

# MORRISON RESERVE, MT. EVELYN

## DRAFT MASTER PLAN

### Community Consultation



Following extensive consultation and research, issues and opportunities were identified and ideas for the future considered in the development of the draft Morrison Reserve Master Plan. Council now welcomes your feedback on what is proposed, including:

- ◆ Youth Activity Hub (playspace, bike park, social spaces, toilets).
- ◆ Improved path connections for walking, dog walking cross-country running etc. with extra shade, seating and shelters.
- ◆ Upgrade of soccer pavilion and conversion of the sportsground to a synthetic surface.
- ◆ Minor improvements to the netball and athletics facilities.
- ◆ Parking options to support increased usage of the reserve.
- ◆ Upgrade of the school oval to support community use.
- ◆ Advocate for the development of the oval and a four-court stadium at the Yarra Hills Secondary College.

The Youth Activity Hub has already received community support and funding confirmed to advance design and construction through 2023-25. The Hub will include a new playspace, bike park, social spaces (shelters, BBQ, seating) and toilets.

As proposed, the estimated cost to deliver improvements on Council land is \$14,339,000 and \$27,115,000 on State Government Education land over the 15-year lifespan of the Master Plan.

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| Recreation Precinct          | \$ 4,841,000  |
| Sport Precinct               | \$ 8,918,000  |
| Southwest entrance & carpark | \$ 780,000    |
| School Precinct              | \$ 27,115,000 |

To fund the improvements, Council would seek to partner with State and/or Federal Government, user groups or other new parties that would support the developments. \$3.4M has already been secured for the Youth Activity Space, including \$2.6M from State Government.

The conceptual Master Plan is shown overleaf. Full details and opportunity to provide feedback or visit a consultation session can be found on Council's website:

[<Insert hyperlink>](#)

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#### Contact Us

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## OBJECTIVES

- 1 Upgrade playspace to District standard in the short term.
- 2 Review BBQ provision and best location with playspace redevelopment.
- 3 Develop a bike path that incorporates a variety of trails suited for beginner, intermediate and advanced riders.
- 4 Install public toilet to cater for playspace, mountain bike track and western reserve usage, exact location to be determined.
- 5 Investigate CIRE infrastructure issues and confirm need to extend the community garden area.
- 6 Undertake car park study and design to determine parking requirement and layout to support current usage, new playspace and bike path.
- 7 All developments are to include a stormwater plan to manage flow, retention and reuse to protect nearby neighbours and sports infrastructure at the low levels of the reserve.
- 8 Connect and improve the pathway network / fitness and cross-country track to connect the activity areas of the reserve, including access to water, way finding signage, distance markers and lighting where appropriate.
- 9 Redevelopment of the school oval with LED lighting to training standard, irrigation, drainage and warm season grass.
- 10 Two cricket training nets for club and community use with a low fence behind the bowlers run ups as per the Cricket Victoria Guidelines.
- 11 Proposed four court indoor sport stadium.
- 12 Proposed multi-activity space with free form social seating spaces that connects and supports the play and active recreation spaces with the Yarra Hills Secondary College.
- 13 Ensure DDA compliance and accessibility from pavilions to athletics and soccer playing facilities.
- 14 Expansion of the Soccer Pavilion to include additional set of toilets / change facilities.
- 15 Investigate feasibility to convert the soccer pitch surface to synthetic and extend the length to include a warm-up/junior training space.
- 16 Soccer technical area.
- 17 Provide tiered spectator seating.
- 18 Multi-line two of the courts for netball, tennis and community use. Upgrade lighting and fencing as required
- 19 Future upgrade of clubrooms to accommodate multiple user groups.
- 20 Seal Car park adjacent to the south of the college, west of the Yarra Ranges Special Developmental School.
- 21 Apply road markings and signage to provide a safer crossing point for students from the car park to the College.
- 22 Consider improved traffic management of entry.
- 23 Bike education concept as part of Yarra Ranges Special Developmental School (Separate Project).
- 24 Work with Morrison House Men's Shed to investigate site issues and opportunities.
- 25 Include multiple spaces, terraced seating etc., to sit, rest, socialise and enjoy the view (locations to be determined).
- 26 Track resurfacing (at end of life).
- 27 Additional car park opportunities and location(s) to be determined in detailed planning.
- 28 Inclusion of additional landscaping and planting to enhance biodiversity values.

## KEY

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| ▲ Lighting | ▭ Morrison Reserve Recreation Precinct | ▭ Morrison Reserve Sports Precinct          | ● Social spaces for active recreation, connection & relaxation |
| ● Signage  | ▭ Yarra Hills Secondary College        | ▭ Yarra Ranges Special Developmental School |  |



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