

Monday 6 March 2023

Feedback Sought on J.H. Allan Reserve Sports Infrastructure

Dear Resident or Business Owner,

This letter seeks to obtain feedback from residents and business owners living in close proximity to J.H. Allan Reserve, Keilor East, on a number of potential future sports infrastructure development opportunities at the site.

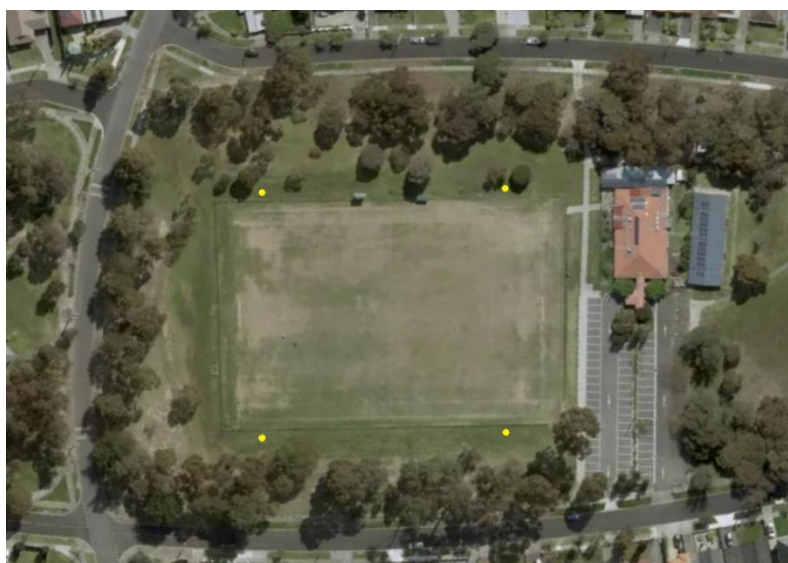
Following endorsement of the Moonee Valley Soccer Strategy by Council in September last year, numerous opportunities were identified to improve sports infrastructure at J.H. Allan Reserve that would help Council meet the increasing participation needs of community soccer clubs both currently and into the future. This growth is particularly being seen in junior and female players and is a key consideration of the Strategy. If you are not familiar with the Strategy, a copy can be found on Council's website, at yoursay.mvcc.vic.gov.au/DraftSoccerStrategy.

Details on the potential future sports infrastructure development opportunities can be found below.

Installation of Sportsfield Lighting on Soccer Field #1

This initiative could help Council respond to the current shortage of floodlit sporting facilities available for evening soccer participation within Moonee Valley through the installation of new lighting to the existing soccer field, to meet Australian Standards for community soccer.

It is anticipated that the lighting installation would involve four poles (see approximate locations below in yellow), with energy-efficient LED floodlights that are angled, aimed and directed in a way to focus light on the playing arena only, not towards surrounding properties. All requirements relating to intrusive spill or glare would be met, to avoid negative impacts on surrounding residents and/or businesses.



If the project was to proceed, it would be considered for inclusion in Council's 2023/24 Budget. Works could commence in late-2023 with a target completion date by April 2024. This could see the new lighting operational in time for the 2024 soccer season and beyond.

The hours of use would be in accordance with the sporting club seasonal allocation agreement, which currently requires sportsfield lights to be turned off by 10:00pm. Council would work closely with residents and clubs to minimise any potential impacts on surrounding residents or businesses.

Further details and a series of FAQs relating to this potential project are provided on Council's Your Say platform.

Establishment of Soccer Field #2 (Synthetic Grass) and Associated Supporting Infrastructure

This initiative could help Council respond to the current shortage of soccer pitches available for community soccer clubs within Moonee Valley. Due to the nature of synthetic fields, additional school usage could also occur during daytime hours on weekdays.

The works could see the development of a second soccer pitch at the Reserve, replacing the existing cricket oval/open space area to the west of The Crossway. Associated supporting infrastructure to ensure participation can occur could also be installed.



At this stage, scoping or design work in relation to this potential development has not commenced. Given the significant nature of the proposal, consulting with the community is important. There are numerous things to consider with a project of this size, including (but not limited to):

- Changes in the way existing open space is used
- Environmental and existing vegetation considerations
- Hours of usage and traffic considerations

Further details and a series of FAQs relating to this potential development are provided on Council's Your Say platform.

Next Steps

Council would like to hear feedback from neighbouring residents and businesses about these potential opportunities. Your feedback will assist in determining the next steps for the proposed projects.

To provide feedback, please visit Council's Your Say page at yoursay.mvcc.vic.gov.au/JHAllanReserve or email RecProjects@mvcc.vic.gov.au. Personal details on all feedback received will remain confidential in nature.

Regards,

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Moonee Valley City Council