Tennis Strategy 2027-2032

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Executive Summary

Vision

Our vision is a thriving, modern and welcoming tennis network where facilities are well-maintained, clubs are sustainable and well governed, and residents of all ages, abilities and backgrounds can easily access tennis in a way that suits them.



The 5-year tennis strategy aims to:

- Ensure tennis continues to thrive in Banyule over the next five (5) years.
- Identify how Council will support local tennis clubs to remain sustainable, inclusive and well supported.
- Outline a 5-year proposed capital works program for tennis facility upgrades, subject to Council budget.
- Outline the actions Council will deliver to improve access to tennis facilities for community and casual play.
- Provide an overview of current tennis participation trends within the community and identify opportunities for future growth.
- Reflect the feedback received from clubs, residents and stakeholders, and outline how this feedback will inform future decision-making for tennis in Banyule.
- Increase opportunities for the community to participate in pickleball across Banyule.

Acknowledgement of Country

Banyule City Council is proud to acknowledge the Wurundjeri Woi-wurrung people as Traditional Custodians of the land and we pay respect to all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Elders, past, present and emerging, who have resided in the area and have been an integral part of the region's history.

Banyule Diversity Statement

Our community is made up of diverse cultures, beliefs, abilities, bodies, sexualities, ages and genders. We are committed to access, equity, participation and rights for everyone, principles which empower, foster harmony, and increase the wellbeing of an inclusive community.



Purpose

The purpose of the **Banyule Tennis Strategy 2027-2032** is to provide a clear and evidence-based direction for the future of tennis within the municipality. The strategy examines the current state of tennis participation, facilities and programs in Banyule, and outlines how Council can best support the sport to thrive over the next five years and beyond.

The strategy aims to establish a long-term framework for the planning, development and management of tennis infrastructure in Banyule. By taking a coordinated and strategic approach, Council seeks to ensure the ongoing sustainability of local clubs, the quality of tennis facilities, and the availability of meaningful participation pathways, from casual social play to structured coaching and competition.

Council also acknowledges the increasing demand for pickleball in Banyule, and this strategy outlines how we will support opportunities for pickleball participation over the next five years as well as tennis.

Key Focus Areas and Objectives

The actions in this strategy that we will prioritise over the next 5 years are grouped into three key focus areas:

- **Inclusive participation** – Everyone in our community has equitable access to tennis, supporting increased participation across all ages, abilities and backgrounds.
- **Facilities and infrastructure** – Accessible, high-quality tennis courts and facilities that are well maintained and responsive to community needs, enabling all residents to enjoy tennis across Banyule.
- **Club Governance, management and support** – Well-governed clubs with strong leadership and connected networks, delivering quality programs that meet community needs.

Introduction to Banyule Tennis Strategy

To inform this strategy, Council undertook extensive research and consultation with local tennis clubs, residents, and Tennis Victoria. Through our consultation we heard from 271 residents and 15 tennis clubs. Their insights have helped us understand what is working well, where challenges exist, and what opportunities are emerging for the growth and evolution of tennis in our community. Additionally, Council officers engaged in comparative research and discussion with other Local Government Areas (LGAs) across Melbourne, to identify areas of improvement for Banyule.

A key driver of the strategy is the need to better understand the conditions required to increase and sustain participation in tennis. This includes identifying facility needs, ensuring equitable access, supporting club governance and volunteer capacity, and fostering inclusive programs that welcome players of all ages, backgrounds and abilities.

Why do we have a dedicated strategy for tennis?

Tennis clubs lease courts and clubrooms exclusively on a 5-year cycle. This differs from sports like football and cricket where clubs have access for a season only and community access to is available at all other times. Therefore, the tennis strategy sets out the guidelines to ensure both the clubs and council are supporting the needs of both tennis club members and the wider community to participate in tennis.

This strategy will provide a clear, evidence-based framework that supports sustainable, accessible and inclusive tennis opportunities across Banyule, while protecting Council's assets and ensuring community benefit and use from public land and investment.



Key achievements from Banyule Tennis Strategy 2016-2027

The previous Banyule Tennis Strategy was a 10-year plan spanning 2016–2027 and delivered a range of key outcomes, outlined below. During this period, Council invested more than $5.1 million into tennis facilities across Banyule, including court resurfacing and surface upgrades, LED lighting upgrades, changeroom and accessible toilet upgrades, and fencing replacements.

Capital Projects and Upgrades

- Chelsworth Tennis Club- lighting and fencing upgrade
- Watsonia Tennis Club - changeroom & accessible toilet upgrade
- Rosanna Tennis Club – resurface court & fencing work
- Bundoora Tennis Club – court resurface, lighting upgrade & pickleball court built
- Viewbank Tennis Club – LED lighting upgrade of courts 7 & 8
- Eaglemont Tennis Club – court resurface
- Rosanna Tennis Club – resurface court & fencing work

Participation achievements

- Tennis Victoria's Book a Court Program introduced at all clubs, to improve community access to tennis and provide increased participation opportunities.
- Dedicated Hot Shot courts developed at Bundoora Tennis Club to diversify program opportunities and support entry level tennis.
- Opportunities investigated to consolidate underutilised tennis courts at Ivanhoe Park, Chelsworth Park, Whatmough Park and Bundoora, including identifying locations for dedicated pickleball courts.
- Participation, membership and affiliation status of tennis clubs monitored through ongoing engagement with Tennis Victoria and annual updates on the State of Sport Dashboard.
- Council officers' collaboration with clubs in the south, mid and north precincts to agree on the implementation of a prioritised capital development program for tennis to maximise participation.





