



# RECREATION AND OPEN SPACE

GLEN EIRA CITY COUNCIL  
**ANNUAL REPORT**  
2016–2017

BENTLEIGH • BENTLEIGH EAST • BRIGHTON EAST • CARNEGIE • CAULFIELD • ELSTERNWICK  
GARDENVALE • GLEN HUNTLY • MCKINNON • MURRUMBEENA • ORMOND • ST KILDA EAST



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## STRATEGIC OBJECTIVE

To enhance recreation facilities and open space to meet current and future needs of the local community.

### DUNCAN MACKINNON RESERVE ATHLETICS TRACK UPGRADE

A grant application was submitted to Sport and Recreation Victoria 2017–18 Community Sports Infrastructure Fund, to upgrade the Duncan Mackinnon Reserve athletics track in Murrumbena. The application successfully progressed through two stages to receive \$250,000 in funding.

Council committed an additional \$750,000 in the 2017–18 Budget to undertake a full track reconstruction that will improve safety, meet International Association Athletics Federation Standards and maximise usage. Works are expected to commence in November 2017.

### SPORTSGROUND ALLOCATIONS

Two hundred and one teams representing soccer, cricket, baseball and softball were allocated in the 2016–17 summer season.

All team requests were accommodated across the municipality. Club and association allocations were also approved for cycling, athletics netball.

Three hundred and forty two teams representing AFL, soccer, softball, Gaelic football and lacrosse were allocated in the 2017 winter season. Increased funding allocated to sportsground maintenance allowed an additional 25 teams, including 21 female teams, to be accommodated compared to the 2016 season. Club and association allocations were also approved for cycling, athletics and netball.

OUR SPORTING AND RECREATIONAL FACILITIES			
STRATEGY	ACTION	MEASURE	RESULT
Upgrade or renew Council sporting pavilions in line with Council's <i>Priorities for Pavilion Upgrades Report</i> to provide clubs and groups with access to relevant and appropriate facilities and amenities.	Commence design of the new Lord Reserve Pavilion, Carnegie, to replace two existing pavilions.	Design completed, incorporating energy and water efficiency features.	X
<b>Comment:</b> The design of the Lord Reserve Pavilion, Carnegie is on hold pending the development of a masterplan for the Lord Reserve/Carnegie Swim Centre/Koomang Park precinct, Carnegie.			

AN OPEN SPACE STRATEGY			
STRATEGY	ACTION	MEASURE	RESULT
Implement an annual capital works program in relation to the open space and sporting facility upgrade.	Upgrade outer walking track at Duncan Mackinnon Reserve, Murrumbena.	Complete upgrade.	X
<b>Comment:</b> The project scope has changed to include stages one and two of the landscape enhancement works.			
Landscape enhancement works include new internal pathways; lighting; a new staircase; perimeter path improvements; rubber under surfacing on fitness pods; and shelters for viewing sport and casual use.			
This body of work is currently being prepared by a landscape architect for tender by Council.			
	Advocate for funding for Duncan Mackinnon Reserve athletics track upgrade.	Advocacy complete.	✓
<b>Comment:</b> Funding approved by Sport and Recreation Victoria. Project funded as part of 2017–18 Budget.			
	Redevelop EE Gunn No 2 sportsground following grade separation soil stock piling.	Complete redevelopment of the sportsground.	✓
<b>Comment:</b> Redevelopment of EE Gunn No 2 sportsground, Ormond completed.			
	Redevelop Bailey Reserve, Bentleigh East No 2 sportsground.	Complete the sportsground redevelopment.	✓
<b>Comment:</b> Redevelopment of Bailey Reserve No 2 sportsground in Bentleigh East completed.			
	Upgrade the irrigation system to the main oval at McKinnon Reserve, McKinnon, to improve reliability and minimise maintenance.	Complete upgrade.	✓
<b>Comment:</b> Upgrade to irrigation system to the main oval at McKinnon Reserve, McKinnon completed.			

## AN OPEN SPACE STRATEGY (CONTINUED)

STRATEGY	ACTION	MEASURE	RESULT
	Upgrade the rubber play surface at Carnegie Library and Community Centre in the interactive play area.	Upgrade completed.	✓
<b>Comment:</b> Upgrade to the rubber play surface at Carnegie Library and Community Centre interactive play area completed.			
	Complete construction of Booran Reserve, Glen Huntly.	Park open for public use.	✓
<b>Comment:</b> Practical completion reached and park officially open to public in April 2017.			
	Upgrade sportsground lighting at Bailey Reserve, Bentleigh East.	Sportsground lighting upgrade at Bailey Reserve Oval 2.	✓
<b>Comment:</b> Upgrade to sportsground lighting at Bailey Reserve, Bentleigh East completed.			
	Hopetoun Gardens, Elsternwick, landscape enhancement works.	Complete Hopetoun Gardens, Elsternwick, landscape works.	✓
<b>Comment:</b> Completed Hopetoun Gardens, Elsternwick landscape works.			
	Upgrade multipurpose courts at East Caulfield Reserve, Caulfield East and Koornang Park, Carnegie.	Upgrade of multipurpose courts completed.	✗
<b>Comment:</b> The multipurpose courts at East Caulfield Reserve are completed with the courts being well-utilised. The upgrade of the multipurpose courts at Koornang Park, Carnegie, has been deferred until the masterplan has been developed for the Lord Reserve/Carnegie Swim Centre/Koornang Park precinct. This masterplan will be developed in 2017–18.			

