

# Jack Dyer Pavilion upgrade

## Consultation summary report

We put together a draft plan for the upgrade of Jack Dyer Pavilion in Citizens Park. This plan was available for public feedback from Friday 26 July to Wednesday 21 August 2019.

### Engagement activities

In order to engage with the community including local residents, visitors to the park and sporting clubs who use the grounds we carried out the following activities:

- Meetings with local sporting club representatives to determine their needs for the Jack Dyer pavilion.
- Web page on Your Say Yarra site where community members could learn more about the proposed plan and share their feedback.
- A letter drop to 230 properties in the local area.
- A3 signage on-site at Citizens Park.
- On-site information session in front of Jack Dyer Pavilion where community members could share feedback and ask questions.

### Community feedback

We received 41 responses to our online form of which 32 identified themselves as members of a local sporting club. We also received 2 direct emails with feedback on the plan.

The following table shows comments from the community and how many people raised each point:

Comment	Number of respondents
Supportive of the current plan without changes	11
Extend outdoor shelter	10
Add an upper floor balcony	8
Don't allow dogs on the oval	7
Larger change rooms	6
Spectator seating	4
Larger upper floor function room	3
More showers	3
Acknowledge Jack Dyer as part of the pavilion design	2
More public toilets	2
Make it larger	2
Improve ground conditions	2
Cricket nets should be open to the public	2
More benches in change rooms	1

Comment	Number of respondents
It is too large	1
Don't need to keep red brick feature from original building	1
Larger club room	1
Too much glass	1
Change room doors open on the south side of the pavilion	1
Toilets are in the wrong place	1
Larger canteen	1
Outdoor heating	1
More natural light	1
Electronic scoring area	1
More outlook from club rooms on the south-west side of the building	1
Separate trainer/medical rooms for each change room	1
Roller doors to make change rooms combine if needed	1
Not enough storage for clubs	1
Office area for sporting clubs	1
Function room upstairs should be accessible for clubs	1

### Response to feedback

Based on community feedback Yarra Council is working to make the follow changes to the proposed design:

- The outdoor covered area will be extended to provide more shelter for spectators.
- There will be a 20% increase in space in each of the four change rooms. In order to ensure that there are enough change rooms to allow for growth in women's participation, there is limited space for increasing the size of each.
- Council will continue to work with clubs to refine the design for the interior of the building, including the layout of the downstairs kitchen, change rooms and club room.
- Our Arts team are exploring possible options to acknowledge Jack Dyer more significantly as the namesake of the building
- Council has engaged a sustainability officer to ensure the design including key elements such as windows meet our Sustainable Design policy.
- Any extensions to the building will not take up important public open space.
- The clubs have additional storage around the park as well as in the building

### Not in scope

Some of the issues raised are outside the scope of this project as they relate to park operations and public access to Citizen's Park Oval and not the Jack Dyer Pavilion redevelopment:

- The decision to allow dogs on the oval.
- The condition of the oval.
- Allowing public access to the cricket nets.

The oval condition is an issue that is being addressed and plans for major upgrade works are currently being finalised, with the project due to be completed in 2019-20 financial year.

The other issues raised have been passed along to our Open Space team.

## Other feedback

Council officers have also provided some responses to other feedback further explaining the design:

Comment	Response
Increasing the size of the upstairs space and adding a balcony/viewing area	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The room on the upper floor is designed to act as a community space that can be utilised by the public, community groups and local schools, rather than a function room for parties. The size of this room reflects this.</li> <li>It is not an extension of the clubrooms and is available for bookings by the whole community. There will be allocated bookings for the clubs for key functions throughout the year.</li> <li>A number of skylights are included in the design to allow for natural light to enter rooms on the ground floor. This not only improves lighting but also hygiene. An upper floor balcony or a larger room would cover these skylights.</li> <li>There are safety and noise concerns related to an outdoor balcony at a venue which will not be staffed for bookings.</li> </ul>
Spectator seating	This is not in scope for this project, it does not allow for the addition of stadium-style seating as part of the building.
More showers	As a senior cricket and junior football ground we have attempted to balance the requirements for change room facilities. We have provided separate showers and toilet facilities for the Richmond Harriers Athletics Club.
Function room upstairs should be accessible for clubs	Our Venue and Events team will manage bookings with the clubs being given prioritised bookings for functions, meetings and other activities through their seasons.
Score board	This is not within the scope of the building upgrade.

## Factors influencing the design for Jack Dyer Pavilion

Factors that will influence the final design for Jack Dyer Pavilion include:

- The limited space available at Citizens Park.
- AFL and Cricket Facility Guidelines.
- The available budget, which is \$3 million. \$2 million from the Victorian Government and \$1 million from Yarra Council.
- Proximity to trees and maintaining tree protection zones.
- Community feedback collected during the consultation.
- Discussions with representatives from local sporting clubs to determine their needs.
- Acoustic management, which is important given the proximity to homes.