



Sporting Facilities

Merri-bek

Our ask:

Invest in upgrades of sporting facilities across Merri-bek to support increasing participation in competition sport and outdoor recreation activities and the health, wellbeing and social benefits sport and physical activity provides.

Merri-bek's sporting grounds are some of the most heavily used public assets in the municipality. Our open spaces and sportsgrounds serve as the primary venues for various organised community and formal sports activities. They also provide open space for informal and recreational sports.

Over the past decade, participation rates in most outdoor recreation activities have risen, particularly in junior and women's teams in competition sport, youth and young adults in social unstructured sport and middle and older adults in informal recreational activities like cycling, running, gym, swimming and dog walking.

Merri-bek's population is forecast to increase by 35 per cent by 2051.²¹ Coupled with strong sports participation rates and trends in the municipality, existing sport infrastructure in Merri-bek will not support future growth.

Council has identified several sports grounds in Merri-bek that would benefit from upgrades to enable continued and increased club and community use. Investment in upgraded sporting facilities will benefit organised and informal sport and create a healthier, more connected and more equitable community.

Shore Reserve Oval, Pascoe Vale South

\$2.8 million (Ground Redevelopment: \$2.4 million, Lighting Upgrade: \$400,000)

- Home to the West Coburg Sporting Club (football and cricket)
- Ground redevelopment will maximise space and include new drainage and irrigation, fencing and coaches' boxes.
- Lighting upgrade will include four-pole lighting design to AFL lighting standards (150 lux).

Raeburn Reserve, Pascoe Vale

\$2.8 million Ground Redevelopment

- Home to the Pascoe Vale Football Club
- Ground redevelopment will include new drainage and irrigation, new turf and coaches' boxes.

Wallace Reserve, Glenroy

\$500,000 Precinct Upgrade

- Home to the Glenroy Lions Football Club and the Moreland Eagles Football Club
- Precinct upgrade will focus on community safety, reduction of rubbish dumping and amenity uplift.

JP Fawkner Reserve East and West, Oak Park

\$4.5 million Ground Redevelopment

- Home to Penola St Francis Moreland Community Sports Club Inc. and the Oak Park Football Club
- Ground redevelopment will include new drainage and irrigation, flood mitigation, new goal posts and new turf to increase ground use of both ovals up to 25+ hours of play per week and new nets on the west ground.

Balfe Park, Brunswick East

\$1.1 million Ground Redevelopment

- Home to Brunswick Zebras Football Club
- Ground redevelopment will include improved drainage, reshaping and levelling the ground to improve safety and ease of use, to ensure the ground can sustain the level of community use.

Please note: Estimated project costs provided reflect current industry standards.