Club funding achievements

- $50,000 per year allocated in Council's annual budget, to contribute to future tennis infrastructure renewal projects.
- Promotion of the use and application of Tennis Australia's National Court Rebate to support project delivery.
- Council officer support provided to tennis clubs to complete funding applications that deliver priority infrastructure renewal recommendations, as well as other tennis related projects identified in the individual site reports. E.g., Northeast Link Project grants.
- Tennis Club lease fees kept low to allow clubs to generate income and develop sinking funds for future capital improvements.



Facility achievements

- Audits conducted of all Council owned tennis facilities to guide future renewal and capital works projects, and to maintain current data in Council's State of Sport Dashboard.
- Capital Works Policy and FAQ sheets developed to assist clubs to understand how Council identifies and prioritises projects and how they are funded.

Club Development

- Club and coach agreements developed for clubs who have required assistance.
- Club lease agreements and operational health checks revised to ensure clubs have an equitable and sustainable business model.
- Relevant policies and lease agreement updated every 5 years to reflect any agreed changes to facility management and operation, and to ensure alignment with Tennis Australia and Tennis Victoria policy and direction.
- Annual Sports Forum developed for community sport organisations who lease Council facilities to attend to learn about topics such as governance, membership, marketing, volunteer support and more.





Banyule Council – Community Profile

The City of Banyule is located in Melbourne's north-eastern suburbs, between 7 and 21 kilometres from the Melbourne CBD. It is an established residential area with significant open spaces and parklands. There are seven precincts within Banyule and 21 suburbs that lay on a total land area of approximately 63 square kilometres. The Yarra River runs along Banyule's south border while the west is defined by Darebin Creek. The Wurundjeri Woi-wurrung people are the Traditional Custodians of the land.

Population



The City of Banyule population forecast for 2026 is **136,068** and is forecast to grow to **161,397** by 2046

Gender



51.4% Female



48.6% Male

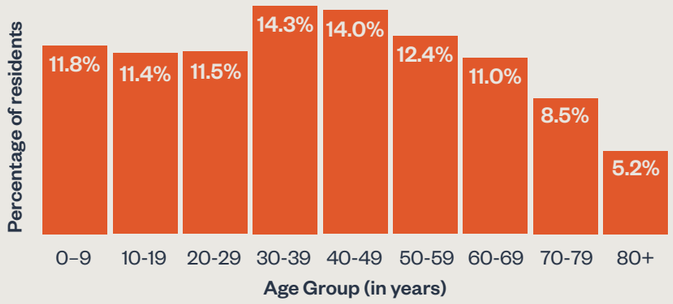
**this doesn't include gender diverse data for non-binary. The 2021 Australian Census included a non-binary sex option for the first time, but the results for this option are not yet fully released in the same way as male and female data.*

LGBTIQA+



11.5%

Age



Indigenous Status



871 First Nations

Country of birth



72.4% Australia



24.5% Overseas born

Long term health conditions



33% Have one or more long term health conditions



16.5% Self-reported disability



9.2% Mental health condition

Profile of Tennis in Banyule

2026 data from Tennis Victoria and Banyule Tennis Clubs indicates that:



3400 people are members of Banyule Tennis Clubs



Banyule tennis courts had a total of **4887 casual bookings** between January 2026-January 2026

Tennis club members



39% Female



61% Male

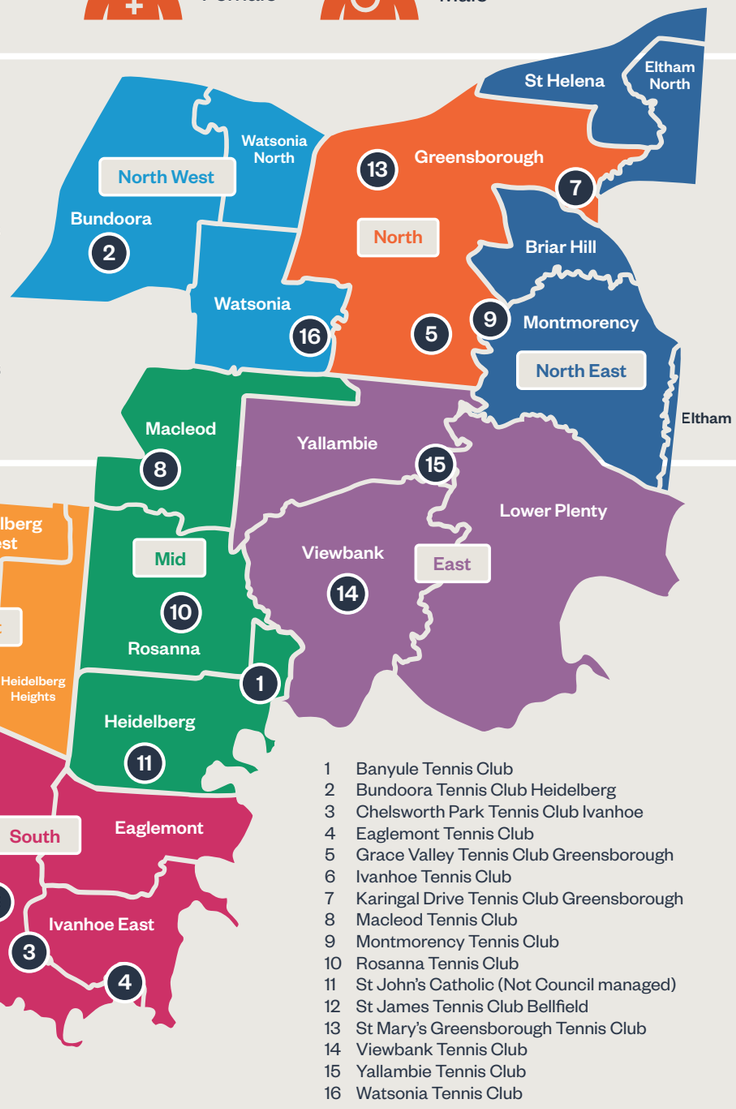
Banyule currently has:



