



The State Government and Golf Victoria “tees off” a state-wide review of golf courses in Victoria.

The project

The Planning for Golf in Victoria project will:

- Support the participation and sustainability of golf
- Identify the values of golf courses
- Determine the mix of golf course types in a regional catchment
- Develop a planning decision framework for golf course land proposals.

Why do we need a review?

Golf is one of Australia’s most popular organised recreational activities with over 1.2 million golfers. More than 300,000 Victorians played golf in 2015 at 374 golf courses across the state.

Golf is being challenged to find new ways to engage with a changing demographic and participation trends. Club’s are in membership decline that is placing pressure on meeting escalating operational costs. These challenges have seen some clubs fold, merge or relocate.

Plan Melbourne 2017-2050, metropolitan planning strategy, was released on 11 March 2017 and for the first time Victoria has an implementation plan that includes an action to develop a Statewide Golf Courses Strategy.

82 submissions were also received to the *Plan Melbourne Refresh Discussion Paper* about the State Government’s commitment to lock down the Urban Growth Boundary and the impact on golf courses.

This project will consider these issues and propose a land use and sport facility plan for the future.

How will the project be delivered?

The project has commenced and an expert Task Force is established with two (2) independent members, the Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning, Department of Health and Human Services and Golf Victoria. The Task Force will provide strategic direction and input into the project.

Key outputs:

- Audit and discussion paper
- Final recommendation and framework report
- Government response.

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When will the project be completed?



What is already achieved?

The following tasks are underway:

- Task Force workshops
- Research and demand analysis
- Collecting data and input into an audit.

Next steps?

The following tasks are next steps for the project:

- Release Discussion Paper in June 2017

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