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Dear Minister King,

*Catherine*

I write to follow-up on our conversation regarding funding for the Yalukit Willam Nature Reserve on the former Elsternwick Park Golf Course site.

This parcel of land is on the border of the Goldstein and Macnamara electorates. The member for Macnamara, Josh Burns, and I are unified in our support for this important environmental, educational and indigenous project.

The former golf course is being turned into a unique natural, urban space, creating an area for returned biodiversity in a heavily urbanised part of Melbourne, attracting breeding birds, frogs, and other animals.

The area, once a natural wetland that had been drained, is now innovatively linked with a "Chain of Ponds" to assist with storm water management and flood mitigation in a flood prone area.

This development has come about via deep consultation with the Boon Wurrung people, who have been involved in the design of the meeting place within the reserve. It provides a unique opportunity for educational experiences for children and adults alike to learn about the Indigenous history of the area, plant, and animal species.

As previously discussed, Labor pledged \$11.7 million dollars from the Urban Rivers and Catchments programme to support this project.

The former government had also allocated an additional \$5 million in the last budget from the Community Development Grants Programme for parks infrastructure. I am aware that you are reviewing the previous government's grant allocations. I strongly support this.

However, I am of the strong view that the additional \$5 million dollars should be honoured in the forthcoming budget along with the \$11.7 million pledged by Labor. This is a ground-breaking project that can be used not only to improve the environment and for education, but as an example project for other urban areas.

I enclose a letter to the Environment Minister, Tanya Plibersek, and other materials provided to her by Bayside Council on a recent visit to the site.

I am happy to discuss this further if you wish,

Best regards,

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Dear Minister

**Australian Government funding for Yalukit Willam Nature Reserve**

Thank you for visiting the wonderful nature reserve which Bayside City Council is transforming into an extraordinary natural space.

The implementation of Council's \$30 million masterplan for the reserve represents a once in a lifetime opportunity to create a unique refuge for people and nature in an urban setting.

Bayside welcomes the Australian Government's funding commitment to the reserve:

- **\$11.7 million election pledge from the Urban Rivers and Catchments programme for the Nature Reserve wetlands (inclusive of \$1.7million for related works on Elster Creek)**
- **\$5 million from the former Australian Government budget allocation from the Community Development Grants Programme for park infrastructure.**

Bayside is also seeking to partner with the Victorian Government on this regionally significant project. We are calling for \$6million in state funding to progress the implementation of the masterplan.

I look forward to working together to bring this exciting project to fruition. More details on the reserve are enclosed.

Yours faithfully

Cr Alex del Porto  
**Mayor**



# Yalukit Willam Nature Reserve

Bayside City Council and the Australian Government  
working together to create an extraordinary natural  
space in our urban environment.

- Enhanced water quality in Port Phillip Bay
- Significant flood mitigation outcomes
- Promoting climate resilience
- A biodiversity refuge in metro Melbourne



# A refuge for nature and people

## Summary

Yalukit Willam Nature Reserve represents a once in a lifetime opportunity to create an extraordinary natural space on Melbourne's doorstep with significant water quality benefits.

- Australian Government funding commitment**
- \$15 million contribution towards the transformation of Yalukit Willam Nature Reserve to complement Council's \$9 million commitment.

The reserve is located within the Bayside municipality, on the border of the Cities of Port Phillip and Glen Eira, at the bottom of the 3,200-hectare Elister Creek water catchment. Bayside City Council has adopted a \$30 million Masterplan to guide the transformation of the 14-hectare former golf course site into a nature reserve of regional significance.

Key proposed elements include expanded wetlands, a 'chain of ponds', grassy woodlands and visitor facilities such as indigenous gathering places and a gateway feature building.

The works will focus on three core areas:

- Water quality and reuse
  - Environment
  - Community amenities.
- Bayside City Council is also seeking \$6 million from the Victorian Government to complete the masterplan.



# Funding sources

Initiative	Status	Estimated cost	Australian Government	Bayside City Council	Funding sources	Notes
Wetland detailed design	Underway	\$80,000		\$80,000 22/23 Council budget		To be completed early 2023
Wetland construction	Design commenced. Implementation requires strong collaboration with Melbourne Water	Up to \$12M	\$11.7M election pledge <b>Urban Rivers and Catchments program - Elster Creek (\$1.7M)</b> Nature Reserve (\$10M)	Council contribution TBA		Funding also sought from Victorian Government / Melbourne Water. Detailed costing plans and timeline available in early 2023
Gateway building design competition	Funding allocated for competition	\$250,000			\$250,000	Funded in 22/23 and 23/24 Council budget
Gateway building construction		\$7M	\$5M 2021 budget allocation - Community Development Grants program		\$7M Funded in 24/25 and 25/26 Council budget	Additional funding identified in Council's long term financial plan
Other park infrastructure – fences, gates, bridges, bird hides, amenities and visitor facilities	Commenced – additional funding required	\$4M				
Lookout knoll structure	Funding dependent	\$2M				
Chain of Ponds	Open to the public – final landscaping underway	\$2M			\$1M 20/21 Council budget	
Active edge (toilets and shelters)	Tender for construction and installation awarded	\$2M			\$2M	
Grassy woodlands and wildflower meadow and associated infrastructure (paths and passive spaces)	Planning works underway in collaboration with Melbourne University and Elsternwick Park Association/PlantLab				\$1M Initial \$1M plus ongoing maintenance costs	

# Benefits

## Biodiversity



The Yalukit William Nature Reserve Masterplan includes the provision of seven habitat zones to provide suitable habitat for flora and fauna. This habitat will provide refuge for native, indigenous, and endangered species within the urban environment. The Masterplan also recognises that a number of factors (humans, pest species, invasive species, and domestic animals) can negatively impact local biodiversity. The Masterplan provides advice on how these treats can be mitigated and this advice will be built into the upcoming detailed design stages. The Masterplan envisages a conservation island surrounded by water and safe from invasive and pest species. Park visitors will be able to observe the Island and its wildlife from a distance.