16 tennis clubs



91 tennis courts



1 Banyule Tennis Club
2 Bundoora Tennis Club Heidelberg
3 Chelsworth Park Tennis Club Ivanhoe
4 Eaglemont Tennis Club
5 Grace Valley Tennis Club Greensborough
6 Ivanhoe Tennis Club
7 Karingal Drive Tennis Club Greensborough
8 Macleod Tennis Club
9 Montmorency Tennis Club
10 Rosanna Tennis Club
11 St John's Catholic (Not Council managed)
12 St James Tennis Club Bellfield
13 St Mary's Greensborough Tennis Club
14 Viewbank Tennis Club
15 Yallambie Tennis Club
16 Watsonia Tennis Club

Membership and casual booking data has been obtained from all 16 tennis clubs in Banyule to inform the renewed 10-year tennis strategy.

The following report summarises the membership data from tennis clubs to show comparisons between 2026 and the previous 10-year Tennis Strategy data in 2015.

Club membership data

Membership data has been supplied directly from the tennis clubs.

Tennis Club	Number of members 2015	Number of members 2026	Change	Number of casual bookings Jan 2025 - Jan 2026
Banyule	170	131	-39	169
Bundoora	594	526	-68	536
Chelsworth Park	129	140	11	1275
Eaglemont	379	470	91	592
Grace Valley	120	114	-6	41
Greensborough	261	155	-106	118
Ivanhoe	157	141	-16	1
Karringal Drive	348	244	104	412
Macleod	172	251	79	597
Montmorency	133	45	-88	36
Rosanna	182	245	63	329
St James, Bellfield	83	50	-33	94
St Marys Greensborough	93	276	183	94
Viewbank	321	373	52	266
Watsonia	190	63	-127	289
Yallambie	119	176	57	38
Total	3451	3400	-51	4887

Neighbouring LGA data of Tennis Sites

LGA	Total facilities
Banyule	19*
Manningham	17
Whittlesea	16
Nillumbik	12
Darebin	11
Yarra	4



*includes two facilities not managed by Council.

Planning for future growth

The City of Banyule's population is forecasted to grow from 136,068 in 2026 to over 143,688 by 2031, with a long-term projection of 161,397 by 2046.

Key Population Growth Forecasts:

- 10-Year Growth (2021–2031): The population is expected to increase by approximately 16,296 people.
- Long-Term Growth (2021–2046): The total population is projected to increase by 34,005 persons, a 26.69% total growth, averaging 0.95% annually.

The table below supplied by Tennis Victoria in May 2026 indicates the percentage of adult and child participation in the past 12 months for the different precincts of Banyule.

- **Participation** refers to the percentage of adults or children in the specified area who are currently playing tennis.
- **New participation** refers the percentage of adults or children in the specified area who are new participants to playing tennis in the past 12 months, either casually or as a member of a club.
- **Latent demand** refers to the percentage of adults or children in the specified area who are not yet playing tennis, but have indicated they are interested in playing, within the past 12 months.

All survey results have been undertaken by an independent third party.

Banyule Precinct	West Precinct	South Precinct	Mid Precinct	East Precinct	North East Precinct	North Precinct	North West Precinct
Suburbs included	**Heidelberg West** **Heidelberg Heights** **Bellfield**	**Ivanhoe** **Ivanhoe East** **Eaglemont**	**Heidelberg** **Rosanna** **Macleod**	**Yallambie** **Viewbank** **Lower Plenty**	**Mont-morency** **Briar Hill** **St Helena** **Eltham North**	**Greens-borough**	**Bundoora** **Watsonia** **Watsonia North**
Adult participation	8.57	10.91	10.12	9.67	9.29	9.25	17.39
Adult new participation past 12 months	1.74	1.53	1.13	0.74	1.19	1.01	1.29
Adult latent demand	10.33	11.46	9.90	8.89	8.72	8.26	10.38
Child participation	8.08	15.63	14	11.04	11	11.35	9.95
Child latent demand	9.96	8.71	10.71	7.78	9.48	7.24	6.83

The table below compares the overall Banyule average with the Victorian state average. All data has been supplied by Tennis Victoria who engaged an independent third party to undertake data collection.

	Banyule average	Victorian average
Adult participation	9.5%	8.11%
Adult new participation past 12 months	1.23%	1.32%
Adult latent demand	9.7%	9.71%
Child participation	11.58%	9.25%
Child latent demand	8.62%	7.41%

Insights

- There are strong indications of growth in the South Precinct (Ivanhoe, Ivanhoe East & Eaglemont), with significantly high latent demand across both adults and children, along with high numbers of adults who are new tennis participants in the past 12 months.
- Similarly, we are seeing growth indicators in the Heidelberg/Rosanna catchment, with participation and latent demand that exceeds the LGA and Victorian average for both adults and children.
- Across Banyule, children's participation and latent demand for tennis are strong and exceed the Victorian average in most areas. This highlights the importance of clubs providing junior-focused programs and coaching.
- In the Watsonia catchment we observe low adult and low children participation compared to other parts of the LGA, yet high latent demand for adult participation.
- Overall, Banyule LGA has a stable balance between current participation and latent demand for participation, which suggests that there are no glaring gaps in tennis supply or provision. The numbers of new adult participants in the past 12 months are comparable to the Victorian average.



