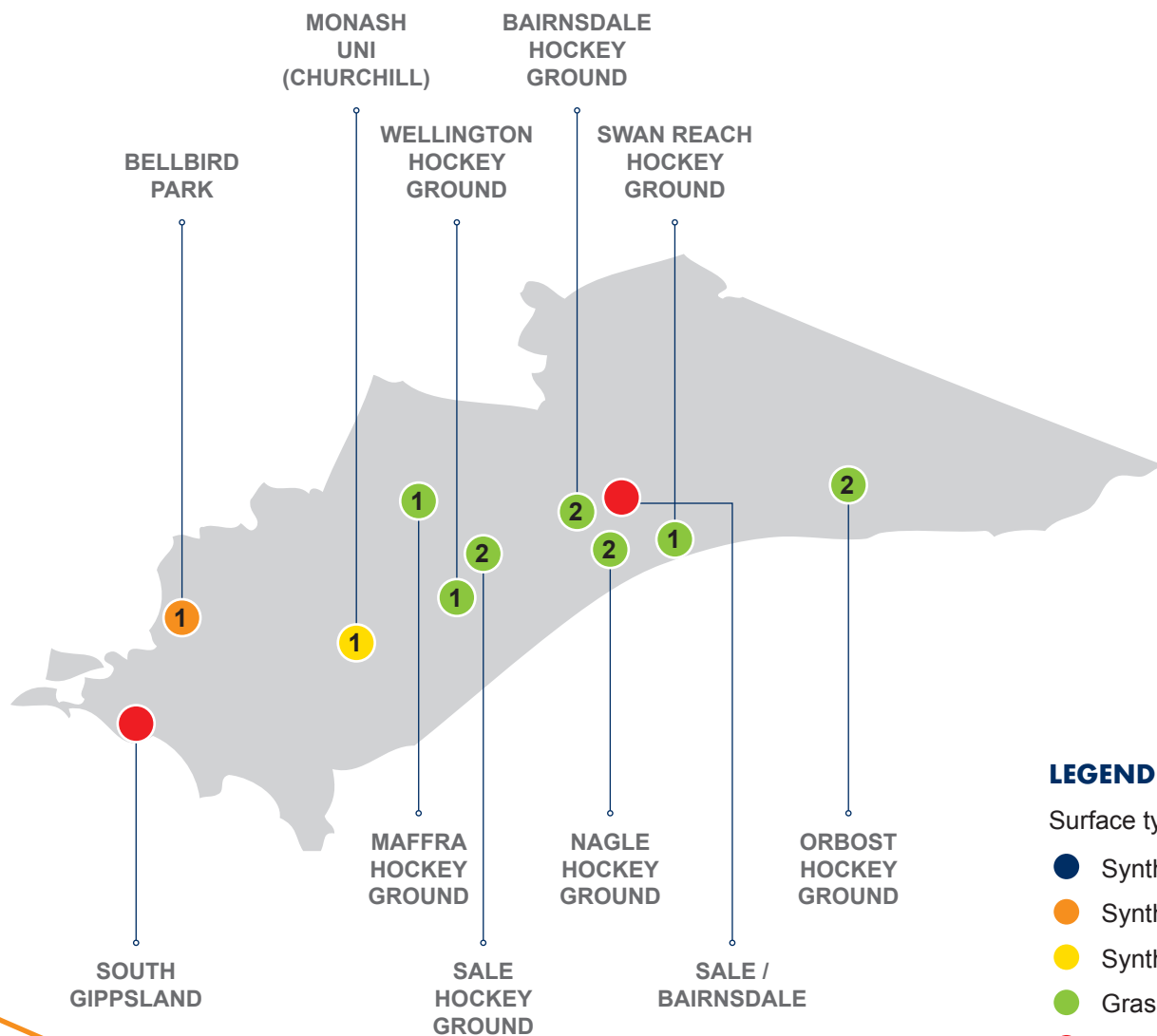
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KEY PRIORITIES 2015 - 2025

- ✓ Renew and convert the existing pitch at the Old Aerodrome Sporting Complex to a synthetic hybrid surface
- ✓ Renew the existing pitch 2 at Garden Gully Reserve

