

FEDERAL ADVOCACY



Maribyrnong City Council is requesting \$5 million for a new pavilion at Hansen Reserve to service the needs of the tenant sports clubs and growing community.

Joint investment will ensure Hansen Reserve can continue to serve Greater Western Melbourne and meet future community needs.

Hansen Reserve, a regional park is deteriorating and no longer meets minimum standards. The change rooms are outdated and inadequate for supporting multiple clubs, lacking facilities for men, women, and junior teams. Navigation for people with disabilities is challenging, and direct access to only one of the four fields limits usability. The facility is at total capacity with close to 1000 participants across all clubs. The increasing participation trends especially among junior and women's teams (183% in Junior and Women's soccer alone) underscore the urgent need for a modern, functional pavilion that can accommodate growing community demands.



HANSEN RESERVE BACKGROUND

Hansen Reserve

Located in West Footscray in Melbournes fast growing inner west, Hansen Reserve serves as a vital regional community hub that supports various recreational activities, including tennis, soccer, Australian Rules Football, and cricket. The Reserve features open spaces, a playground, and formal and informal sports facilities. Following community feedback gathered in May 2023, an updated Master Plan was developed to enhance the Reserve's infrastructure and user experience and provide pathways for improvement.

Maribyrnong City Council is actively upgrading Hansen Reserve with recent and ongoing upgrades which include:

- Regional grade playground development (completed)
- Junior bike skills track construction (completed)
- Public toilet construction (completed)
- Path lighting upgrades (completed)
- 190 new trees in the past three years (ongoing)
- Path construction and renewal (ongoing)
- Turf playing fields upgrades (underway)

These enhancements aim to maximise the use of space and ensure that Hansen Reserve continues to support a wide variety of activities, fostering community engagement and well-being. The ongoing commitment to improving infrastructure demonstrates Maribyrnong's dedication to creating an inclusive and vibrant environment for all users, now and in the future.

