



West Footscray Sports Facilities Plan

Frequently asked questions

Why are the facilities being upgraded?

As a result of failing building conditions and the pressing need to accommodate existing and future demand for a variety of community uses, Council is exploring the redevelopment options for RecWest Footscray and upgrades to Johnson, Barrett and Shorten Reserves.

What does multi-purpose facilities mean for West Footscray?

Multi-purpose facilities and infrastructure are flexible in design and management to enable varied use. This principle aims to provide diverse opportunities, allowing for a rich range of experiences and ability to cater for a wide range of needs.

Will open space, the skate park or playground be removed?

No, as part of the project objectives and Council strategies there will be no removal of open space, the skate park or playground. The current concepts look at how best to configure and locate these facilities.

What previous consultation has been done and who has Council engaged with?

To date, we have consulted with over 20 sports clubs, user groups and community groups about the West Footscray Sports Facilities Plan. We have spoken with four local schools and conducted surveys with five sporting clubs. Through YourCityYourVoice, over 160 people provided us with feedback on the current facilities. A steering committee has been formed with community members and representatives from various user groups and we have undertaken a feasibility study and projected the future demand for our facilities.

The information that we gained has helped us to develop seven concept plans to facilitate further discussion. We want to know what you value about the existing facilities and what you would like to see upgraded or added. We will be hosting further opportunities to enable you to do this.

Will Council conduct a traffic analysis for this project?

Should future design options have an impact on road configurations and traffic, a traffic impact assessment will be undertaken.

Where will community groups and Scout Group be located?

All community groups, including the Footscray Scout Group, will have access to new facilities including a multipurpose space incorporated into RecWest.

What are the next steps?

After receiving your feedback on the concept plans, we will use that information to further develop designs for RecWest Footscray, and Johnson, Barrett and Shorten Reserves, which will go out for consultation later this year.

As the project progresses, we will continue to check in with the community by providing further engagement opportunities.

If you would like further information, or would like to stay informed about upcoming opportunities to have your say on the project, visit maribyrnong.vic.gov.au/wfsfp

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