The following habitats (inc. size of footprint) and benefits will be achieved:

Habitat type	Area (Ha)	Benefit(s)
<b>Open Water</b>	1.1	Provides habitat and foraging opportunities for waterbirds, fish, reptiles, turtles, invertebrates, and bats.
<b>Shallow Wetlands</b>	1.4	Provides valuable foraging habitat as well as potential refuge and breeding habitat for waterbirds, frogs, skinks and rakali.
<b>Tall Marsh</b>	1.6	Provides important refuge, foraging and nesting habitat for a range of waterbirds, frogs, and reptiles.
<b>Swap Scrub</b>	1.3	Provides foraging habitat for a range of insects and significant water birds such as the Nankeen Night Heron, as well as a number of small reptiles.
<b>Damps Sands Woodland</b>	3.5	The habitat is characterised by Manna Gum trees and middle and lower story of shrubs and grasses. These woodlands provide important foraging and refuge habitat for a range of bird species, in particular small birds that can take refuge in the dense shrubs) and small reptiles.
<b>Grassy Woodland</b>	2	Provides habitats for a wide range of woodland birds as well as insects, butterflies, moths and small reptiles.
<b>Grassland and Lawn</b>	1.2	This habitat is an important opportunity to recreate the critically endangered Natural Damp Grasslands.

## Benefits

### Endangered species

The Yalukit Willam Nature Reserve has been designed to offer optimal habitat for a wide variety of fauna species (37 in total) to take permanent or passing refuge.

The following list highlights flora and fauna species that are classed as threatened or vulnerable and are anticipated to use/be included at the reserve. There is also the expectation that additional species will make use of the reserve.

Common name	Scientific name	Habitat zone	Classification
Purple Eyebright	<i>Euphrasia collina</i> subsp. <i>mulleri</i>	Damp Sands Woodland	Listed as threatened under the Flora and Fauna Guarantee Act 1988;
Small Milkwort	<i>Comesperma polygaloides</i>	Grassy Woodland	Listed as Endangered under the EPBC Act 1999. Classified as endangered in the Advisory List of Rare or Threatened Plants in Victoria – 2014 (DEPI 2014)
Grey Billy Buttons	<i>Craspedia canens</i>	Shallow Wetlands Grassy Woodland Grassland and lawn	Listed as threatened under the Flora and Fauna Guarantee Act 1988.
Clover Glycine	<i>Glycine latrobeana</i>	Grassy Woodland; Grassland and lawn	Listed as Vulnerable in the Advisory List of Rare or Threatened Plants in Victoria – 2014 (DEPI 2014).
Woolly Waterlily	<i>Philydrum lanuginosum</i>	Shallow Wetlands	Listed as Vulnerable under the EPBC Act 1999.
Great Egret	<i>Ardea alba</i>	Shallow Wetlands, Tall Marsh	Classified as vulnerable in the Advisory List of Rare or Threatened Plants in Victoria – 2014 (DEPI 2014)
Australasian Bittern	<i>Botaurus poiciloptilus</i>	Shallow Wetlands, Tall Marsh	Victorian Flora & Fauna Guarantee Act 1988, Threatened List, April 2018.
Powerful Owl	<i>Ninox strenua</i>	All	Victorian Flora & Fauna Guarantee Act 1988, Threatened List, April 2018.
Grey-headed Flying Fox	<i>Pteropus poliocephalus</i>	Damp Sandy Woodlands, Grassy Woodland	Listed as 'Vulnerable' nationally and in Victoria



# Benefits

## Cultural heritage

Yalukit William Nature Reserve are the traditional lands of Yalukit William clan of the Boon Wurrung language group. The Yalukit William's territory extended from Werribee River South West of Melbourne, through Melbourne down to Melbourne's south Eastern suburbs. Almost all of this area is now high density housing in inner Melbourne. Yalukit William literally means "people of the river" and the Elster Creek that flows through the reserve is the only remaining open waterway between the Yarra River and Mordialloc Creek (some 25 km south east of Melbourne).

The Yalukit William Nature Reserve provides a unique opportunity to protect and enhance the not only the fauna but also the flora that is of cultural significance to the Yalukit William and the First Nations people more generally.

Council will work with the Registered Aboriginal Party for the Bayside municipality the Bunurong People of the Kulin Nation, as well as representatives of the Boon Wurrung in the implementation of the Masterplan.

The following indigenous flora species will be reintroduced to reserve as part of the Masterplan implementation. These species were used by First Nations people for a range of purposes and could form part of cultural education programs at the reserve.

- *Acacia dealbata* subsp. *dealbata*
- *Acacia implexa*
- *Acacia mearnsii*
- *Acacia melanoxylon*
- *Allocasuarina littoralis*
- *Allocasuarina verticillata*
- *Exocarpos cupressiformis*
- *Acacia verticillata* subsp. *verticillata*
- *Allocasuarina paludosa*
- *Banksia marginata*
- *Bursaria spinosa* subsp. *spinosa*  
(the non-spiny tree version formerly *Bursaria spinosa* subsp. *macrophylla*)
- *Coprosma quadrifida*
- *Daviesia latifolia*
- *Leptospermum continentale*
- *Leptospermum myrsinoides*
- *Leucopogon virgatus* var. *virgatus*
- *Melaleuca ericifolia*
- *Melaleuca squarrosa*
- *Acrotrichia serrulata*
- *Astrolobium humifusum*
- *Atriplex semibaccata*
- *Einadia nutans* subsp. *nutans*
- *Persoonia juniperina*
- *Arthopodium strictum*
- *Dianella amoena*
- *Dianella brevicaulis*
- *Dianella laevis* var. *laevis*
- *Dianella sp. aff. admixta*
- *Dianella sp. aff. longifolia* (Benambra)
- *Dianella sp. aff. revoluta* (Coastal)
- *Eleocharis sphacelata*
- *Ficinia nodosa*
- *Gahnia radula*
- *Lepidosperma laterale*
- *Lomandra filiformis* subsp. *filiformis*
- *Lomandra longifolia* subsp. *longifolia*
- *Lomandra multiflora* subsp. *multiflora*
- *Philydrum lanuginosum*
- *Poa clelandii*
- *Poa labillardierei* var. *labillardierei*
- *Poa sieberiana* var. *sieberiana*
- *Themeda triandra*
- *Thysanotus tuberosus* subsp. *tuberosus*
- *Cynoglossum procerum*
- *Xanthorrhoea minor* subsp. *lutea*





