

Netball home needed for Ivanhoe Club

We are seeking:

1. A State Government investment of \$1.5M to construct two netball courts and storage facilities at Ivanhoe Park.



Overview

The Ivanhoe Netball Club, one of the largest clubs in the Banyule and District Netball Association, is without a home base and has to utilise many different venues to train which make is challenging in terms of costs, time, access and opportunity. This hinders connectedness for their members.

Council is looking to partner with State Government to redevelop Ivanhoe Parks sports infrastructure as part of the Ivanhoe Sports Precinct Plan – Masterplan.

The redevelopment of part of Ivanhoe Park for netball will provide sustainable benefits to the community and Ivanhoe Netball Club by providing a home with safe and compliant facilities for local netball players. This would include constructing two netball courts to Netball Victoria standards, associated storage and an amenities building.

Participation

The Ivanhoe Netball Club fields teams from ages 9 and under through to Seniors, amounting to over 220 club members.

Ivanhoe Netball Club plays an important role in supporting the health and well-being of young girls and women in our community by providing opportunity to participate in local physical team activity.

It also creates strong local community relationships and supports local volunteerism and connectedness.



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This project will increase capacity, particularly for women and girls by providing a venue which meets the demands of the sport and provide unity for the Ivanhoe Netball Club by offering a training venue in the one location. The courts will also be accessible by community for unstructured and casual play.

In 2019, Netball Victoria had 111,822 registered members with a large percentage of these members playing multiple times per week.

Whilst the membership dropped in 2020 during the Covid-19 pandemic, it has rebounded in 2023.

Netball continues to be the sport of choice for women and girls, with the highest female sport participation rates in Australia*

**source SportAus AUSPLAY – State of Play Report – April 2023.*

Netball in Banyule

In 2022, there were 1,432 netball members in the LGA of Banyule, which amounted to a 1.07% penetration rate, which is lower than the state metro average of 1.30%.

Access to new and upgraded compliant netball facilities will provide opportunities for growth in the sport and potentially increase participation.

Netball Victoria supports the proposed redevelopment for netball as part of the Ivanhoe Sports Precinct and continues to support the Ivanhoe Netball Club throughout the process to ensure the best outcomes are obtained for the local netball community.



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