



Consultation Summary Report

Stage one engagement

Deep Rock pavilion facility upgrades

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Project overview

Yarra Bend Park is located in inner Melbourne and runs through the suburbs of Kew, Fairfield and Abbotsford. The Deep Rock sporting precinct is accessed from Deep Rock Road. The Sir Herbert Olney Oval is a formal sports field, with turf wicket, that combines with other adjacent sports fields and the pavilion to form this sporting precinct.

The Victorian Government is investing \$1 million to create more inclusive facilities at the pavilion, with plans to deliver more modern, accessible, and female-friendly toilets and change rooms.

About this report

The purpose of this report is to summarise the findings from the first stage of consultation on the Deep Rock Pavilion facilities upgrades.

All feedback and ideas presented in this report were gathered via consultation conducted by Parks Victoria. All input has been given equal consideration and has not been weighted or adjusted. The findings in this report reflects the views of the community. Findings have not been edited for accuracy and do not necessarily reflect the beliefs or position of Parks Victoria.

Reading this report

As with all consultation processes and reporting analysis, there are considerations that should be acknowledged when reading the report:

- People who participated in the consultation process self-selected to take part. Therefore, the feedback in this report does not necessarily reflect the views of a representative sample of the community.
- It is possible (but unlikely) that participants may have completed the survey more than once.
- Survey questions were optional. Therefore, some questions have more responses than others.
- The graphs and figures in this report are generated from the quantitative survey questions only (selecting from choices provided). At times they equal more than 100 per cent. This is because participants were able to select more than one choice.
- Where needed, quotations have been amended for spelling and grammar but are otherwise unchanged.
- Respondent suggestions or feedback that are not in line with project scope have been excluded in this summary, although the information has been passed onto local teams to investigate separately.

Consultation approach

Consultation with sport clubs will occur during the project and focus on two main stages. Stage one will involve current users of the pavilion, and sport clubs who use other sport facilities at Yarra Bend Park, that may use the pavilion in the future. Feedback was sought on:

- The current use of the pavilion internal toilets, changerooms and showers.
- How well the above facilities met user needs
- Current use of the public toilets accessed from the external of the pavilion
- Ideas on how to make the pavilion more female friendly.

Stage two consultation will occur when draft designs are released for feedback.

How people participated

Sports clubs who currently use the pavilion, as well as those who use other sport facilities at Yarra Bend Park, who may use the pavilion in the future, were invited to provide feedback via an online survey.

Below is a breakdown of how we received feedback from sports clubs.



5 sport clubs participated in the online survey



1 email submission was received with additional information

Sports clubs were also invited to discuss the project with Parks Victoria or attend an information session, which was held on 12th September 2023.

Summary of findings

The current use of the pavilion internal toilets, changerooms and showers

Question: Which facilities currently get used?

Response:

Five sport clubs reported using the public toilet facilities, four use change rooms, three use showers, and four use internal toilets. One respondent doesn't use the internal facilities in the pavilion but has commented they currently use the ovals and may use the pavilion in the future.



Table 1: facilities used by clubs

Question: Do the facilities meet your club's needs?

Response:

Two clubs selected yes.

Three clubs selected no.

Question: Please provide further information explaining why the facilities did or didn't meet your needs.

Response:

The key themes include:

- Lack of female specific facilities
- Facilities are in poor condition

- Child safety standards

Comments received by the sport clubs are listed below.

“The facilities are basic, but meet our general needs for use. Given we deal with young students, some more attention to child safe practices would be beneficial. Having internal and external toilets helps with separating students and coaches/spectators”

“The current facilities are rudimentary, and do not allow us to schedule girls' teams on one oval and boys' teams on the other. This limits flexibility and therefore the development of girls' footy”

“The club rooms are sufficient for the games we play.”

“The facilities are very dated and in poor condition.”

“If the change rooms and pavilion were more suitable, (our club) would use them. With the limited number of football grounds available, the club would also be able to use the grounds during the season - if the facilities were upgraded and made suitable.”

Question: How many change rooms get used at any one time.

Response:

Those sports clubs who use the change rooms, stated either one, two or all four are used at the same time while their clubs' activities are occurring.

Use of the public toilets

Question: Please estimate how many spectators use the public toilets during their group's activities.

Response:

Sports clubs estimated the below number of spectators use the public toilet facilities during their activities:

- 150
- 50
- 30
- 10-20

Female friendly facilities

Question: Sports clubs were asked what ideas they had to make Deep Rock Pavilion more female friendly.

Response:

Key themes include:

- Security and lighting
- Separate toilet and shower facilities

Comments received by the sport clubs are listed below.

“More attention to the design of the toilet & shower areas.”

“Separated toilet and shower facilities for a start (internal), and several more female toilets (external)”.

“Security too: it gets dark and lonely near the pavilion, particularly in winter. Not conducive to girls feeling safe.”

“Bit more lighting”

“A female friendly change room with suitable division from other rooms would be welcome.”

“Separate change rooms, with improved toilet and shower facilities.”

Next steps

All feedback summarised in this report will be considered by Parks Victoria and used by the design consultant and architect to help inform the draft designs.

Once the draft designs are developed, further feedback will be sought during stage two of the consultation. We will continue to keep community informed as the project progresses.

Parks Victoria thanks all those who have contributed their ideas and feedback in the first stage of engagement.

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