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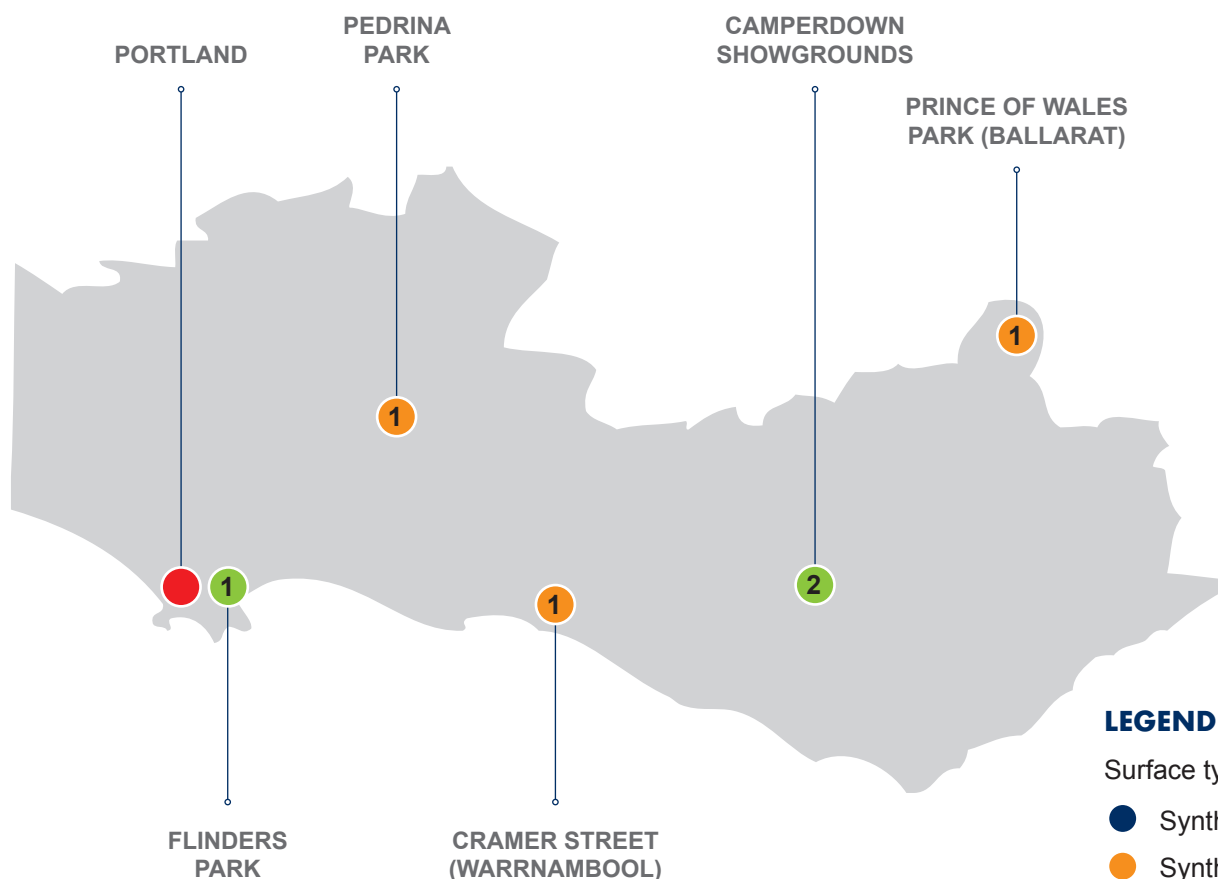
CLUBS

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| Gippsland Bulls Hockey Club | Aztecs Hockey Club |
| West Gippsland | Churchill Hockey Club |
| Hookin2hockey | Nagle Hockey Club |
| Traralgon Hockey Club | Wellington Hockey Club |
| Gulls Hockey Club | Yallourn Hockey Club |
| Swan Reach Hockey Club | Moe Hockey Club |
| Maffra Hockey Club | East Gippsland |
| Sale Hockey Club | Hookin2hockey |
| Warriors Hockey Group | Orbost Hockey Club |
| Bairnsdale Hockey Club | Traralgon Rovers Hockey Club |
| Drouids Hockey Club | |

KEY PRIORITIES 2015 - 2025

- ✓ Develop a new synthetic hybrid pitch in Sale or Bairnsdale.
- ✓ Upgrade the grass pitch at the Swan Reach Hockey Ground.
- ✓ Investigate facility development opportunities in South Gippsland.

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| Ballarat Hookin2hockey | Blaze Hockey Club |
| College Hockey Club | Portland Hockey Club |
| WestVic Hockey | Kaniva Hockey Club |
| Eureka & Golden City Hockey Club | Technique Hockey Club |
| Glenelg Region Association | Mariners Hockey Club |
| Demons Hockey Club | Coleraine Hockey Club |
| South West Strikers | ACU Hockey Club |
| Hockey Monivae | Pink Power Hockey Club |
| Corangamite Hockey Club | Dunkeld Hockey Club |
| HookIn2Hockey – Warrnambool | Ballarat Oldcats Hockey Club |
| Students of Ballarat Hockey Club | Submariners Hockey Club |
| | Pumas Hockey Club |
| | Timboon Saints |

KEY PRIORITIES 2015 - 2025

- ✓ Monitor the demand for a new synthetic pitch in conjunction with the Portland Secondary College.
- ✓ Renew the hybrid synthetic pitch at Prince of Wales Park.
- ✓ Renew the hybrid synthetic pitch at Pedrina Park and Cramer Street.

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