

Bulleen soccer facilities on Templestowe Road FAQs

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What is being built and where?

Development Victoria will deliver a new soccer facility at 27-59 Templestowe Road, Bulleen as part of the North East Link Program. Construction is being undertaken by 2Construct.

What will it include?

The new facility will include:

- three soccer fields (two natural turf and one synthetic pitch)
- a sports pavilion with tiered seating and player change rooms, umpire and first aid amenities
- 176 car park spaces
- a playground area; and,
- walking and cycling connections to the Yarra River.

When will it be completed?

Construction is underway. The facility will open in 2024.

Why is the facility being built?

North East Link Program is providing the facility to compensate Manningham Council for loss of land and assets, as a result of the North East Link construction. It will replace two existing soccer pitches and open space at Bulleen Park.

Who will manage it once completed?

Manningham Council will manage the facility as part of its overall management of its sporting reserves and sport infrastructure program.



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Is Manningham Council funding the facility?

No, the State Government is funding the construction of the facility. We have worked diligently alongside North East Link Program and State Government for a commitment to deliver the facility and to ensure community impacts are minimised by changes at Bulleen Park.

What will it be called?

North East Link Program is leading the naming process in consultation with a number of stakeholders, including Manningham Council. The naming process will be finalised before the facility is completed.

Will the facilities be accessible?

Disability Discrimination Act (DDA) compliant ramps, amenities and facilities have been considered and incorporated as part of the new site.

Will security measures be put in place?

Security lighting will be installed in nearby areas surrounding the pavilion, amenities and car parks to maintain a level of security.

Who will utilise the facility?

The facility will accommodate local sporting clubs, schools, community groups and the general public.

It will provide replacement usage for Bulleen Park user groups directly impacted by the redevelopment and construction at Bulleen Park. These user groups will transition across to the facility once it is completed in 2024 and have priority allocation for the first full playing season.

Future use of this facility will be managed in accordance with our seasonal allocation and casual allocation process. See the Sporting Facilities Allocation Policy at manningham.vic.gov.au/sites/default/files/sporting_facilities_allocation_policy_-_2020.pdf

The general public will be able to access the sports fields outside of any scheduled training or matches, as currently exists for all other Manningham sport and recreation reserve areas.

The Manningham community will be encouraged to join, participate, keep active and enjoy the benefits of the newly built facilities.

What benefits will it provide?

Participation in sports and recreational activity can help our community in many ways. Physical activity can contribute to improving physical and mental health. It can also aid in

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developing valuable life and social skills, such as teamwork and leadership.

The facility will provide opportunities for volunteers and a place for diverse groups of people to meet and feel a sense of belonging through social connection.

It will also offer the community better access to open space and walking trails along the Yarra River.

What is Council doing to support local sporting clubs?

We have a dedicated Sport and Recreation Team that is responsible for the management and support of all sporting clubs and user groups across stadiums, pavilions and sport and leisure facilities.

The team also connect and support local clubs with a range of advice and resources to help them ensure positive experiences for all users of Manningham facilities.

Information is regularly available in the Sports Hub newsletter, available at yoursay.manningham.vic.gov.au/resources-for-sport-clubs-and-volunteers.

Will construction impact nearby residents?

We anticipate minimal impacts on the nearby community. Any impacts are being managed by Development Victoria.

Traffic speed limits and volumes will continue to be monitored.

Will any trees need to be removed during construction?

Works have been carefully planned and designed to avoid tree removal as much as possible, but some trees have been removed to build the new facility. The new facility will be fully landscaped.

Areas identified as home to threatened fauna species will be protected and not impacted by the final design or construction.

North East Link Program will plant two replacement trees for every tree removed during construction of the project.

How can I keep up to date on progress or get more information?

- development.vic.gov.au/projects/soccer-facilities-on-templestowe-road-bulleen
- Head to the North East Link website for more information at northeastlink.vic.gov.au
- Call North East Link Program on 1800 105 105 - 24 hours a day, seven days a week
- Write to North East Link Program at community@northeastlink.vic.gov.au
- Sign up to receive email notifications about future works at northeastlink.vic.gov.au/news/subscribe