



Alma Park Pavilion Upgrade

Frequently Asked Questions

Why is Council upgrading the Alma Park Pavilion?

As part of the City of Port Phillip's commitment to redeveloping and maintaining sporting and recreation facilities, Council plans to upgrade the pavilion in Alma Park. This will improve the facilities available to sports clubs and community groups, and create a multi-functional space to accommodate a wide range of current and emerging users. The upgrade will also improve the public toilets available to the wider community and visitors to Alma Park.

What does the upgrade involve?

Currently, the sports pavilion comprises the main pavilion and public toilets. Both the existing main pavilion and public toilet buildings will be demolished and replaced with new and improved facilities.

Why will the existing layout be maintained?

A feasibility study was undertaken to assess potential locations for a new pavilion, ensuring it would comply with Football Federation Victoria building requirements and not impact on the heritage value of the park and surrounding environment. By retaining the existing layout, significant trees in the area will be protected and will ensure that access to the footpaths and nearby areas is not effected. This location also provides the best access to the oval for sports clubs.

Are the current facilities being demolished?

The current pavilion/public toilets will be demolished in order to make way for the new facilities. Due to site restrictions in Alma Park, the existing buildings will be demolished and rebuilt on the current sites.

Will the new facilities be larger?

The new buildings will be larger than the current buildings in order to ensure that the design complies with Category C for a sports pavilion under the Football Federation Victoria guidelines regarding building and structure size, amenity requirements and security considerations. This will also allow for an accessible public toilet to be built.

What will the new facilities include?

The proposed upgraded pavilion will provide the following facilities:

Building 1 (main pavilion, kitchen and change rooms)

- two player change rooms, which can be converted into one larger space
- two unisex toilets with shower facilities and one unisex accessible toilet with shower facility
- kiosk / kitchen area with servery
- kitchen and bin storage.

Building 2 (match officials' storage and public toilets)

- match official room with secure change room and accessible unisex toilet and shower facility
- two secured storage rooms
- one unisex accessible public toilet
- two, male and two, female public toilets.

What will the new design look like?

The exterior design will be made from sustainable building products to complement the surrounding natural environment. The proposed design will incorporate a mixture of recycled timbers and hammered steel panels to the side of the structure to allow for a mirror reflection of the surrounding trees. The design will also incorporate environmentally sustainable features such as solar panels, energy efficient fixtures and fittings, natural ventilation, natural lights and rainwater tanks.

Who can use the upgraded pavilion?

The upgraded pavilion will be available for sports clubs, schools and recreational groups and will cater for current and emerging users. The proposed design will allow for a multi-functional space, allowing the two large change rooms to be converted into a larger space, in order to accommodate playgroups and other community groups who may want to use the facilities. When the new building has been constructed, booking the community space can be made by contacting Sport and Recreation, City of Port Phillip on 9209 6776.

When is construction scheduled?

The construction of the upgraded pavilion is subject to budget allocations. It is estimated to take six months to build from commencement.

What facilities will be available throughout the construction period for sporting clubs and visitors to Alma Park?

Council will provide portable accommodation to provide shelter, toilets, showers and storage for clubs to use during the construction period to ensure minimal disruption to current users. There are also alternative public toilets available to the north of Alma Park (corner Dandenong Road and Chapel St).

Is Council planning to upgrade the sports field?

Council will be undertaking an assessment of all sports ground surfaces during the 2012/13 financial year. This assessment will be used to create a list of field upgrades according to priority.