## Benefits

### Water quality

Elster Creek carries urban stormwater and large volumes of common pollutants from 3,200 Ha of urban catchment that eventually discharges into Port Phillip Bay. This has negative impacts on marine ecologies as well as the recreational value of the Bay.

Due to the built up nature of the Elster Creek Catchment, stormwater from Elster Creek is some of the most polluted water flowing into Port Phillip Bay.

Currently 3.3 megalitres per day (or 1,197ML/yr) is flushed into Port Phillip Bay via the Elster Creek Catchment. This flow contains significant concentrations of pollutants (including nitrogen). The water harvesting scheme included within the Masterplan could divert 520 kg of nitrogen /yr from entering Port Phillip Bay, improving water quality and bay health.

# Benefits

## Flood management

More than 1,197ML of stormwater flows through the reserve annually into Port Phillip Bay via the Elwood Canal.

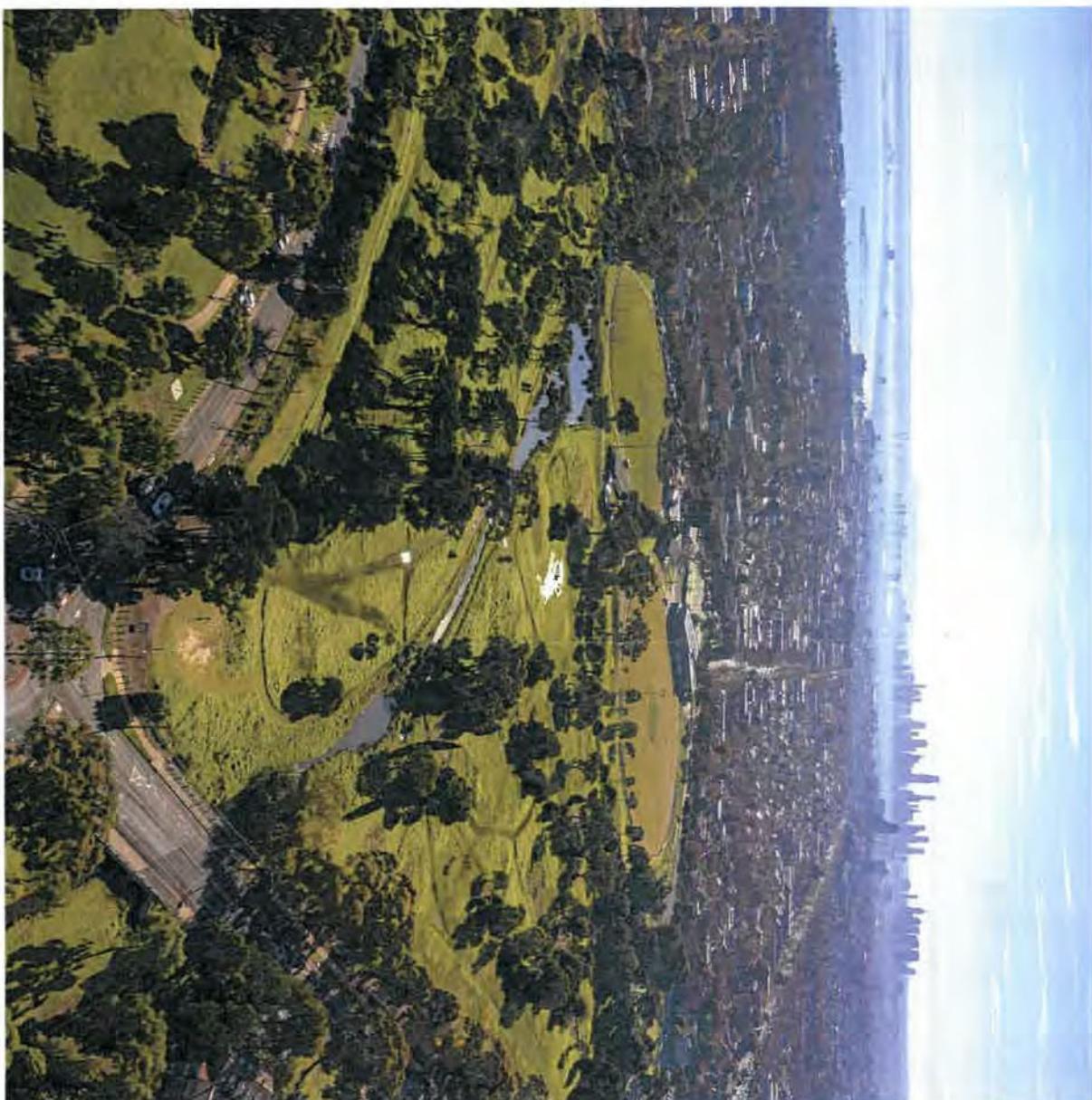
The stormwater poses an extreme risk of flooding to approx. 2,352 properties in the City of Port Phillip and a small number of properties in Bayside.

