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GLEN EIRA CITY COUNCIL FAIR ACCESS ACTION PLAN 2024–2028



INTRODUCTION

The *Fair Access Action Plan 2024–2028 (Action Plan)* underpins the *Fair Access Policy* by identifying specific actions to progress gender equitable access and use of community sports infrastructure.

The actions align with the aims of Council's *Fair Access Policy* principles and specifically address the Fair Access Principles developed by the Office for Women in Sport and Recreation.

The *Action Plan* supports the commitment of Council and Glen Eira sports clubs to take positive action towards achieving gender equity and removing barriers for women and girls to participate in community sport and recreation.

PRINCIPLE



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- a. of the highest quality available and most convenient
- b. at the best and most popular competition and training times and locations and
- c. to support existing and new participation opportunities and a variety of sports.



Women and girls should be equitably represented in leadership and governance roles.



Encourage and support all user groups who access and use community sport infrastructure to understand, adopt and implement gender equitable access and use practices.

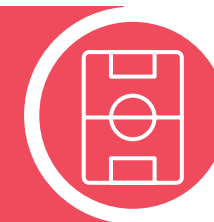


Prioritise access, use and support to all user groups demonstrating an ongoing commitment to gender equitable access and use of allocated community sports infrastructure.

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COUNCIL ACTIONS

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ACTION	PROGRESS INDICATOR	RESPONSIBILITY	TIMELINE
1.1 Develop all current and future sports infrastructure including pavilions and active recreation facilities to support gender equitable access.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pavilions provide unisex facilities. Support infrastructure such as adequate lighting and car parking where appropriate. 	Council	2024–2028
1.2 Seek relevant State and Federal Government funding opportunities to support infrastructure upgrades and participation projects that support fair access.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Funding applications are submitted for capital projects that support gender equitable access and participation by women and girls in community sport. 	Council	2024–2028
1.3 Conduct Gender Impact Assessments for all new and reviewed policies, strategies, plans and designs relating to community sports infrastructure.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Gender Impacts Assessments</i> are completed in accordance with the <i>Gender Equality Act 2020</i>. 	Council	2024–2028

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ACTION	PROGRESS INDICATOR	RESPONSIBILITY	TIMELINE
2.1 Provide and promote training and development opportunities focused on gender equity and fostering inclusive sporting environments to local clubs.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Council facilitates relevant training and development opportunities. Training and development opportunities delivered by other organisations are promoted to sports clubs. 	Council	2024–2028
2.2 Promote grant opportunities to sports club that support increasing participation among women and girls in community sport.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Increased awareness of grant opportunities available to sports clubs. 	Council	2024–2028

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3.1 Encourage state sporting organisations and local sporting associations to consider fair access when fixturing games.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Women and girls have equal access to the most popular and convenient competition times. Women and girls have equal access to the highest quality infrastructure. 	Council State sporting associations	2024–2026
3.2 Target community engagement on sport and recreation infrastructure projects to reach people of all genders.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The needs of women and girls are represented in community engagement processes. Community engagement is undertaken in line with Council's <i>Community Engagement Policy</i>. 	Council	2024–2028
3.3 Investigate further opportunities to provide women and girls only programs and services at Council's leisure facilities.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Increased participation of women and girls in programs delivered at Council's leisure centres. 	Council	2024–2028
3.4 Continue to advocate for improved public access to Caulfield Racecourse Reserve and investigate opportunities for access to school sites for community sport allocations.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Enhanced open space and improved public access at Caulfield Racecourse Reserve. Established joint-use agreements to provide greater access to school facilities to meet broader community open space needs. 	Council	2024–2028

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COUNCIL ACTION

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ACTION	PROGRESS INDICATOR	RESPONSIBILITY	TIMELINE
4.1 Highlight and celebrate clubs that support and encourage women and girls in leadership and governance roles through Council publications and social media.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Increased awareness of opportunities for women and girls to participate in community sport in leadership and governance roles. Encourage and support the engagement of women and girls in leadership and governance roles within sports clubs. 	Council Sports clubs	2024–2028

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ACTION	PROGRESS INDICATOR	RESPONSIBILITY	TIMELINE
5.1 Update sports club Conditions of Use to include reference to the <i>Fair Access Policy</i> and <i>Action Plan</i>.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Clubs demonstrate their commitment to fair access by accepting the Conditions of Use as part of the seasonal allocation process. 	Council Sports clubs	2024–2025
5.2 Develop and implement a Fair Access Audit Tool (or equivalent).	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Collect and analyse data pertaining to women and girls and gender diverse participation within sports clubs and club progress against the <i>Fair Access Action Plan</i>. 	Council	2024–2025

