

⑥ Strategic Direction and Action Plan

The goals of the Recreation Plan, which help describe what we want to achieve, have been developed from the four emerging key themes identified during the research and consultation process. Each goal has a set of intended outcomes, which remain constant through the life of the plan. Each goal area has a series of strategic focus actions, which provide direction and are supported by annual action plans.

Goal 1: Facilities – Our community has equitable access to multipurpose, inclusive, accessible and sustainable facilities

Intended Outcomes			
1.1 Multipurpose buildings and open spaces providing diverse recreation and sporting opportunities			
1.2 Inclusive facilities based on universal design principles, providing welcoming and supportive environments			
1.3 Facilities and open spaces managed in an environmentally sustainable way			
Strategic Focus (Over this plan we will):	Year 1 Action:	Who: Lead and Partners	Intended Outcome relationship:
Renew and maintain Council owned facilities to ensure they are suitable and accessible for all of the community	Develop female friendly change rooms at Elder St Reserve, Petrie Park, Gabonia Avenue Reserve, and Loyola Reserve	Leisure/ Building & Capital Works	1.2
	Improve asset management plans by confirming asset work programs, renewal priorities, intervention levels and service levels for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sports fields and synthetic surfaces Sports fields and reserve lighting 	Building & Capital Works/Parks & Gardens/Leisure	1.3
	Develop a Capital Works Policy for community based sporting clubs	Leisure/Building & Capital Works	1.1
	Pilot LED sports field lighting at Ivanhoe Park	Parks & Gardens/Enviro/Leisure	1.3
	Progress designs for the Macleod Health and Fitness Centre Master Plan	Major Facilities/Building & Capital Works	1.1
	Develop a project plan for Stage 2 Ivanhoe Aquatic Redevelopment	Banyule Leisure	1.3
Support opportunities for participation for all through well planned, designed and managed facilities and open space	Conduct community consultation prior to the playground renewal program to ensure playgrounds reflect community needs and views	Leisure/Youth/Children/Aged	1.1
	Redevelop and launch 7 playgrounds across Banyule following the 'whole of park play' concept as a fundamental principle	Parks & Gardens/Leisure	1.1
	Review Leisure Equity Grants at Banyule Leisure	Banyule Leisure	1.2
	Assess sporting pavilions to determine their suitability for uses other than what they are currently used for	Leisure/Property	1.1
	Prepare designs for stormwater harvesting at Olympic Park	Environment	1.3
	Prepare a detailed Open Space Plan for the Heidelberg Activity Centre	Parks and Gardens/Leisure	1.1

Goal 2: Communication and Education – Our community has knowledge and awareness of opportunities and feels supported in the delivery of recreation

Intended Outcomes			
2.1 Information about recreational facilities, programs and groups is easy to find and understand			
2.2 Recreational groups have knowledge, skills and support to effectively run their activities			
2.3 Informed evidence-based decision making			
Strategic Focus (Over this plan we will):	Year 1 Action:	Who: Lead and Partners	Intended Outcome relationship:
Assist sport and recreation clubs to build capacity	Develop a project plan for developing a centralised information portal for recreation clubs, facilities and services	Leisure/Comms	2.2
	Complete and promote guidelines in relation to facility planning, facility development, advertising signage, code of conduct development and liquor licencing processes	Leisure	2.2
	Deliver two club development information sessions for sporting clubs on current and emerging issues	Leisure	2.2
	Support clubs to access Council and external grant programs	Leisure	2.2
	Renew occupancy agreements for all tennis clubs occupying Council land	Property/Leisure	2.2
Improve access to information about Banyule's public open spaces, facilities and programs	Develop a project plan to promote Banyule's public open spaces, facilities and programs	Leisure/Comms/ Parks & Gardens	2.1
Implement best practice decision making through research, consultation and evidence	Establish the Banyule Tennis Reference Group	Leisure	2.3
	Review the Recreation Plan development process with input from the Recreation Plan Community Reference Group	Leisure	2.3
	Explore a potential partnership with a tertiary institution to develop an evaluation tool to measure outcomes	Leisure/Social Planning	2.3
	Identify programs and services to apply the evaluation tool to, including establishing indicators and targets and start gathering baseline data where possible	Leisure/Social Planning	2.3

Goal 3: Informal Opportunities – Our community can access and participate in diverse activities that enhance their wellbeing

Intended Outcomes			
3.1 Greater opportunities for unstructured activities providing flexibility in how people access and participate in recreational activities			
3.2 Affordable recreational opportunities			
3.3 Diverse recreational experiences through creative and innovative programs and public open spaces			
Strategic Focus (Over this plan we will):	Year 1 Action:	Who: Lead and Partners	Intended Outcome relationship:
Create opportunities to encourage active travel	Contribute to the development of the Banyule Walking Strategy	Transport/Leisure	3.2
	Continue to plan for trail upgrades and expansion of the trail network	Parks and Gardens	3.2
	Implement the Northern Regional Trails Strategy	Parks and Gardens	3.2
	Implement the Bicycle Strategy	Parks and Gardens/ Transport	3.2
Deliver a variety of programs to encourage people to participate in diverse activities and promote active recreation	Deliver the Movies in the Park Program	Leisure/Early Years	3.3
	Deliver the Nature Play Program	Leisure/Early Years/ Environment	3.3
	Deliver the Free Leisure Program	Leisure/Banyule Leisure	3.2
	Deliver the Older Adults Program	Leisure	3.3
	Support neighbourhood houses to provide community and education programs	Major Facilities	3.3
Support unstructured opportunities and emerging sports	Investigate an allocation process for new and emerging sports and activities	Leisure/Parks & Gardens	3.1
	Investigate opportunities for a Parkrun within Banyule	Leisure/Parks & Gardens	3.1
	Encourage clubs to investigate alternative active recreation programs	Leisure	3.1

Goal 4: Participation and Partnerships – Our community is actively involved, has a strong and connected sense of belonging

Intended Outcomes			
4.1 Increased health and social cohesion through participation			
4.2 Greater recreational opportunities through partnerships			
Strategic Focus (Over this plan we will):	Year 1 Action:	Who: Lead and Partners	Intended Outcome relationship:
Increased community participation in sport and recreation, in particular for females and under-represented groups	Support basketball programs at Olympic Leisure targeting under represented youth	Banyule Leisure/ Youth	4.1
	Provide and promote female only swimming sessions at Olympic Leisure	Banyule Leisure	4.1
	Apply for funding to develop a Women in Sport Policy	Leisure	4.1
	Update Banyule State of Sport Report to understand participation levels and help guide Council on future investment priorities	Leisure	4.1
Develop partnerships with government, education providers, commercial and community organisations	Seek partnership opportunities for implementing recommendations from masterplans	Leisure	4.2
	Explore opportunities for a joint-use agreement with Greensborough College for developing a synthetic pitch	Leisure/ Property	4.2
	Participate on the La Trobe Sports Park Indoor Stadium Steering Committee to ensure ongoing access to the facility for the Banyule community	Major Facilities	4.2
	Participate in the working group for the Regional Paddle Sports Centre Feasibility Study	Leisure	4.2
	Pilot a networking forum in one of Banyule's seven geographic locations and invite schools, sporting clubs, community organisations, commercial facility operators and traders	Leisure/ Economic Development	4.2