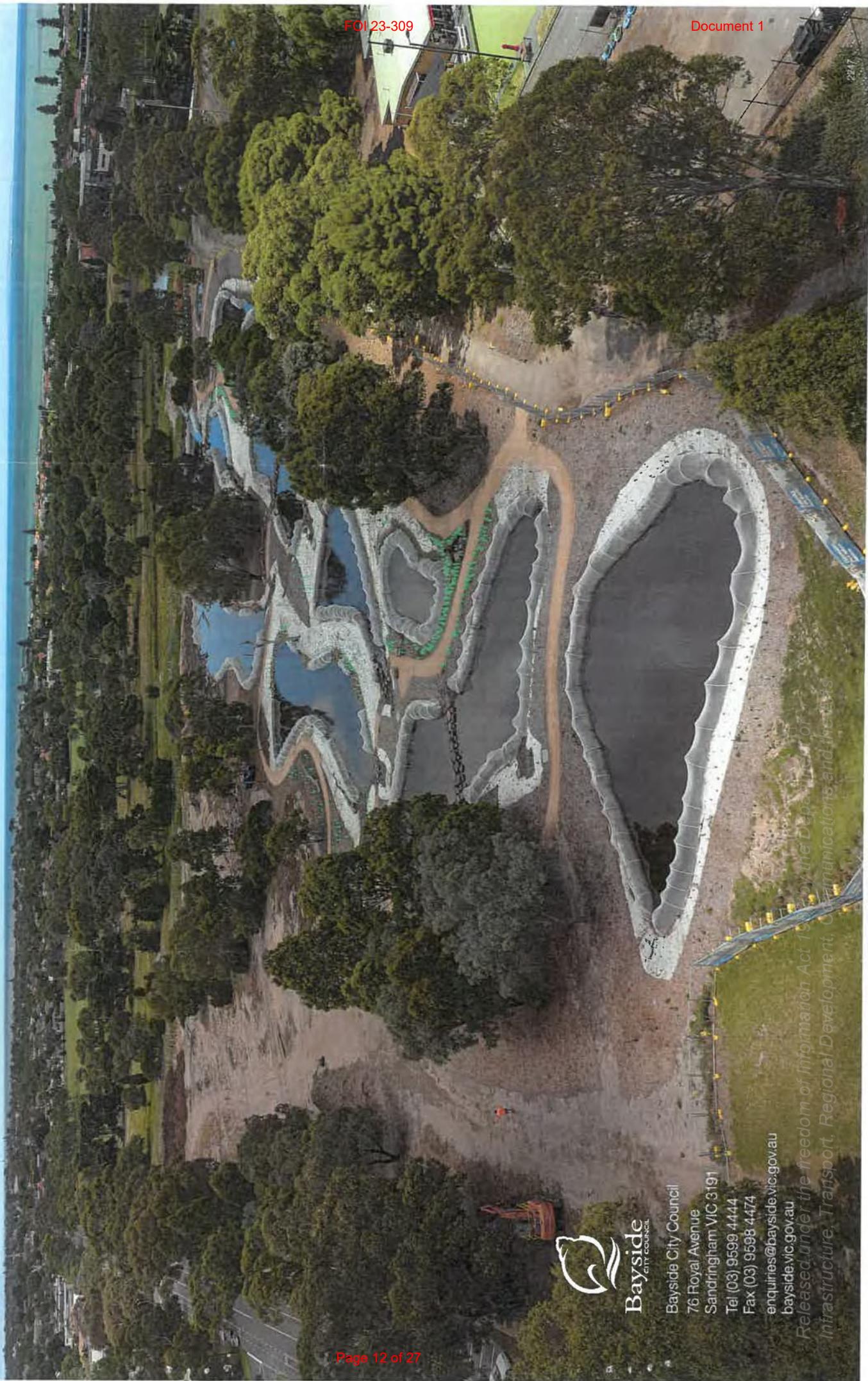
The proposed works represent a significant opportunity to establish integrated flood mitigation infrastructure to divert and store baseflow and stormwater into an expanded, purpose-built 5.5-hectare wetland.

The water will be circulated via the Chain of Ponds and harvested for local irrigation, reducing potable water use and increasing climate resilience. It is estimated that the regional water reuse scheme would harvest and use 240 ML/yr of non-potable water.

Construction of the wetlands and associated infrastructure would be conducted in partnership with Melbourne Water and complement their Elwood Diversion Drain Augmentation Project which is an action of the Elster Creek Catchment Flood Management Plan.

Melbourne Water have indicated to Council that the wetland project may qualify for the Liveable Communities Liveable Waterways incentives program and partnership framework to secure funding for the functional design. This would enable Council to seek further funding via the next round of Melbourne Water's nitrogen offsets program post 2025.





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Dear Minister King,

You will recall that I previously raised with you both verbally and in writing the issue of women's access to sporting changerooms in Goldstein.

In previous correspondence I have specifically pointed to the need for funding for changeroom and pavilion upgrades at Trevor Barker Oval in Sandringham, Brighton Beach Oval in Brighton, and Peterson Street Reserve in Highett.

Per our previous face to face conversation and my previous letter, Bayside Council will predominantly fund all these facilities, and all are seeking additional federal funds to complete major upgrades including women's changerooms.

All were promised funding in the order of \$1-1.5 million by the previous government.

Given that women and girls are having to change in the car or behind trees before and after games and training due to crossover with male use of the facilities and lack of access, I would ask that you consider this matter a priority.

This is particularly urgent given the participation by girls in sport in Goldstein and the need to encourage girls to resume physical activity after a long layoff due to Covid.

I thank you for your attention and I hope you can see fit to provide a means to funding for these projects. Should there be a new approach to grant allocation I would appreciate it if you could advise of the details at your earliest convenience so that I can advise the relevant organisations of the process.

