

New sports pavilion 2025-2026

From mid January, we'll begin building a new accessible community sports pavilion and public toilets between the North and South Oval.

The year-long build is the last stage of the Olympic Park Masterplan.

We'll also complete:

- Landscaping, trees and paths around North and South Pitch
- Facade and landscaping upgrades for Barrbunin Beek.



Artist's impression of new sports pavilion

Over the past few years we've transformed Olympic Park in Heidelberg West.

We're upgrading sporting, recreational and leisure facilities for local residents, clubs and the wider community.

Originally due to finish in 2030, we're getting it done much sooner thanks to \$8 million in State Government funding, complementing Council's \$10 million commitment.

So far we've delivered:

- A state-of-the-art soccer ground (National Premier League standard) and upgraded utilities
- A new synthetic mini-roofs soccer pitch
- A 211 space carpark with new trees, landscaping and water sensitive urban design
- New playground and community spaces
- 1956 Memorial Olympic Garden
- Acrylic futsal/basketball area
- Refurbishment of Barrbunin Beek (a gathering space for local Aboriginal people)
- More landscaping and new paths
- Reconstruction of the northern cricket pitch and practice nets
- New Olympic Rings public art
- Slip lane from Southern Road
- Upgrade of South Oval including 1 sports field, of 2 soccer pitches (NPL) and a cricket pitch
- Upgrade of North Oval, including 1 sports field with a community soccer pitch and cricket pitch.

Answers to your recent questions

Who can use the pavilion?

Like the previous pavilion, the new pavilion will be seasonally allocated.

Olympic Colts Cricket Club will be the summer tenants. Heidelberg United Football Club (HUFC) will have an allocation in winter as well as some pre-season.

Community use will be permitted and managed by Council.

How will Council manage noise or impacts on amenity from the pavilion?

Many of our sports fields and pavilions are situated near residential areas and co-exist harmoniously and respectfully with their neighbours.

Sports pavilion use is governed by Council's Sporting Facility User Guide and Allocation Policy.

This sets out the requirements of clubs using Council sports facilities, including maximum operating hours.

Pavilion operating hours

- Monday – Thursday 4pm to 10pm
- Friday – 4pm to midnight
- Saturday – 8am to midnight
- Sunday – 8am to 10pm

Will the community have access to the sports fields?

Yes, Olympic Park has been developed to support a range of sport and recreation activities as well as quiet enjoyment and play for everyone.

The multi-use shared access of the pitches will be managed by Council through the seasonal allocations process.

All seasonal sports clubs typically have sports field access from 4pm to 9pm on weekdays and from 9am to 5pm on weekends.

The two newly reconstructed pitches – Pitch 2 (East and West), and Pitch 3 (North Oval) – re-opened for seasonal sport in May.

Residents asked us to free up more time in winter so they could use the pitches for dog walking and other unstructured activities.

We will continue to work with HUFC on ways to manage their schedule to support community access.



Is the pavilion location different to what Council adopted in the Masterplan?

The pavilion location has always been planned between Pitch 2 (East and West) and Pitch 3 (North oval). Through the detailed design process the orientation has shifted slightly to further support view and access from both pitches for players and spectators.

See adopted Masterplan and sports pavilion plans at shaping.banyule.vic.gov.au/olympicpark

What is the sports use schedule?

Cricket season runs from now until the end of March:

- Pitch 2 (East and West) – Wednesday and Friday afternoons, all day Saturday
- Pitch 3 (North Oval) – all day Saturday

Soccer pre-season training begins on 13 January (schedule to be confirmed).

Soccer season begins in March. Noting Pitch 1 will accommodate National Premier League matches from February (schedule to be confirmed).

Are there signs to show when pitches are available?

Residents suggested we add signs to advise when pitches are scheduled for sports use or available for community access.

It's a great idea, and you'll soon notice signs with general times and a QR code to check for any seasonal updates or schedule changes.

Will the main pitch lighting be turned off?

Council requires the lights to be off by 9pm on weekdays when they're being used for training. Clubs need permission from Council to operate the lights beyond 9pm for competitions.

Will there be more news about the Olympic Park redevelopment in the *Banyule Banner*?

Yes, we'll keep you updated about the redevelopment in the *Banyule Banner* and across our other communication platforms.

There are traffic issues in the carpark, including speeding. What's being done about this?

The slip lane and entry from Southern Road has already improved the situation. Council can monitor for issues and look at options for management interventions if traffic issues continue.

Is any soundproofing being considered for residents?

There are no plans to soundproof residents' homes. However, Council works with sports clubs to ensure they keep noise to reasonable levels and will respond to noise complaints.

What is being done about the vandalism and motorbikes?

If you see motorbikes at any of our sports facilities or any vandalism occurring, please call 000 or Council on **9490 4222**.

We'll continue working with Victoria Police to try and solve these problems.

Where can I see the plans?

To see the plans, scan the QR code on the right or visit shaping.banyule.vic.gov.au/olympicpark

Learn more

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