Action Plan – Banyule Tennis Strategy 2026-2037

The Action Plan contains actions Council will deliver on over the next 5 years to achieve our strategic priorities for tennis in Banyule. Actions have been grouped into three key focus areas, outlined below.

Inclusive participation

Everyone in our community has equitable access to tennis, supporting increased participation across all ages, abilities and backgrounds.



Facilities and infrastructure

Accessible, high-quality tennis courts and facilities that are well maintained and responsive to community needs, enabling all residents to enjoy tennis across Banyule.



Club management, Governance and support

Well-governed clubs with strong leadership and connected networks, delivering quality programs that meet community needs, supported by effective partnerships with local government, schools and community organisations



5-year Action Plan

Theme 1: Inclusive Participation

Actions	Timeframe	Responsible departments
Work collaboratively with clubs and Tennis Victoria to actively market and promote tennis to grow participation Include: “Come and Try” days, promoting tennis clubs on the Active Banyule website and conducting a book a court campaign to share court availability and access.	Short Term 1-2 years	Healthy & Active Communities Communications
Collect club participation data annually from clubs and Tennis Victoria to identify gaps in participation and plan for future.	Short Term 1-2 years	Healthy & Active Communities
Work collaboratively with clubs to develop targeted initiatives that increase tennis participation for prioritised groups: • Women and girls • Juniors • CALD communities Focus on inclusive programs, social participation pathways, and reducing barriers to involvement.	Short Term 1-2 years	Healthy & Active Communities Tennis Victoria
Partner with Tennis Victoria and local tennis clubs to develop and deliver targeted initiatives that increase participation for people with a disability, such as wheelchair tennis across the municipality. Includes identification of best sites for access.	Short Term 1-2 years	Healthy & Active Communities Tennis Victoria
Review court booking availability across all Banyule tennis sites to ensure adequate access for both club members and casual community users. Identify facilities with opportunities to expand casual booking timeslots.	Short Term 1-2 years	Healthy & Active Communities
Identify opportunities for increasing pickleball participation at non-tennis facilities, such as indoor stadiums with multi-use courts. Includes NETS Stadium Macleod and Olympic Leisure Centre. Also includes exploring social court opportunities in parklands and reserves as part of active recreation and play spaces.	Short Term 1-2 years	Banyule Leisure

Theme 2: Facilities and Infrastructure

Actions	Timeframe	Responsible departments
Establish and priority program of works for tennis infrastructure renewal - courts and LED lighting, based on asset condition assessments and demand.	Short Term 1-2 years	Healthy & Active Communities
Establish an annual allocation of $25,000 in Councils capital budget for supporting minor infrastructure, maintenance and design for renewals.	Annually	Healthy & Active Communities
Explore a sustainable shared funding model with clubs to support equitable partnerships and enable ongoing investment in asset renewal and upgrades.	Medium Term 3-4 years	Healthy & Active Communities
Undertake access audits of tennis facilities and pavilions to identify any barriers and prioritise accessibility and inclusion for people with disability.	Medium Term 3-4 years	Healthy & Active Communities
Explore development of pickleball courts that support growth and demand. Initial sites planned: • Greensborough Tennis Club - Whatmough Park – 2026/2027 • Ivanhoe Park outdoor multi netball/pickleball courts – 2027/2028 • Ivanhoe Tennis Club – John Street 2028/2029	Short Term 1-2 years	Healthy & Active Communities Capital Works
Explore opportunities for consolidation of tennis clubs and facilities to support sustainability and meet demand for high quality facilities.	Medium	Healthy & Active Communities





Theme 3: Club Management, Governance and Support

Actions	Timeframe	Responsible departments
Undertake review of all tennis club lease agreements, including tenure, fees, conditions of use, maintenance responsibilities and club requirements.	Short Term 1-2 years	Property & Projects Healthy & Active Communities
Develop a best practice governance checklist in partnership with Tennis Victoria, covering coaching agreements, committee responsibilities and codes of conduct.	Short Term 1-2 years	Tennis Victoria Healthy & Active Communities
Council and Tennis Victoria to work with clubs to identify areas for increased participation and club revenue, e.g. times to increase book-a-court sessions or ideas for targeted programs to increase memberships.	Short Term 1-2 years	Tennis Victoria Healthy & Active Communities
Conduct a yearly club survey to understand challenges, opportunities and support needed from clubs to enable effective tennis club operation and optimise participation opportunities.	Annually	Healthy & Active Communities
Conduct events and networking opportunities that promote sharing of knowledge between Tennis Clubs and Council and provide resources and information to build club capacity Includes Club Chat, Annual Sports Forum and Women in Sport Night.	Annually	Healthy & Active Communities
Identify training and support that builds the financial sustainability of clubs and their capacity to plan for and contribute to asset renewal.	Short Term 1-2 years	Healthy & Active Communities

Research and Consultation

To inform the Banyule Tennis Strategy, Council undertook extensive consultation with residents and tennis clubs between 3 September 2025 to 11 January 2026.

Resident Consultation

- An online survey was made available on Shaping Banyule, Council's Community Engagement Platform for 7 weeks from 24 November 2025 to 11 January 2026.
- Additionally, four in-person community pop up sessions were held for community to speak with Council officers and complete the survey in-person:
  - WaterMarc lobby, Greensborough (27 November 2025)
  - Ivanhoe Leisure Centre (2 December 2025)
  - Ivanhoe Library and Cultural Hub (10 December 2025)
  - The Mall, Heidelberg West (11 December 2025)
- The survey received a total of 271 responses.

