

THEME 6:

I like being physically active and enjoy the outdoors. How will I be able to do this locally?

Our ongoing work

We deliver and maintain parks and outdoor recreation facilities to support physical health, mental well-being and social interaction.

- Plan, deliver and maintain a range of parks and green spaces to provide safe, inclusive spaces to the whole community to relax, play and exercise.
- Plan, deliver and maintain a variety of facilities that enable the community to enjoy the outdoors, such as playgrounds, skate parks, dog parks and splash parks.
- Plan, deliver and maintain sporting facilities, including sports fields, aquatic facilities, gymnasiums, a golf course and an athletics stadium to enable participation in sport and physical activity for all ages and abilities.
- Partner with marram baba Merri Creek Regional Parkland working group and stakeholders to advocate for the delivery of the future directions plan.
- Collaborate with developers delivering parks and recreational facilities in new neighbourhoods to ensure they are high-quality, inclusive and meet community needs.

We provide inclusive recreational and leisure opportunities that welcome everyone, regardless of their abilities or background.

- Deliver an ongoing program of facility upgrades to improve accessibility and meet Disability Discrimination Act (DDA) requirements, enabling more people with disability to participate fully in community life.
- Partner with other organisations to facilitate shared access to non-Council facilities, increasing the number and variety of recreation facilities available for community use.
- Deliver community festivals and events that promote physical activity and health and wellbeing.
- Support local sporting clubs by leasing Council’s sporting facilities, enabling them to grow participation in sport and strengthen community connections.
- Deliver development programs for sporting clubs to promote safe, welcoming and well-run sporting environments in line with Council’s Fair Access Policy.
- Facilitate investigations into barriers that prevent the community from using parks and recreation facilities and inform improvements that make them welcoming and accessible for everyone.

Community quote:

“Thank you so much for upgrading the dog park. It’s been a long time coming. It’s a great area, awesome dog park size. It just needed more done. Can’t wait to be able to use it more.”



Strategic Priority

SP17	Deliver Council’s Fair Access Policy to ensure women and girls can equally use local sports facilities and feel supported to get involved in sport and recreation.	HP DAP
SP18	Deliver the Granite Hills Major Community Park featuring an adventure park and playground, open-air pavilion, public barbecues, giant slides, nature and water play and public toilets with a Changing Places facility.	HP DAP
SP19	Deliver and operate the Regional Sports Precinct in Mernda consisting of an indoor stadium with multi-purpose courts, lit outdoor netball courts, a netball pavilion, car parking, pathways, lighting, landscaping and wetlands.	HP DAP
SP20	Deliver the new Wollert Sports Reserve consisting of playing fields with lighting, multi-purpose sporting spaces, playground, car parking and a community pavilion.	HP DAP
SP21	Deliver the Huskisson Reserve Multi-Purpose Facility in Lalor consisting of a new multi-purpose community pavilion, redevelopment of the existing tennis courts into new courts with lighting, car parking, pathways and landscaping.	HP DAP
SP22	Deliver the new Edgars Creek Recreation Reserve in Wollert consisting of a new multi-purpose community pavilion, an additional oval, outdoor sport courts, open space and a recreation area and car parking.	HP DAP
SP23	Deliver the new Ashley Park Recreation Reserve in Doreen consisting of playing fields with lighting, a new multi-purpose community pavilion, playground and car parking.	HP DAP
SP24	Deliver the staged construction of VR Michael Reserve Master Plan in Lalor providing an upgraded dog off leash area, central lawn, circuit paths, toilet facilities, exercise fitness station and car parking.	HP DAP
SP25	Deliver the staged construction of Whittlesea Park Master Plan in Whittlesea Township providing trees, play spaces, circuit paths, bridges and car parking.	HP DAP
SP26	Deliver the staged construction of Lalor Recreation Reserve Master Plan in Lalor, Lowalde Recreation Reserve Master Plan in Epping, Nick Ascenzo Reserve in Thomastown, Whittlesea Public Gardens in Lalor and Mernda Recreation Reserve Master Plan in Mernda.	HP DAP

HP Health Plan DAP Disability Action Plan

Responsibility of others

Service or program by others	Who
Develop joint agreements to provide community access to school facilities	Department of Education
Management of regional and state parks such as Plenty Gorge Park and marram baba Merri Creek Regional Parklands.	Parks Victoria, Victorian Government and others.