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ACTION	PROGRESS INDICATOR	RESPONSIBILITY	TIMELINE
6.1 Review and update sport and recreation lease and licensing policies and user agreements to incorporate fair access practises and principles where applicable.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Council and sports clubs commit to fair access within lease and licensing policies and user agreements. 	Council	2024–2026
6.2 Prioritise sports clubs that demonstrate a commitment to gender equity in Expression of Interest processes relating to the allocation and leasing of community sports infrastructure.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> New allocations and leases prioritise clubs that have a commitment to gender equity. 	Council	2024–2028
6.3 Explore the option of introducing discounts for sports clubs that demonstrate a commitment to providing opportunities for participation by women and girls and diverse groups through a review of fees and charges.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sports clubs that demonstrate a commitment to providing opportunities for participation by women and girls and diverse groups are charged a discounted allocation fee. 	Council	2024–2026
6.4 Review Council's Community Grants criteria to align with the fair access principles and priorities.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Council's Community Grants Program criteria prioritise projects that benefit and increase participation by women and girls and diverse groups. 	Council	2024–2025

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CLUB ACTION

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ACTION	PROGRESS INDICATOR	RESPONSIBILITY	TIMELINE
1.1 Promote and demonstrate gender-inclusive communication within club rooms and on social media platforms.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All sports club communication is gender inclusive. 	Sports clubs	2024–2028
1.2 Complete the Fair Access Audit Tool (or equivalent) as requested by Council and deliver on the actions within the Fair Access Action Plan.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Council and clubs develop an increased understanding of participation by women and girls and progress against the <i>Fair Access Action Plan</i>. 	Sports clubs	2024–2028
1.3 Ensure social events are inclusive and welcoming of women and girls and provide a sense of belonging within the club.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Increased participation in social events by women and girls. 	Sports clubs	2024–2028

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ACTION	PROGRESS INDICATOR	RESPONSIBILITY	TIMELINE
2.1 Support and promote opportunities to participate in community sport in various capacities including to those in marginalised groups such as culturally and linguistically diverse communities, the LGBTIQ+ community and people with a disability.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Awareness of opportunities for involvement is increased. Participation by women and girls including those in marginalised groups is increased. 	Sports clubs State sporting associations	2024–2028
2.2 Provide and share training and development opportunities for women and girls' participation and involvement as a player, coach, administrator or volunteer.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Women and girls are provided with appropriate training to undertake roles within the club. 	Sports clubs State sporting associations	2024–2028

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3.1 Consult with players, coaches and officials regarding preferred match and training times.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Women and girls are equally able to participate in matches and training at the most popular and convenient times. 	Sports clubs State sporting associations	2024–2028
3.2 Ensure women and girls have equitable usage of sports club facilities, including sports grounds, courts or pavilions.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All players have equal opportunity to access facilities as part of a clubs seasonal allocation or lease arrangement. 	Sports clubs State sporting associations	2024–2028

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ACTION	PROGRESS INDICATOR	RESPONSIBILITY	TIMELINE
4.1 Advocate for and support a gender balance within club coaching, leaderships and governance roles.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Increased representation by women on club committees and in other leadership roles. 	Sports clubs Council	2024–2028

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ACTION	PROGRESS INDICATOR	RESPONSIBILITY	TIMELINE
5.1 Consider working with relevant sporting associations to implement a flexible uniform policy that removes barriers to participation by women and girls and gender-diverse people.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Women and girls feel more confident and encouraged to participate in sport. 	Sports clubs State sporting associations	2024–2026
5.2 Club representatives to attend gender equity training opportunities.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Club representatives are upskilled and increase knowledge on gender equity in community sport and barriers to participation by women and girls. 	Sports clubs Other organisations	2024–2028

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ACTION	PROGRESS INDICATOR	RESPONSIBILITY	TIMELINE
6.1 Sports clubs demonstrate a commitment to fair access and support towards increasing participation of women and girls.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Club adherence to the <i>Policy, Action Plan</i> and other related documents such as the sports club Conditions of Use and Licensed Sports Club Allocation and <i>Charging Policy</i>. 	Sports clubs	2024–2028



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