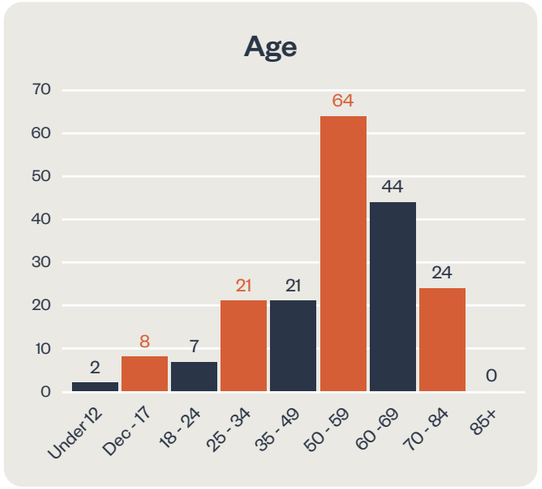
Tennis Club Consultation

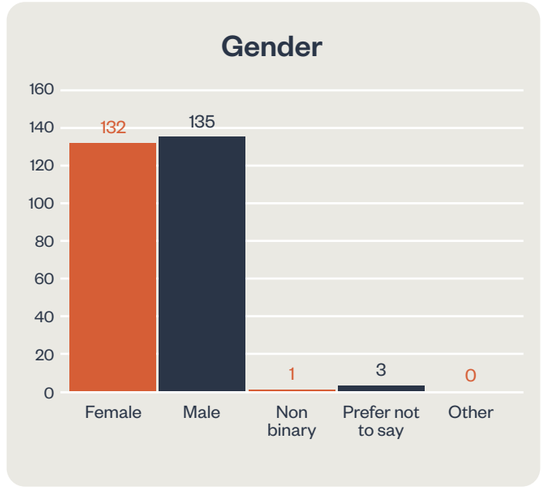
- A dedicated tennis club survey was sent to all clubs to complete with their committee between 3 September to 17 October 2025, along with the results of the facility and lighting audits for their club.
- Following the survey, all clubs were invited to attend an in-person consultation session with Council officers on 19 November 2025.
  - 14 clubs completed the survey
  - 11 clubs attended the in-person consultation

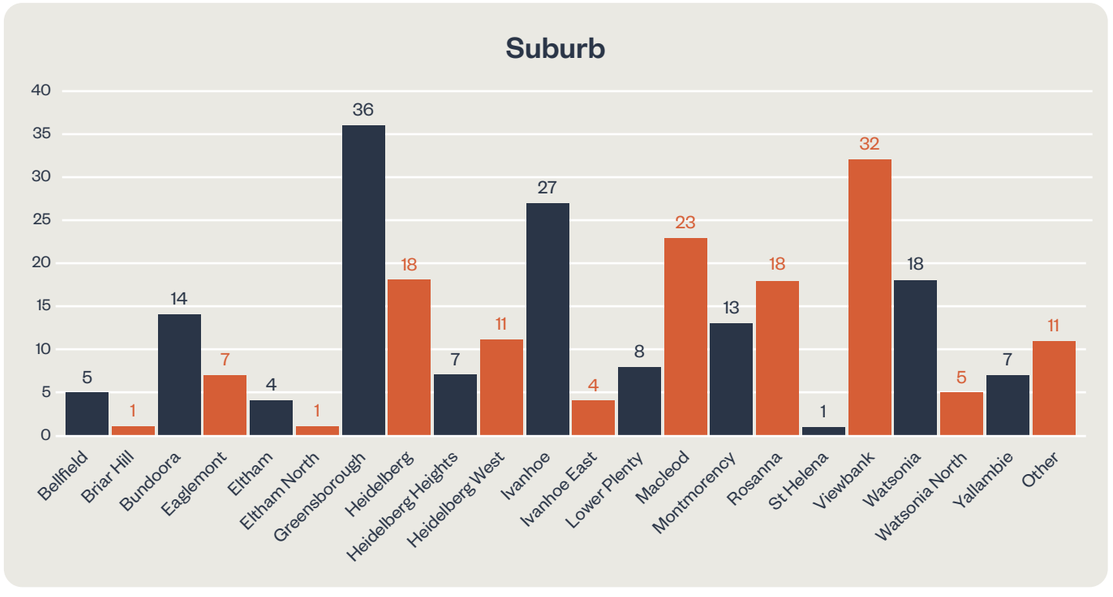


Resident Consultation - Who we heard from

The Shaping Banyule online survey received **271 responses** throughout the engagement period. Here is a demographic snapshot of community members who took part in the consultation.