With thanks and best wishes,

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# PETERSON STREET RESERVE HIGHETT FACILITIES REDEVELOPMENT

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# THE PETERSON STREET RESERVE HIGHETT REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT

## AIMS TO:

- Remove the barriers to female participation by providing suitable facilities and amenities.
- Provide a multi-purpose pavilion that accommodates the large sport and community usage that occurs at the Reserve.
- Provide accessible change facilities that address public safety and cater for diversity.
- Enhance community programs through an accessible and inclusive facility.
- Provide accessible player and umpire change rooms that cater for diversity.

# BACKGROUND

The Peterson Street Reserve Redevelopment Project provides the opportunity to redevelop and fully integrate football, netball, cricket and community facility needs to cater for all levels of sport. The venue will provide activities from introductory programs to senior competitions, whilst delivering amenities that will support continued participation growth and diversity of users.

Facility provision at Peterson Street Reserve is no longer suitable for club sustainability, participation growth and identified community need. Current amenities are not inclusive, do not meet accessibility expectations and do not adequately cater for sports and community activities being undertaken at the venue. Currently the facilities are creating a real barrier for future growth of all the sports and community activities, in particular for females. Currently the facilities do not provide the clubs with the facilities required to have female football and cricket teams. There are also real barriers for the current female participants, members and volunteers with a lack of changeroom and toilet facilities being the most significant impediment. For the Hampton Football Netball Club and the Hightett West Cricket Club to introduce more female participation to include junior and senior teams, immediate investment is required if these players are to be welcomed and appropriately provided for into the future.

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Peterson Street Reserve is recognised as a central point for organised and casual recreational activities in Hightett and is also utilised for community and social events. This project will bring together some of the Bayside community's strongest partnerships to create a unique facility where football, netball, cricket and the community users can consolidate their programs and resources and align objectives with a facility that reflects each stakeholders commitment to growth, community program delivery and venue access.

The users are very grateful for the upgraded playing surface and lighting that has occurred at the Reserve and there is no doubt that the main playing field is maintained to a very high standard by Bayside City Council. However, even with the huge amount of community use for organised sporting clubs and schools, no upgrades to the players and umpires changerooms, toilet and pavilion facilities have occurred for 40 years at the Reserve. Currently Bayside City Council have the preliminary planning for the project beginning in 2023/24, with a potential project not completed until 2027/28. This project has now been pushed back in the priority order on two occasions in the 10 year capital plan for Bayside City Council.

# BAYSIDE 2050

LOVE  
WHERE  
YOU  
LIVE

## OUR COMMUNITY - BAYSIDE BAYSIDE IS GROWING

Peterson Street Reserve Highett is located in the City of Bayside which has an overall population forecast for 2022 of 110,239 and is forecast to grow significantly to 128,169 by 2041.

## BAYSIDE 2050 - Love Where You Live

Was developed in February 2021 and outlines the community's vision for Bayside. Significant consultation was undertaken and key themes were developed by Bayside City Council and the community. There are 10 key themes identified in the Community Vision and the Peterson Street Reserve Redevelopment Project fits in a number of key priority areas in the Vision but in particular Theme 8 (see below).

Theme 8: Access and Inclusion - Bayside will be inclusive and accessible for all. Rationale Bayside values all individuals.

Bayside wishes to demonstrate that they value the lived experiences of all cultures and that they want to be inclusive of people of all abilities in the community.

Priority 8.1 Barriers to participation for all to be identified and solutions implemented.

Priority 8.2 Bayside will improve accessibility to public infrastructure.

Priority 8.3 Bayside encourages and advocates for people of all abilities and backgrounds to be involved in the community and in leadership roles in council.

# ABOUT THE USERS OF PETERSON STREET RESERVE

## HAMPTON FOOTBALL NETBALL CLUB



*Providing a welcoming environment and inclusive family club for our local Bayside community. Our Club Values are: Inclusive, Unified, Trusting, Nurturing.*

- Club was founded in 1947.
- 1 Men's Senior Football Team - normally have 2 and will do so in 2023.
- 1 Women's Senior Netball Team - plan to field at least 2 more teams in 2023.
- Utilise the facilities 3 days per week from April to September.
- 60 Participants in 2022
- 120 Club Members and Volunteers.
- 9 Senior Premierships.
- Plan to have Women's Football Team in 2023 and were very close to having the participants to field a team in 2022.
- 600+ Facebook Followers.

## HIGHETT WEST CRICKET CLUB



*Highett West Cricket Club (The Kookaburras) is a family friendly club with a proud history. Based at Peterson Reserve in Highett, the club has a strong community focus and is very much about participation and enjoyment. We aim to provide a safe and inclusive environment which nurtures young people and encourages players at all levels to develop & improve their cricket skills. The club has a junior program which continues to expand and senior sides which are building in strength and play in the South Eastern Cricket Association (SECA).*

- Club was founded in 1962.
- Master Blaster (7-9) and Junior Blasters (5-7) for boys and girls.
- 85 Participants 2021/22.
- 93 Participants 2020/21.
- Fielding 3 senior teams for 3 seasons now + this season, haven't had since 2015/16.
- Fielding 3+ junior teams for the last 7 seasons.
- 9 x senior Premiers (2 recently).
- 11 x junior Premiers (1 recently).
- 293 capped '1st XI' players.
- 450+ Facebook Followers.

## EAST SANDRINGHAM JUNIOR FOOTBALL CLUB



*The Club aims to ensure all children have fun and enjoy their footy, both at training and in games while being given the best opportunity to develop their footy, athletic and social skills to suit their own level. In addition the Club understands that all children grow and mature at different stages and at different rates and that everyone should be given the opportunity to develop at their rate.*

# CURRENT FACILITIES USAGE

## Summer Season (October to March)

- Juniors Cricket - Train Tuesday & Wednesday & play Friday & Sunday.
- Seniors Cricket - Train Tuesday & Thursday & play Saturday.
- Schools use the main oval a number of weekdays.

