5.0 Study Area

Bob Pettitt Reserve is situated within the township of Jan Juc, bordering Torquay, approximately 20 kilometres south of Geelong. Connected to the linear park system of Jan Juc Creek, the reserve is surrounded by residential housing. Abutting roads include Sunset Strip to the south, Domain Road to the east and Sky Court to the north. Entry/exit to the reserve is off Sunset Strip and Alexandra Avenue.

The reserve consists of approximately 12 hectares divided between the Department of Education and the Surf Coast Shire. This review considers the area of the reserve as depicted in Figure 1. The adjacent open space excluded from this report has been considered as part of the associated Master Planning document Jan Juc Creek Linear Reserve Master Plan 2012.

The terrain of the reserve is undulating and includes sports facilities, a large play ‘hub’, community facilities and open space areas. The sporting facilities account for approximately half of the reserve, and include five tennis courts, an oval supporting cricket and football, a soccer pitch and a shared pavilion. The play ‘hub’ provides an extensive and attractive space for children of all ages. The reserve is an important recreation setting for the local community and visitors.
6.0 Site Assessment

6.1 Methodology

The Bob Pettitt Reserve Master Plan was reviewed over a period of one month, including two site inspections on July and August 2011. Consultation was undertaken with user groups identified by Surf Coast Shire (refer Appendices) including:

• Jan Juc Pre-School
• Jan Juc SLSC
• Jan Juc Tennis Club
• Jan Juc Cricket Club, and
• Torquay Football Club Juniors.

User group representatives were contacted on a number of occasions between July and November via phone and/or email.

The review rated the Master Plan proposals as fully, partially and not implemented, which are noted on a copy of the 2004 Master Plan drawing and in Sections 6.3-6.7.

6.2 General Site Observations

Bob Pettitt Reserve is a valued active and passive open space for the community of Jan Juc, as well as visitors. Considerable improvements have been undertaken, based on recommendations in the 2003 Garry Henshall and Associates Pty Ltd Master Plan document and 2004 Master Plan drawing, which contribute to the amenity and use of the reserve. These include the new play ‘hub’, basketball facilities, soccer pitch, additions to the pavilion, an intersecting path and a sealed car park with amenity planting. However, there continues to be issues with drainage and a number of 2003/4 Master Plan recommendations remain outstanding (detailed in sections 6.3-6.7).

WSUD treatment to perimeter of bottom car park