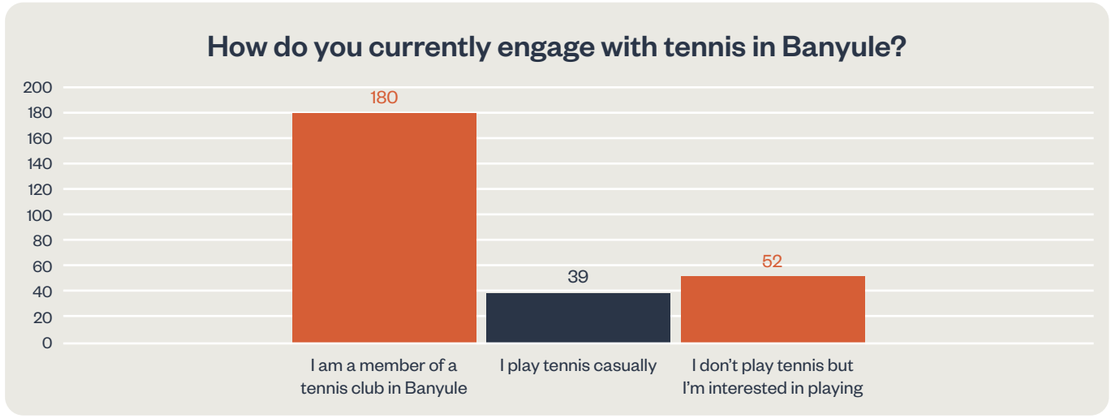


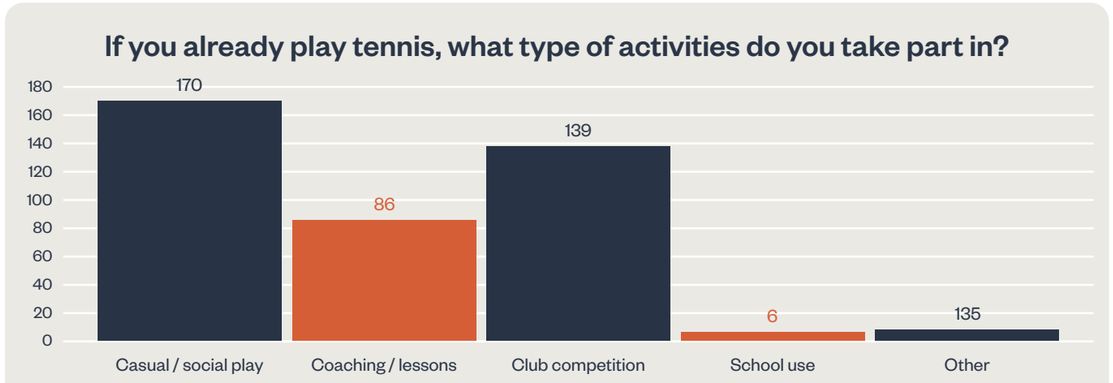


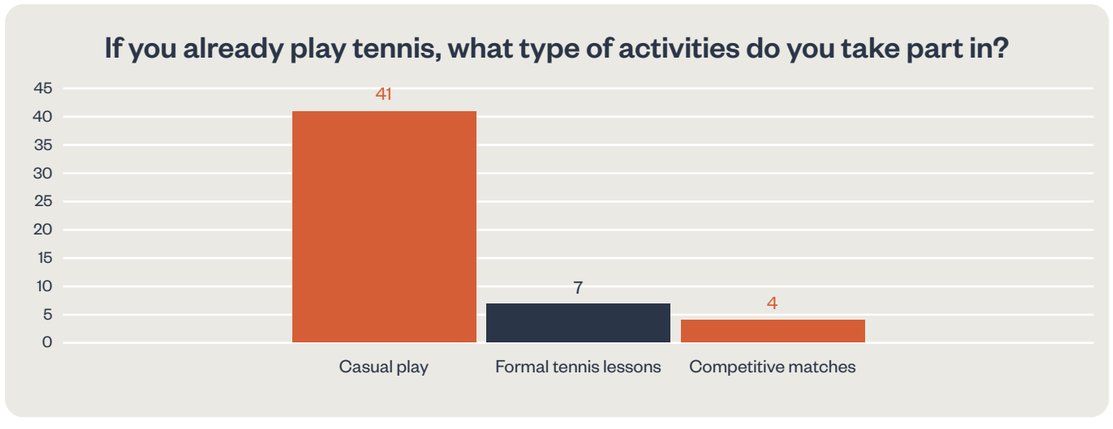


- The survey received responses from every age group in Banyule from under 12 through to 70-84, with the highest number of responses received from 50-59 and 60-69. The results show an almost even spread of male and female responses.
- The survey received at least one response from every suburb in Banyule, with the highest number of responses coming from Greensborough, Viewbank, Ivanhoe, Macleod, Watsonia and Rosanna.

How respondents are engaging in tennis







As indicated, the highest number of respondents (66%) are currently members of a tennis club. Of these 66%, the highest area of interest is casual/social play. For those who are not members or do not yet play (44%), the highest area of interest is also casual play.

Feedback from clubs and residents - Key issues and opportunities

Facilities and Infrastructure

- The most common feedback from both clubs and residents is the need for increased investment in tennis facility upgrades, particularly lighting, court resurfacing, and fencing improvements.
- Inadequate lighting is a significant issue for several clubs, limiting participation during the darker months of the year. Clubs and residents are seeking upgraded LED lighting to improve playing conditions, safety, and the capacity for evening use.
- A number of ageing tennis facilities require court resurfacing and broader infrastructure renewal, as identified through the facility audit and stakeholder feedback. This is particularly evident at facilities including St James, Macleod, Yallambie, and Watsonia. Respondents are seeking a clear and transparent strategy to guide future upgrades and ongoing maintenance across the municipality.
- Feedback highlighted concerns regarding court condition, flooding impacts, surface deterioration, inadequate lighting, and excessive wear during peak periods of use. These issues negatively affect play quality, participant safety, and overall participation outcomes.
- Several facilities present safety, compliance, and accessibility challenges, including damaged fencing, inadequate site security, non-compliant electrical infrastructure, ageing amenities, asbestos, and limited wheelchair accessibility.
- Clubs consistently reported that poor facility conditions create challenges in attracting and retaining members, with concerns also raised about the experience of visiting teams and players.
- Some clubs identified that outdated infrastructure does not adequately support inclusive access for people with disability.