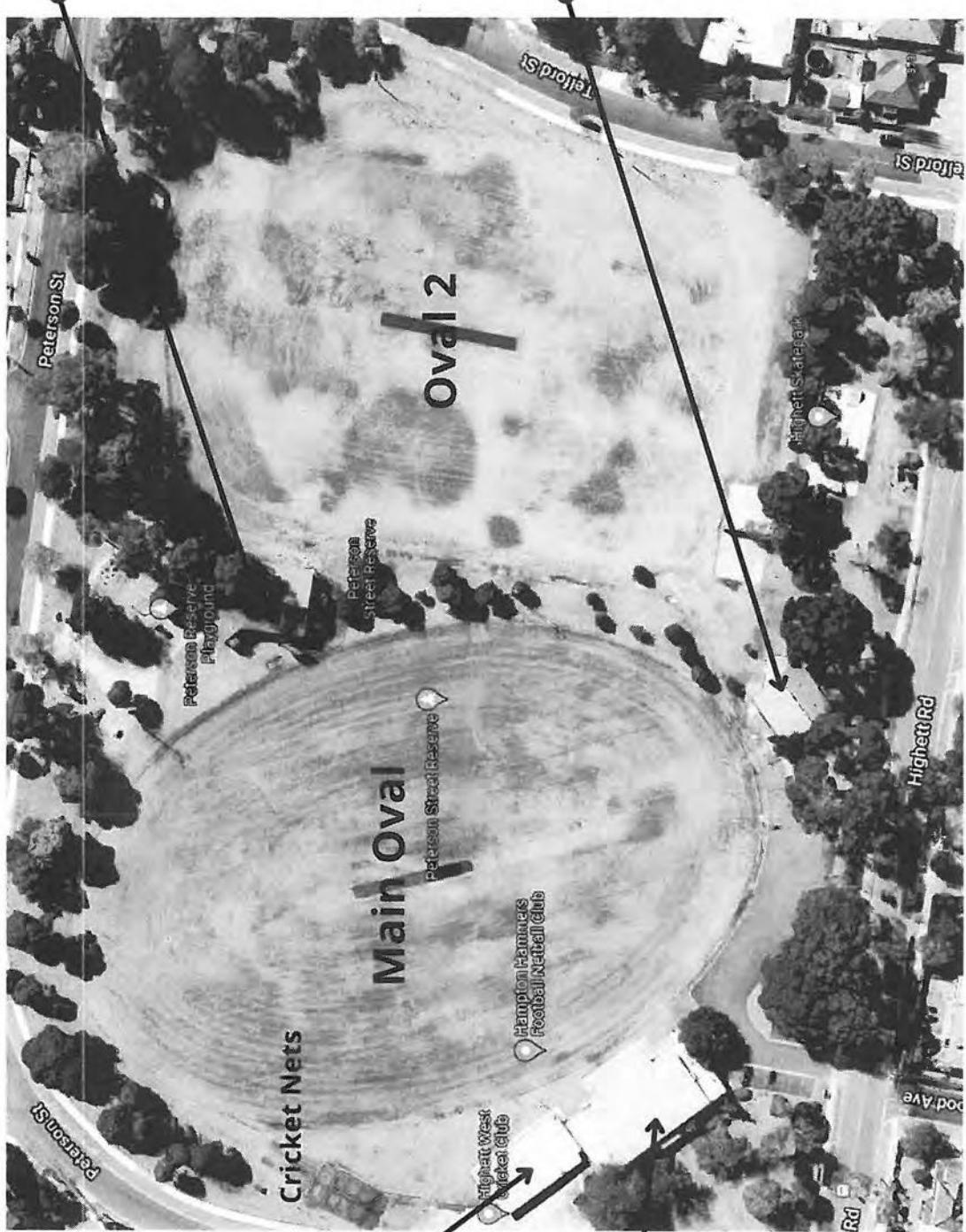
## Winter Season (April to September)

- Juniors AFL - Train Tuesday & Thursday & play Sunday - use both ovals and there are 4 teams.
- Seniors AFL - Train Tuesday & Thursday and play Saturday.
- Schools use the main oval a number of weekdays.

Each year Peterson Street Reserve hosts organised sporting clubs and schools approximately 5-6 days per week for 46 weeks - equates to 250-300 days per year.



# FACILITIES - Current Site



## Sports Pavilion

- Main sports pavilion that has a canteen, bar and small social area, one male, female and accessible toilet facility.

## Away Changerooms

- 2 sets of changerooms for participants. Each with open showers and 1 toilet facility.
- 1 storage area
- 1 umpires changeroom with open showers and 1 toilet facility.
- Public toilets facing out towards community playground area.

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## Youth Club

- Main building on site that was formerly a YCW club. Is not utilised by the sporting clubs at all. Facilities are up to date, modern and accessible.

## Home Changerooms

- 2 sets of changerooms for participants. Each with open showers and 1 toilet facility.
- Is used as a storage area in the summer season.

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# FACILITIES - Home Changerooms

*The home changerooms were built in the early 1980's and aside from some minor internal modifications have not been upgraded since that time. The below pictures show the current change facilities are not up to modern standard, there is no hardstand entry to the facilities and they do not meet the AFL Preferred Facilities Guidelines for showers, toilets and supporting amenities for participants. The facilities do not cater for a diverse community.*

