

# SPORT AND RECREATION GLEN EIRA CITY COUNCIL FACT SHEET

## The challenge: Delivering inclusive, accessible sports and recreation in Glen Eira

Glen Eira has one of the lowest levels of public open space in metropolitan Melbourne, which limits opportunities for community sport and recreation. Population growth and changing participation trends are increasing demand for modern, inclusive facilities that support health, wellbeing, and gender equity.

Many existing pavilions and sporting facilities are outdated and do not meet accessibility or female-friendly standards. Without targeted investment and strong partnerships, we risk reducing participation and limiting access to sport for women, girls, and culturally diverse communities.



## Our advocacy priorities

- 1. Upgrade sporting pavilions for gender equity:** Seeking \$500,000 to progress the Glen Huntly Park Pavilion upgrade, ensuring female-friendly changerooms and inclusive facilities that promote fair access to community sport.
- 2. Transform Mackie Road Reserve:** Seeking \$5.85 million to transform Mackie Road Reserve and Pavilion into a vibrant, inclusive open space.
- 3. Create new open space in growth areas:** Complete the Ames Avenue/Rosstown open space in Carnegie (\$3 million ask) and deliver Porter Road Park in Bentleigh (\$2 million ask) to address critical gaps.

- 4. Deliver new open space in Elsternwick:** Seeking \$10 million to transform the Elsternwick Club site into a vibrant, inclusive public space, or \$5 million to convert the heritage home into accessible community facilities.
- 5. Support participation programs for women and CALD communities:** Support programs that break down barriers to participation, promote gender equality in sport, and engage culturally and linguistically diverse communities.

## Policy outcomes sought

- Inclusive, accessible sporting facilities that meet gender equity standards.
- Increased participation in community sport and recreation for women, girls, and CALD communities.
- Modernised infrastructure that supports health, wellbeing, and active lifestyles.
- Sustainable investment in programs that promote diversity and inclusion in sport.

## Why government partnership is essential

Local government delivers and maintains most community sporting facilities, but our capacity is limited by funding constraints and ageing infrastructure. Glen Eira City Council is committed to creating healthy, active communities, but we need State and Federal support to:

- Upgrade pavilions and facilities to meet gender equity and accessibility standards.
- Fund programs that increase participation and inclusion in sport.
- Ensure sporting infrastructure keeps pace with population growth and community needs.

## Community impact

Investing in sport and recreation infrastructure improves health, wellbeing, and social connection. Inclusive facilities enable equal access for women and girls, while participation programs strengthen community cohesion and reduce isolation. These investments create vibrant, active communities and support long-term health outcomes.

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## Key data and context

- **Open space and facilities:** Glen Eira has one of the lowest levels of public open space in metropolitan Melbourne, creating pressure on sporting facilities.
- **Population growth:** Increasing population is driving demand for modern, inclusive sporting infrastructure.
- **Gender equity:** Many existing pavilions lack female-friendly changerooms, limiting participation for women and girls.
- **Participation trends:** Community sport is essential for health and wellbeing, but barriers remain for women and culturally diverse communities.
- **Infrastructure condition:** Several sporting facilities require upgrades to meet accessibility and safety standards.

To read the *Advocacy Priorities 2025–2026*, scan the QR code or visit [www.gleneira.vic.gov.au/advocacy](http://www.gleneira.vic.gov.au/advocacy)



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