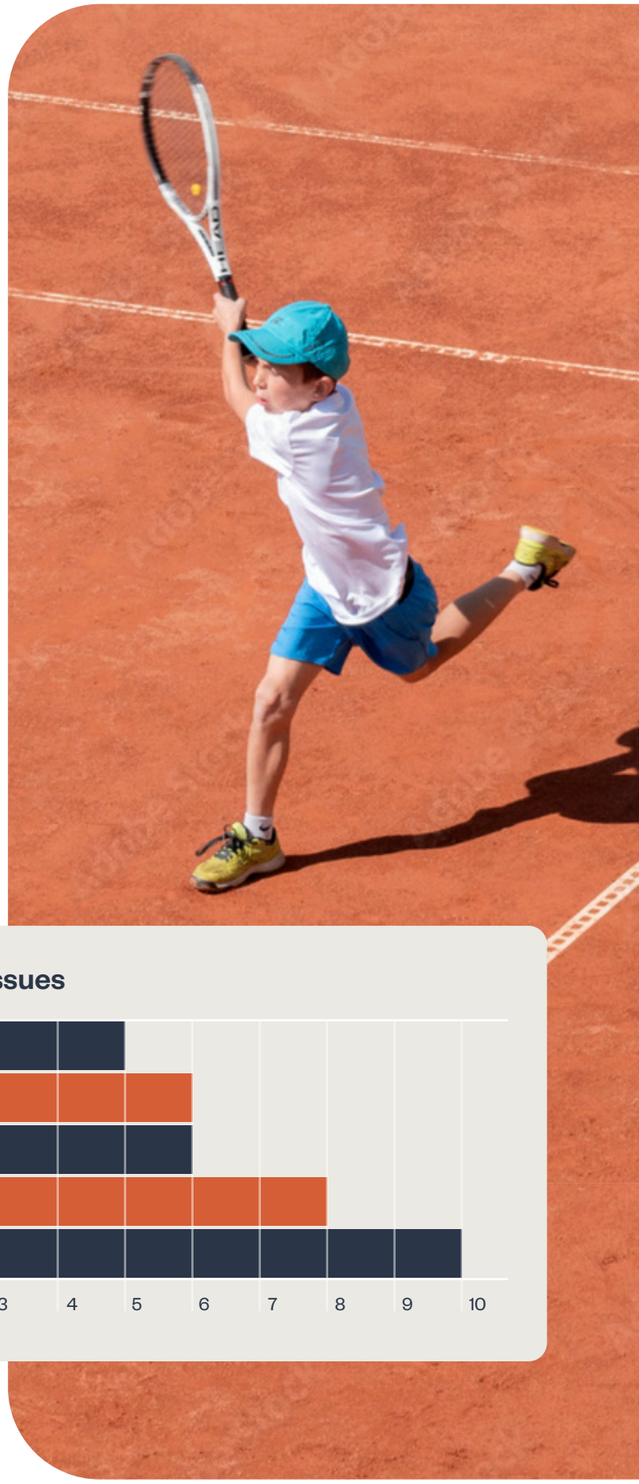
Affordability, Access and Participation

- Among survey respondents who do not currently play tennis but are interested in participating, 79% indicated a preference for casual or social play without the need to join a club. Respondents identified a desire for free or low-cost public access, simpler booking systems, flexible casual court hire options, and increased opportunities for informal participation.
- Clubs are actively seeking to grow participation across the community, with a particular focus on increasing opportunities for women and girls, families, social participation, and culturally diverse communities.
- Increased participation demand, combined with the loss of courts at some locations, has placed additional pressure on existing facilities across the municipality.
- A total of 137 survey respondents expressed interest in greater opportunities to play pickleball, recognising it as a rapidly growing sport. While some respondents support shared use opportunities for both tennis and pickleball, others raised concerns about the replacement of tennis courts, emphasising the importance of retaining dedicated tennis infrastructure. A solution is to have both tennis and pickleball.
- Some respondents identified that court availability does not currently meet demand, particularly during competition periods, after-school hours, and evenings. This was most evident at high-participation clubs such as Macleod, where there were calls for additional courts and extended access hours.
- Clubs identified challenges in balancing court allocation between member use, coaching and training activities, competition, and casual “book-a-court” access.

Club Governance and Support

- Many respondents acknowledged the significant reliance on volunteer committees to manage and operate tennis clubs. While some clubs are performing strongly, others are experiencing challenges associated with volunteer fatigue and declining volunteer capacity. Several clubs identified a need for greater Council support in areas such as governance, coordination, and strategic oversight to help strengthen long-term club sustainability.
- Some clubs indicated they do not have sufficient financial capacity to contribute toward facility upgrades and identified the need to grow membership and participation to support long-term financial sustainability.
- The ongoing reliance on volunteers to manage ageing infrastructure was identified as increasingly unsustainable, with poor facility conditions contributing to volunteer fatigue, increased operational pressures, and reduced club viability.

Clubs were asked to nominate their 3-5 key issues. Below indicates the most highly selected issues from clubs:



Many respondents describe tennis as a vital, lifelong, family-friendly, and inclusive sport that supports physical health, mental wellbeing, and social connection. There is a strong appreciation for volunteer-run clubs and a clear desire to see tennis protected, supported and allowed to thrive across Banyule.