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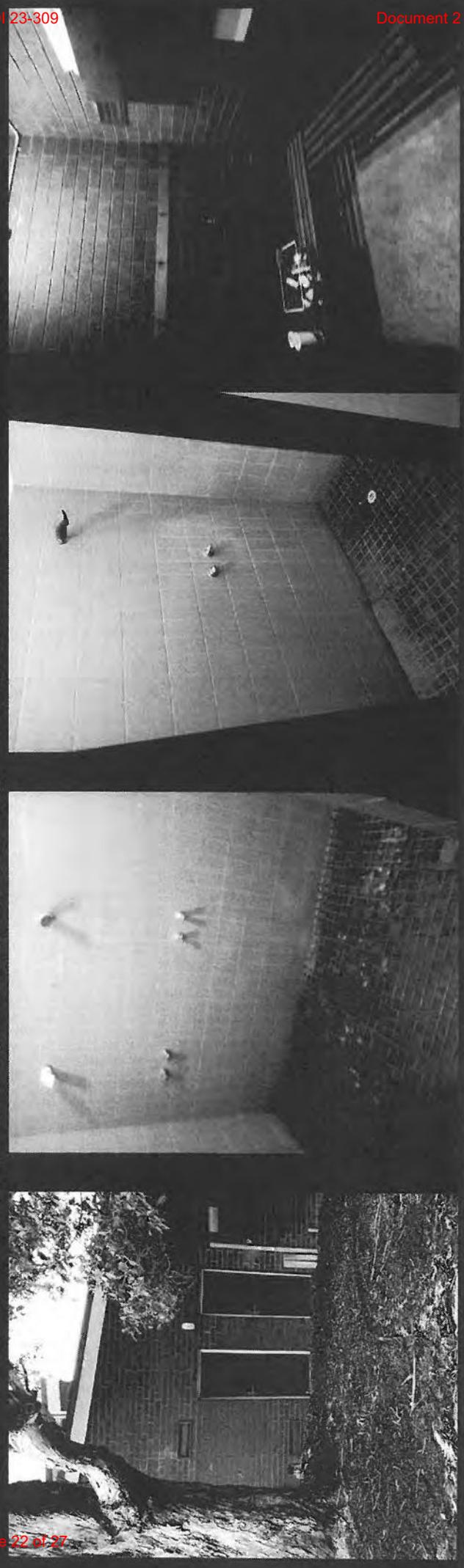


# FACILITIES - Away and Umpires Changerooms

*The away changerooms and umpires facilities were built in the early 1980's and have not been upgraded since that time. The below pictures show the current change facilities are not up to modern standard, there is no hardstand entry to the umpires facilities, there are no floor coverings inside and they do not meet the AFL Preferred Facilities Guidelines for showers, toilets and supporting amenities for participants and match day umpires. The facilities do not cater for a diverse community.*

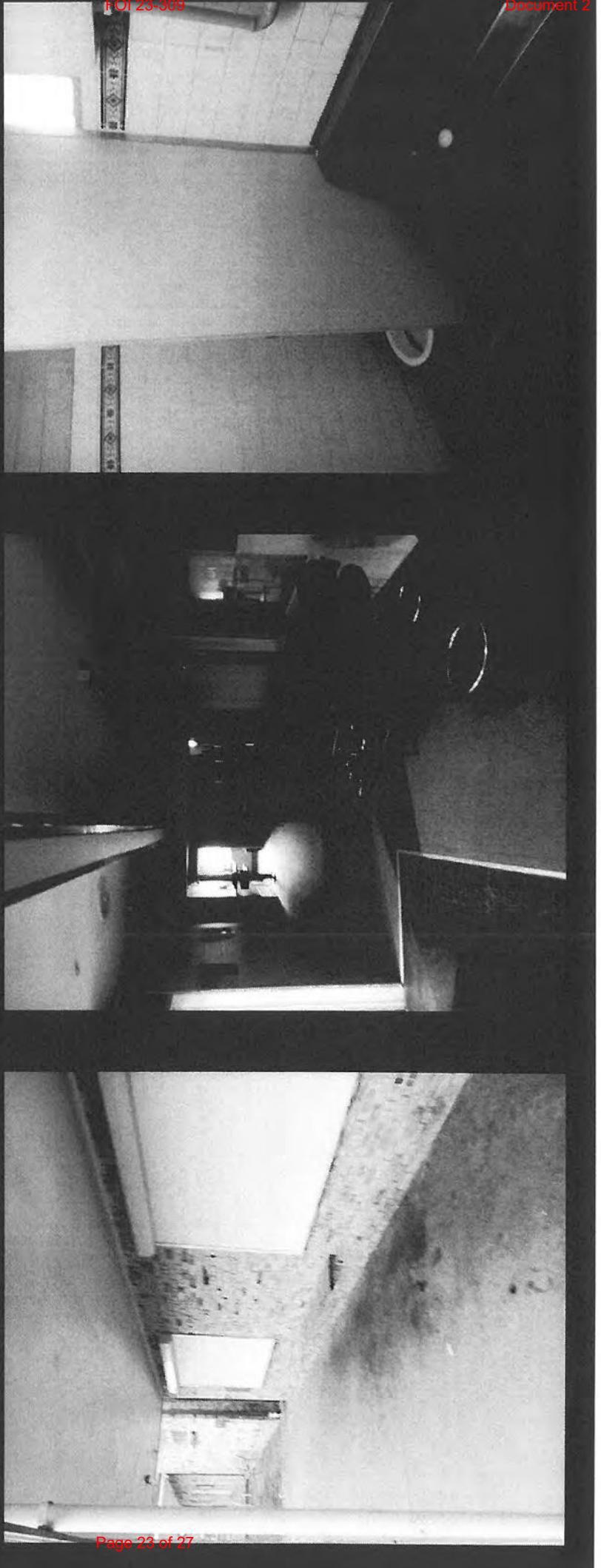
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*Umpires - at times when there are female and male umpires, the umpires have to stand outside the facilities to wait for the male or female to finish showering and changing, one at a time.*



