

# Bulleen Park FAQs for sporting clubs February 2025



## What's happening at Bulleen Park?

Some parts of Bulleen Park will be impacted as major works progress for the North East Link tunnels and connection to the Eastern Freeway.

As part of North East Link, Bulleen Park is being upgraded to transform local sporting facilities and spaces to cater for the needs of the wider community in Melbourne's north east.

The upgrades will start in mid-2025 and include:

- two new replacement pavilions
- three realigned and upgraded sports ovals
- upgrades to sports field lighting, cricket nets, and fencing
- planting of new trees and vegetation
- upgrading playground equipment and park amenities
- improvements to pedestrian connectivity between the new main carpark and pavilions with pedestrian lighting
- reconfigured car parking.

Throughout the redevelopment, measures will be in place to ensure the continued use of the sport and recreation facilities.

Artist's impression of Bulleen Park Sports Upgrade - Pavilion 1



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## **Who will manage the redevelopment?**

The upgrades are part of North East Link and will be delivered by Development Victoria.

Development Victoria previously managed the construction of Powerful Owl Park in Templestowe, which was delivered in June 2024.

We will continue to work closely with both parties and advocate for our community. We will also continue to manage the allocation of use at Bulleen Park.

Built Environs will be the head contractor for the redevelopment, working alongside Williams Ross Architects, to complete the design.

Final designs of the project will be completed by mid-2025.

User groups and the community will be kept informed of progress and milestones via the Development Victoria website at <https://www.development.vic.gov.au/projects/bulleen-park-sports-upgrade>

## **What can I expect when I arrive?**

When entering Bulleen Park, you will notice a signalised traffic light intersection at the entranceway.

Signage will be in place at the entrance to Bulleen Park to assist you with entering and direct you towards the rear sporting fields which will be in use.

If arriving on foot or by bicycle, there is public pedestrian access on the south side of the Bulleen Park Access Road.

*Please note, a map will be provided prior to works commencing at Bulleen Park to provide users with clear guidance on any changes to parking conditions throughout the redevelopment.*

## **Can I still get into the area I usually use?**

Yes. The majority of the facilities at Bulleen Park will continue to operate, including:

- two rear AFL ovals
- Pavilion Two
- aeromodellers and archery fields
- playground, and
- the open space along the Yarra River.

The northern aspect of Bulleen Park will initially support the construction of the redevelopment.

Temporary parking will be built in the far west of Bulleen Park.

The front area of Bulleen Park continues to support construction related to the North East Link.

Throughout the redevelopment, two ovals will be in operation and Pavilion 2 will remain as it is until the new pavilions are built. The pavilions are anticipated to be completed in a 12-to-18-month period.

The Aeromodellers and Archery fields will remain unchanged through the redevelopment.

### **Will I get a car park? Can I drop off/pick up my kids?**

Car parking will remain open and accessible to the public for all sporting activities and competition.

Parking is still available at the rear of Bulleen Park.

Please ensure you plan ahead and allow additional time when arriving or leaving Bulleen Park, particularly during peak periods.

Parking areas are subject to change for the duration of the works, however, the same number of car parks will be maintained at all times. Signage will be in place to direct you.

### **How will people visiting Bulleen Park to play sport know where to go?**

Clear signage is in place on Bulleen Road and Bulleen Park Access Road to promote that Bulleen Park remains open for sporting activities and for recreational use by general public. Directional signage and lighting along pathways will be in place to inform users of sporting facilities in use.

Local sport associations and user groups/clubs will also be provided with latest updates, including maps to help guide park users.

### **How long will the construction take?**

The redevelopment will commence in mid-2025 and be delivered through a staged approach to allow for continued use of the sport and recreation facilities during construction of the North East Link.

It is expected to be completed by the end of 2028.

### **Will sporting activities continue during the redevelopment?**

Most sporting activities will continue as usual, however you will also see more construction teams on site preparing for future works to build the new sporting infrastructure.

Early stages will involve the initial upgrade works along Bulleen Park Access Road and set up of construction compounds at soccer fields four and five.

As a result, Council has not been accepting any additional usage at Bulleen Park from April 2024 until project completion, unless under extenuating circumstances, (i.e., due to ground conditions for clubs with approved allocation).

### **How will the community benefit?**

The redevelopment will deliver an exciting upgrade to Bulleen Park, providing brand new sport and recreation facilities for clubs and community use, including improved lighting, spectator viewing and storage.

This will continue to encourage greater activity levels, involvement and connection for people of all ages and abilities. As part of the upgrades, a new playground will also be built within Bulleen Park.

An additional benefit for our community will be the construction of the Yarra Link Green Bridge. This will be a two-hectare green bridge that will be built over Bulleen Road and will link Koonung Creek Trail to Bulleen Park for the first time.

The bridge will be planted with indigenous trees, grasses and shrubs. Pockets of open space will provide a bike and walking trail, fitness station and places to stop, rest and enjoy views of the Yarra River.

## Traffic management

### **Are there any changes to Bulleen Park Access Road?**

There will be further changes along Bulleen Road this year as works to build the entrance to the North East Link tunnels and the Yarra Link Green Bridge continue. Part of these works will also involve the temporary realignment of sections of Bulleen Park Access Road to ensure access into Bulleen Park remains available during these works. More information on these traffic changes will be provided to the community in the coming months.

### **How will pedestrians access Bulleen Park?**

As part of the redevelopment, the project team will look for opportunities to construct a temporary pedestrian pathway from Bulleen Road to the entrance of Bulleen Park.

At this time, there is not sufficient roadway available to construct a formal footpath beyond the former regional pavilion, as it will not comply with the required standard.

The Bulleen Park Masterplan will provide for improved pedestrian connectivity throughout the precinct at its completion. In the meantime, advisory pedestrian signage will be in place to highlight pedestrians are in the area.

### **Will construction vehicles have access to the Bulleen Park Access Road?**

Vehicles related to the upgrade works will be travelling in and out of the Bulleen Park Access Road during construction periods only, which will predominantly be during the day on weekdays.

Traffic management will be in place as required to monitor and control all vehicle activity. Access to sporting activities will be available at all times.

### **More information**

- Read more about the Bulleen Park Sports Upgrade at <https://bigbuild.vic.gov.au/projects/north-east-link/community/sports> & <https://bigbuild.vic.gov.au/news/north-east-link/bulleen-park-set-for-game-changing-upgrades>
- Read more about the North East Link works at [bigbuild.vic.gov.au/projects/north-east-link-program](https://bigbuild.vic.gov.au/projects/north-east-link-program)
- Read more about works and disruptions in your area at [bigbuild.vic.gov.au/library/north-east-link/work-notices](https://bigbuild.vic.gov.au/library/north-east-link/work-notices)
- Visit [engage.vic.gov.au/bulleen-park-sporting-facilities-planning-scheme-amendment](https://engage.vic.gov.au/bulleen-park-sporting-facilities-planning-scheme-amendment) for more information about the proposed Bulleen Park upgrades and Masterplan
- Sign up to receive email notifications about future works at [northeastlink.vic.gov.au/news/subscribe](https://northeastlink.vic.gov.au/news/subscribe)
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### **Further queries**

- If you have any questions about these upgrades, you can call North East Link Program on 1800 105 105 - 24 hours a day, seven days a week.
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