

Maribyrnong Public Toilet Plan 2019-2029 – FAQs

Frequently asked questions

The draft Maribyrnong Public Toilet Plan aims to ensure an equitable provision of public toilets in our city that are accessible to all. The Plan suggests the installation and upgrade of toilets at popular community locations such as parks and public spaces.

The availability of public toilets contributes to the liveability of the city as residents and visitors can extend their stay to enjoy healthy and active lifestyle activities such as walking and cycling.

What is the purpose of consultation on the draft Maribyrnong Public Toilet Plan?

The draft Maribyrnong Public Toilet Plan suggests eight general locations to install public toilets based on a variety of priority criteria, and prioritises them for delivery. It proposes to deliver eight new public toilets and upgrades to two existing toilets over the next 10 years.

Council seeks feedback on the overall strategy, including the order of installation and upgrade.

Will Council consider additional locations for the installation of toilets not listed in the draft Plan?

The list of suggested locations were selected based on specific criteria. Council welcomes community feedback on all aspects of the draft Maribyrnong Public Toilet Plan. Additional locations would need to be considered against the criteria listed in the draft plan, it would also need to be considered against Council's annual budget commitments and priorities.

Has Council budgeted for the installation of the toilets identified in the draft Plan?

Council has factored the cost of the rollout of the draft Plan in their Long Term Financial Plan, it is expected to cost about \$3.5M to implement the Plan over the next 10 years.

The maintenance and cleaning of each toilet is estimated at \$17,000 per annum (based on daily cleaning on fully automated systems).

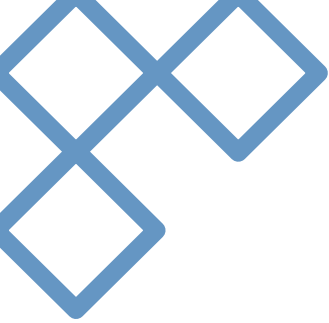
What are the 'priority criteria'?

To determine priority actions, the provision of public toilets has been assessed against the following criteria.

| Criteria | Description | |
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| A | Regional Park or Major Activity Centre | Attracts very high levels of visitation from within and outside the municipality involving extended length of stay. |
| B | Municipal Reserve or Neighbourhood Activity Centre | Attracts high levels of visitation from local areas across the municipality and neighbouring Councils. |
| C | Adopted Masterplan | Commitment to install a public toilet as detailed in a Council adopted Master Plan |
| D | Visitation | Park features in the Maribyrnong Open Space Strategy as a park with high visitation. |
| E | Associated with other major facilities | Associated with regional or municipal level playgrounds, barbeque and picnic facilities and shared trails. |
| F | Associated with other minor facilities | Associated with municipal or local level playgrounds, barbeque and picnic facilities and multi-use courts. |
| G | Not reliant on a host building | Standalone facility does not need to align with the construction of future buildings. |
| H | Replacing existing toilet | Replacing an existing or previously existing toilet that was / is to be removed due to poor location and condition. |
| I | Site readiness | Supports sites that are nearing completion of their adopted masterplan or landscape plans. |

What are the time frames for delivery?

Council will deliver either a new toilet or upgrade, of the 10 identified in the draft Plan, every financial year over the next 10 years from 2019-2029. This period has been staged across the following three timeframes: 'immediate' (1-3 years), 'medium term' (4-6 years) and 'long term' (7-10 years). Based on a criteria, the Plan outlines the order of priority for the delivery of the toilets.



Does the 'priority criteria' determine when toilets will be installed and upgraded?

Yes, the draft plan has a priority list of locations. Three parks/reserves have been listed for 'immediate' installation within the next three years. These include: Grimes Reserve, Footscray; Hansen Reserve, West Footscray and Cruikshank Park, Yarraville.

The installation of a new toilet and the upgrade of two existing toilets are expected to be delivered 'mid-term'. These include: Cranwell Park, Yarraville Gardens (upgrade), Yarraville and Birmingham Street, Yarraville (upgrade).

The installation of four new toilets are expected to be delivered 'long-term'. These include: Quarry Park, Footscray; Johnson Reserve, West Footscray; Dobson Reserve, Maidstone and Robert Barrett Reserve, Maribyrnong.

Will residents and businesses be consulted when toilets are to be installed?

A number of parks and reserves have Council approved masterplans that incorporate the future location of a toilet. These include Grimes and Hansen Reserve, Cruikshank Park, Yarraville Gardens and Quarry Park. At these locations consultation with residents and businesses in close proximity will be undertaken if there is a change to the master plan.

In parks where there is no approved master plan such as Cranwell Park, Johnson, Dobson and Robert Barrett Reserve, residents and businesses in close proximity to the preferred location will be consulted. Information about the consultation will be circulated via a letter drop to those in close proximity to the preferred location.

Glossary of Terms Maribyrnong Public Toilet Plan 2019-2029

Major Activity Centre

The Major Activity Centre in Maribyrnong is Footscray. This is a large community hub with local and regional catchment for people to shop, work, study, meet, relax and often live.

Neighbourhood Activity Centre

Neighbourhood Activity Centres are smaller community hubs with predominantly local catchment. In Maribyrnong these include Barkly Village (West Footscray), Edgewater, Seddon and Yarraville

Regional Open Space

Primarily caters to a broader regional population, including people who live and/or work of City of Maribyrnong and/or protection and enhancement of environmental values in a regional context. Examples include Footscray Park, Pipemakers Park, and Maribyrnong River Valley Reserve.

Municipal Open Space

Primarily caters to people who live and/or work in the City of Maribyrnong and will also provide facilities that are used by people from other municipalities. Examples include Braybrook Park, Mclvor Reserve and Yarraville Gardens.