## ACCESS FOR COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES, SPORT AND LEISURE

STRATEGY	ACTION	MEASURE	RESULT
Provide access to Council facilities (including sportsgrounds and pavilions) for community activities and sport.	Accommodate at least 400 sporting teams on sporting fields in the municipality.	Teams allocated to grounds.	✓
<b>Comment:</b> Two hundred and one teams were allocated in the 2016–17 summer season and 342 teams were allocated in 2017 winter season.			
	Provide local community rooms and encourage community use.	Provide use of Town Hall and Carnegie Community Centre for Council, community organisations and members of the community. Achieve more than 2,000 bookings.	✓
<b>Comment:</b> Community bookings increased by six per cent to 1,339 on the previous year. Total room bookings for the year (including Council staff) 2,448.			
	Install shade sails in Council parks and reserves.	Works completed at: Elsternwick Plaza, Elsternwick; North Avenue Park, Bentleigh; and Memorial Park, Caulfield North.	✓
<b>Comment:</b> Shade sails installed at Elsternwick Plaza, Elsternwick; North Avenue Park, Bentleigh; and Memorial Park, Caulfield North.			
Ensure the availability of a diverse range of passive recreational opportunities in local parks that meet the needs of the community.	Continue stage two landscape upgrade works at Marara Road Reserve, Caulfield South.	Complete upgrade.	✗
<b>Comment:</b> The project scope for the Marara Road Reserve, Caulfield South, will now include plinth barrier treatment being installed where the edge of the Reserve and the footpath meet, in addition to landscape enhancement works. These works are currently in progress and will be completed by 31 August 2017.			

## LEISURE AND AQUATIC PROGRAMS

STRATEGY	ACTION	MEASURE	RESULT
Provide a range of leisure and aquatic programs at Glen Eira Sports and Aquatic Centre (GESAC) that meet the needs of the community.	Provide a range of programs and events for the community at Glen Eira Sports and Aquatic Centre (GESAC).	Maintain membership at not less than 14,000.	✓
<b>Comment:</b> Membership is 15,581 as at 30 June 2017.			
Provide a range of leisure and aquatic programs at Carnegie Swim Centre that meet the needs of the community.	Provide a range of programs and events for the community at Carnegie Swim Centre.	Six community events and programs held over the season.	✓
<b>Comment:</b> Carnegie Swim Centre held six community events and programs as at 30 June 2017.			

## OUR PARKS

STRATEGY	ACTION	MEASURE	RESULT
Work with key stakeholders to reduce water and energy consumption required to maintain parks and sporting facilities.	Progressively reduce energy use from lighting in parks, including by moving to newer lighting technology.	Complete lighting installation at: Caulfield Park, Caulfield North; Gardenvale Park, Gardenvale; Bentleigh/Hodgson Reserve, Bentleigh; Joyce Park, Ormond; and Princes Park, Caulfield South.	✗
<b>Comment:</b> Lighting installation works completed at Caulfield Park, Caulfield North; Gardenvale Park, Gardenvale; Joyce Park, Ormond; and Princes Park, Caulfield South. Works at Bentleigh/Hodgson Reserve, Bentleigh, have been transferred to 2017–18 works program.			
Continue a program of upgrading or redeveloping playgrounds to ensure that a diverse array of play opportunities for children of all-abilities is provided.	Implement Council's budgeted program to upgrade playgrounds.	Council program implemented.	✓
<b>Comment:</b> Council's program to upgrade playgrounds implemented. New playgrounds installed at Clee Street Reserve, Ormond; North Avenue, Bentleigh; and Clapperton Street Reserve, Bentleigh. New play elements installed at McKinnon Reserve, McKinnon.			
Continue to provide a balance of both on and off-leash areas for dogs across the City and educate pet owners on responsible pet ownership.	Complete 1,500 patrols of parks to educate the community about responsible pet ownership.	Conduct 1,500 park patrols to encourage responsible pet ownership.	✓
<b>Comment:</b> Conducted 1,886 park patrols to encourage responsible pet ownership as at 30 June 2017.			
Continue to maintain and improve facilities in parks.	Install new automated public toilet at King George VI Memorial Reserve, Bentleigh East.	Complete installation of new automated public toilet.	✗
<b>Comment:</b> Automated public toilet procured with contractor appointed. Unit to be installed at King George VI Memorial Reserve, Bentleigh East, in August 2017.			
	Install outdoor fitness pod at Marara Road Reserve, Caulfield South.	Complete installation of fitness pod.	✗
<b>Comment:</b> Fitness pod is installed, however cannot be used until rubber under-surfacing works have been completed and new pathways surrounding the pod are installed. These works will be completed by 31 August 2017.			
	Continue the rolling program to replace aged, unsafe and damaged park furniture infrastructure.	Expend at least 90 per cent of the 2016–17 budget for replacing aged, unsafe and damaged park furniture.	✓
<b>Comment:</b> Completed.			
Continue to plant and maintain trees and other vegetation in our parks.	Undertake park tree pruning to uplift and shape trees associated with sightlines and pedestrian hazards.	Two thousand five hundred trees to be pruned.	✓
<b>Comment:</b> Pruned 4,232 trees in parks as at 30 June 2017.			