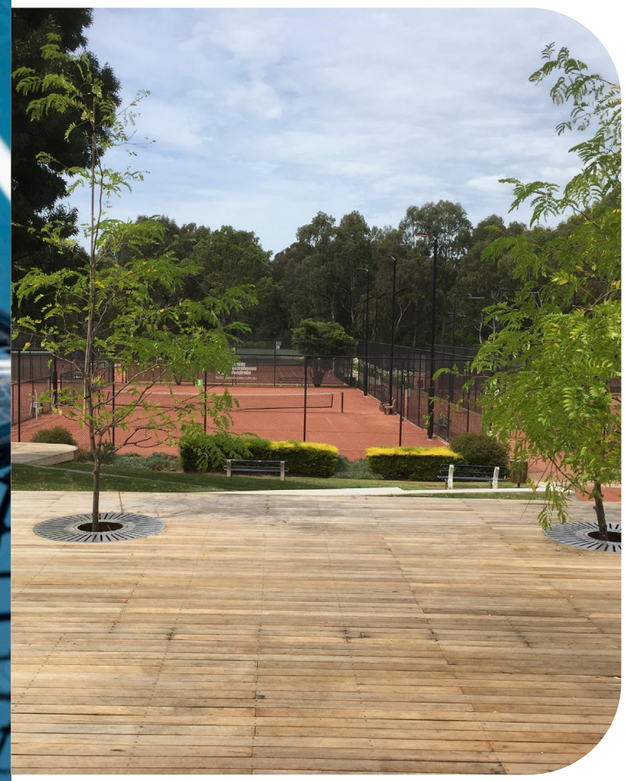


Audit of our Tennis facilities

In July and August 2025, Council engaged specialist consultancy Inside Edge to undertake condition audits of all Council-managed tennis facilities across Banyule. The audits assessed the condition and functionality of key infrastructure elements including court surfaces, net posts, fencing and lighting. Clubroom buildings were not included in the audits.

The purpose of the audits was to provide Council with a comprehensive understanding of the current condition of its tennis infrastructure and to support evidence-based planning for future investment. The findings help identify facilities that require renewal or upgrade and provide indicative capital expenditure estimates to maintain and improve Council's tennis facilities over the next 10 years.

The audits for court surfaces, net posts and fencing apply a 5-stage rating system for each element. Elements are ranked from as low as 1 (intervention point) through to 5 (very good condition). These results are summarised below.



Court Surfaces

- Up to 5 sites were identified as requiring priority upgrades based on their rating of 1.
  These are: St James Bellfield, Rosanna, Watsonia, Macleod, Montmorency.
- The remaining sites and courts have been identified as needing renewal from year 3 onwards.
  There is far greater capital investment needed for courts, fencing and lighting from years 3-10+.
- Most sites except for St James have majority of their courts rated at good or adequate.
  Often where renewal is required, it is specific to one court.

Fencing

- The enclosure fencing overall satisfactory and is rated at 3 or higher on all tennis facilities.
- Majority require renewal Years 3 and 4.

Net posts

- Net posts at St James, Rosanna and Montmorency require upgrades in the next 1-2 years.
- Net posts at all other courts do not require upgrades for 3+ years.

Lighting

- Court lighting was measured in accordance with the nominal standards for categories 'Resident and recreational play' and 'Club competition and commercial play.'
- Five sites have no compliant lighting on any courts – St James Bellfield, Watsonia, Yallambie, Montmorency and Grace Valley.
- Four sites have two or more courts with non-compliant lighting: Banyule, Eaglemont, Greensborough, Rosanna.
- Three sites have only one court with non-compliant lighting: Chelsworth Park and Macleod
- All other courts have compliant lighting on every court: Ivanhoe, Karringal Drive, St Marys and Viewbank.

Pickleball



Council recognises that pickleball is a rapidly growing sport, which is why we took the opportunity to get feedback from residents, tennis clubs and Tennis Victoria about implementing and growing pickleball alongside tennis in our municipality.

Pickleball combines elements of tennis, badminton and table tennis and is played with paddles and a perforated ball on a smaller court.

In December 2025, Tennis Australia officially partnered with National Pickleball League to create more playing opportunities nationwide, as pickleball continues to grow in popularity.

Feedback from the Banyule Tennis Survey indicates that interest in playing pickleball is strong in Banyule, with 50% of respondents indicating their interest in playing.

Some respondents oppose pickleball replacing tennis courts, arguing tennis courts should be preserved. A solution is to have both tennis and pickleball.

How we will measure and report success

Measuring the success of the Banyule Tennis Strategy is essential to ensuring we achieve our vision of a thriving tennis community. Our approach to evaluation will be data-driven, inclusive and aligned with our objectives.

Together with Tennis Victoria and our local clubs, we will track participation rates, infrastructure usage and program outcomes to assess impact. Success will also be measured through stakeholder and resident feedback.

To measure the success of the Strategy and ensure we are achieving our goals, a progress report will be produced when we are halfway through the 5-year period, to state which actions have been achieved, which are in progress and which are not started. This report will be made available for public viewing. This ensures we are tracking progress and staying accountable for each action.

If needed, new priorities can be set based on data, feedback and community needs to ensure the Strategy stays relevant and effective. This approach keeps the Action Plan flexible and responsive to change.



Acknowledgement – Stakeholders

Council wishes to acknowledge the following stakeholders who contributed to the development of this tennis strategy:

- Banyule Tennis Club
- Bundoora Tennis Club
- Eaglemont Tennis Club
- Grace Valley Tennis Club
- Greensborough Tennis Club
- Inside Edge
- Ivanhoe Tennis Club
- Macleod Tennis Club
- Montmorency Tennis Club
- Rosanna Tennis Club
- St Mary's Tennis Club
- St James Tennis Club
- Tennis Victoria
- Viewbank Tennis Club
- Yallambie Tennis Club



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