

# A better pavilion at Anthony Beale Reserve

## We are seeking:

1. A State Government investment of \$700,000 to redevelop the pavilion at Anthony Beale Reserve to include female friendly changerooms and expanded community meeting spaces.



## Background

The existing pavilion does not adequately serve the needs of the community. The area around the current sports pavilion is the focus of many local community activities with a regional playground, St Helena Maternal Child Health Centre, Warrunga Kindergarten and two sport fields for AFL/Cricket.

Council is upgrading the pavilion to include female friendly changerooms and umpire amenities, expanded community meeting and catering spaces. Detailed designs are complete, and work is ready to start in 2024 – 25.

Funding is being sought from the State Government to complete the redevelopment.

## Community need for an inclusive pavilion

The existing pavilion does not cater for female users and the facilities do not meet the needs of the local community. The proposed improvements are based on resident and

sporting club responses to Council's 2023 Community Infrastructure Plan, which was developed to ensure our buildings meet current and future needs.

The new designs ensure that the pavilion will be an inclusive facility that meets universal design guidelines, is environmentally sustainable and fit for purpose.

**Council is committed to providing accessible and inclusive access to sport and recreation for everyone.**

With increasing female sports participation there is an increased expectation and demand for sports infrastructure and facilities that are female friendly and encourage and support equality.

## No female friendly change rooms

**Female friendly change rooms are a fundamental requirement to increase and support female participation in sport.**

They are needed by local community and user groups. Umpire change rooms that cater for both male and female umpires are also required to support female participation.

**There is no dedicated female friendly change room area in the existing pavilion despite increasing local female sports participation.**

Greensborough Junior Football Club, the winter tenants of the facility, have an increasing number of junior teams including female teams. The Club is introducing a junior girls football program for Season 2024 and also runs Auskick for all genders at Anthony Beale Reserve.

In summer the sports facility is an overflow venue for cricket, including for several clubs in Banyule with multiple teams and a growing number of girls teams. Glen Katherine Primary School also uses the sporting ovals for their co-educational sports curriculum.

## Lack of community meeting spaces

St Helena and Eltham North residents have no local meeting spaces for hire.

The nearest is at Briar Hill Community Hall, over half an hour's walk away and already heavily utilised. St Helena has four schools and a church with no available meeting spaces for hire.

This illustrates the need for a multi-purpose meeting space at Anthony Beale Reserve Pavilion which will be available during the day. Kitchen/Canteen be to standard and potentially cater for community groups and user of the regional playground during the week.

**Council's plan is to provide a facility with potential for broader community use.**

## Bringing the pavilion up to current standards

Other elements of the new design that will bring the pavilion up to current accessibility and sustainability standards include accessible paths and landscaping around the pavilion, fully electrified kitchen and canteen facilities and storage space for club sporting equipment.



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