

# A new shared use facility for Ivanhoe Bowls and Ivanhoe Tennis - Ivanhoe Recreation Reserve

## We are seeking:

1. A \$2.2M investment from the State Government to upgrade and consolidate the pavilion servicing the Ivanhoe Bowling Club and Ivanhoe Tennis Club in Ivanhoe Recreation Reserve.



## Introduction

This is an opportunity to create one shared use, accessible facility that can support both bowls and tennis and meets state sporting guidelines.

The proposal aligns strongly with the Banyule Community Infrastructure Plan because it promotes shared and flexible use of our sports facilities. The proposed facility will be an accessible place for formal sport, social and family gatherings and community events.

## Background

The Ivanhoe Recreation Reserve, known locally as John Street Reserve, is on John Street, Ivanhoe. The Reserve is in a residential area and acts to the surrounding dwellings as their open space area, as well as being well-used by current tenants and the wider community.

The current facilities were built almost sixty years ago and have been added to over time, including the rudimentary tennis club rooms in 1991. The Ivanhoe Bowls and Tennis club rooms are no longer fit for purpose and don't meet current building standards.

## Increasing demand from growing population

**The population of the Ivanhoe area is predicted to increase by 39.9% over the next 18 years (2041). Existing open spaces and sports facilities will need to improve their capacity to meet future demand.**

Both the bowls and tennis clubs have strong and growing memberships.

Peak sporting bodies state and regional facilities plans support additional and improved sports fields and facilities to cater for the increasing demand fuelled by the growing population and high penetration rates for sport participation in Banyule City Council.

## Current facilities are sub-standard

An architectural condition review of the Ivanhoe Bowls and Tennis club rooms at John Street indicates that they do not meet current sport and leisure facility standards, including Universal Design Principles, Female Friendly Design Guidelines and Disability Discrimination Act (DDA) requirements.

**The ageing buildings present major access barriers to participation for females and persons with a disability.**

Other problems include:

- Limited capacity in tennis club rooms
- Poor access to bowls greens
- Tennis courts are not accessible from club rooms
- Carparking is limited and there are limited accessible spaces
- The accessible car spaces are not linked to an accessible pathway.

## Priorities for the upgraded pavilion

The upgrade and consolidation of the pavilion will serve both the Ivanhoe Bowling Club and Ivanhoe Tennis Club, enable the building to meet current building standards including DDA and will have more accessible toilet facilities and female change rooms. There will be improvements to overall accessibility and functionality.

Access from the tennis club rooms to the tennis courts and access to car parking and accessible parking spaces will be greatly enhanced.

There is also potential to expand tennis program opportunities by developing Hotshot and Pickleball courts. The proposed replacement of the fence and retaining wall around tennis courts would further support 'book a court' activities.

## Strategic context – Ivanhoe Sports Precinct Masterplan

This project is identified as a priority in the Ivanhoe Sports Precinct Masterplan, adopted 2022 following extensive consultation with clubs, community state sporting associations and residents.



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