

Request for information regarding Elsternwick Park Ovals 3 & 4

The following email was submitted to Bayside Councillors by multiple residents and as agreed the responses have been made available via this forum. Please use this [link](#) to access population forecast data 2018 and the community profile.

I am a Bayside resident (rate payer) and I use Elsternwick Park South every day. Would you please provide the information listed below so that I can properly respond to Council's proposal to "reactivate" ovals 3 & 4 for winter sport.

In each case, if the information does not exist, please state that. If the information does exist, please send a copy of the information to me by return email.

Please provide the following;

Q1. The sports field provision ratios (ovals/pitches per 1000 residents) you are using to determine the number of sports fields Council should provide.

Response: The ratio used to determine the required number of sportsgrounds for Australian Rules is 1:5000

Q2. The methodology used to arrive at the sports field provision ratios.

Response: Ratio for the specific code / Population forecast

Q3. Any assumptions and methodology you are using to forecast future demand.

Response: The forecast was determined using the Ratio / Population forecast. Assumptions used to forecast population data is available via the link at the top of this page.

Q4. Data from any survey conducted to determine the current usage of Elsternwick Park South ovals 3 & 4 for purposes other than organised sport (i.e passive recreation, play and unstructured physical activity). And the date of that survey.

Response: Observations undertaken by a research company on behalf of Council commenced on Friday 10 August and conclude on Thursday 16 August.

Q5. The data behind Council's statement that women's participation in Australian Rules football in 2017 was up 166% on the previous year. (The AFL say it was 76%). Please also state what "participation" means, (i.e played once or twice, or for the whole season?)

Response: This data is specific to Bayside Sports Clubs reported to Council as part of the annual tenancy application for access to sportsground and is measured against the 2017 reported numbers. Participation means registered playing club members.

Q6. On the Have Your Say web page for this project it says "Council has 45 ovals in 26 reserves operating at 99% capacity". I assume data does exist to back up this claim, as it is a fundamental part of the argument for activating the Elsternwick Park South ovals for winter sport. Therefore please provide current utilization data for each of the 45 ovals, showing what sports they are used for and when.

Response: The recommended hours of use of sportsgrounds in Bayside is 25 hours per week. 99% refers to the average structured use across all sportsgrounds up to the 25 hours. Some ovals have significantly higher use and those without sportsground lighting or under restricted use due to poor condition or recent reconstruction have lower levels of use. School use, sports club training and competition fixtures are entered into Councils facility booking system.

As the information I have requested relates to statements made by Bayside City Council on a web page, designed to inform the community so that they can indicate whether they are in favour or against the proposal, I have copied my questions to the Mayor and Councillors. I would appreciate it if you could respond accordingly.