## FACILITIES - Main Pavilion

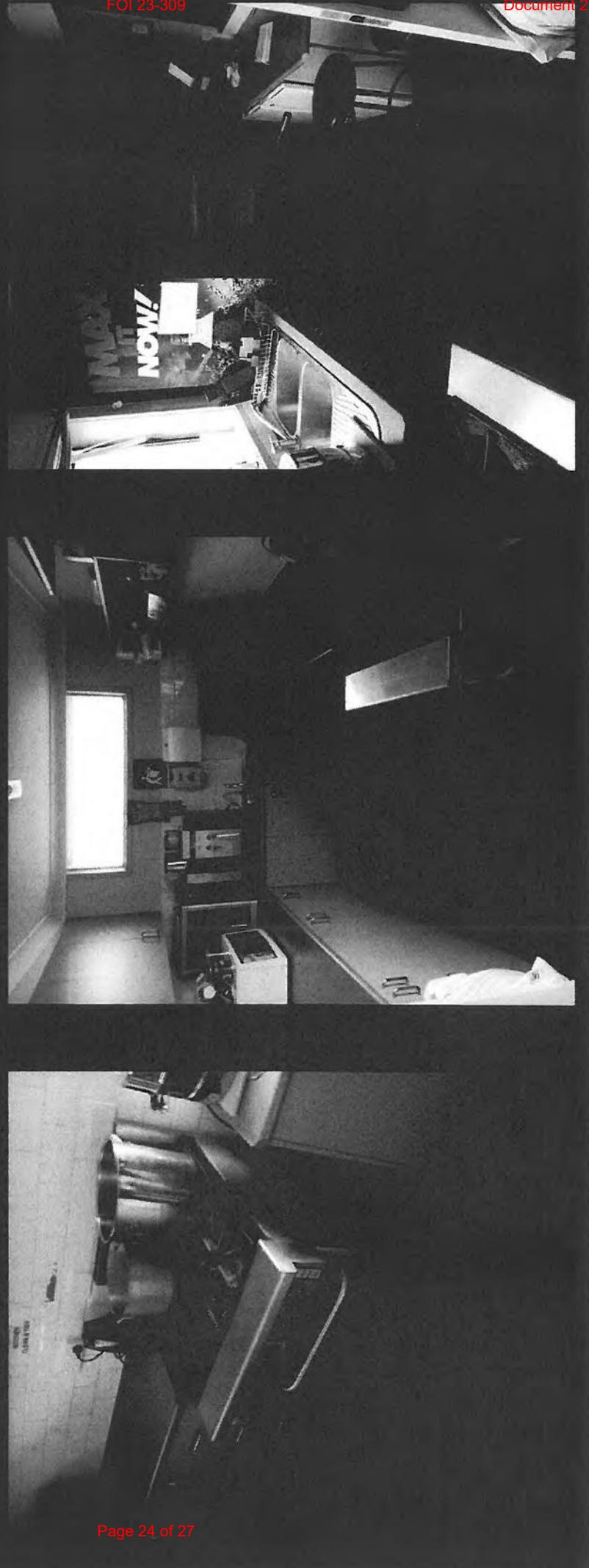
The main pavilion was built in the 1960s and had an extension added in the 1980's. The clubs have made some modifications to the rooms with new bar facilities and over the years added new paint and changed floor coverings etc. The space is very narrow and most major social functions are not able to be held at the venue, or are held inside and outside the building.  
There is only one male and one female toilet facility and one unisex/accessible toilet - all are very old and run down and do not meet modern standards.



## FACILITIES - Main Pavilion Canteen

The main pavilion was built in the 1960s and had an extension added in the 1980's, which was largely to fit a new canteen in. The canteen services the users of the reserve on senior and junior game days and can at times be a very busy operation - especially during big events and finals games.

Currently the facilities are ageing and the space is very tight to work in for the volunteers - which can cause safety issues. Dated oven and other major appliances can also cause issues for the volunteers on an ongoing basis.



# FACILITIES - Next Steps

- According to Bayside City Council's 10 Year Capital Works Program:

- Council acknowledges the need for upgraded facilities and a multi purpose pavilion to service the community, sporting clubs and schools and have allocated \$4.1M in their 10 year budget.
- Preliminary consultation and investigations at the site will begin in 2023/24. This will include soil tests, site audits and consultation with all the users of the Reserve.
- In 2024/25 Bayside City Council will agree to a plan for the precinct and move into detail design - including costings for any new facilities.
- In 2025/26 Bayside City Council will go out to tender and appoint a preferred construction company to undertake the works for any new facilities.
- 2026/27 proposed construction will get underway and be completed for the 2027/28 sports seasons.

*"Our community can't wait this long for a project that has been pushed back in government capital plans' twice already. Given the huge community use of the facilities we are very hopeful that the federal, state and local government will prioritise this project and work in partnership with our clubs to push it forward from the 2027/28 date that has been projected. We owe it to our female volunteers, participants and our diverse community."*

Joint statement - Graeme Hyman President Hampton FNC and Kerrod Burton President Hightett West Cricket Club

# THE USERS OF THE PETERSON STREET RESERVE:

- Are committed to providing programs and facilities to our entire diverse community - with a focus on increased female participation.
- Will work in partnership with all our facilities partners and levels of government to provide the very best accessible and inclusive facilities.
- Have outgrown our current facilities. We currently do not meet the AFL or Cricket Australia Preferred Facilities Guidelines to host female participants.
- Believe that the Peterson Street Reserve with new accessible facilities could be such an amazing precinct that the Bayside community can be proud of.
- Need help to bring forward much needed upgrades so we can provide health and wellbeing outcomes to the entire Bayside community, including females.

## HOW CAN YOU HELP?

- By advocating to Bayside City Council for the need to address accessibility issues for females and our diverse community in Highett and surrounding community.
- By providing State or Federal Funding towards the facilities to see that this project is completed and available to our community well before the projected date of 2027 as stated in the Bayside City Council capital plan.
- By providing planning advice and or funding to ensure that the detailed design and costings are brought forward so that budget allocations can be made and the project can get underway as soon as possible.

# ADVICE

# GUIDANCE