

# **Sports Facilities Plan 2018 Implementation Plan Update – Sporting Grounds and Facility Classification Framework Addendum**

## **Purpose**

In order to provide an integrated and coordinated service for sports ground and pavilion provision a classification system has been developed to guide the level of sport facility provision and playing surface standards across City of Greater Dandenong (CGD) sports facilities.

The forward Capital Works Program includes the construction of new / redevelopment of a significant number of sporting grounds and pavilions. An addendum is required to guide the level of facilities provided to ensure sports ground provision meet standards commensurate to the level of sport being played and ensure that there is consistency in future redevelopment and upgrades.

## **Background**

CGD currently has 26 recreation reserves containing active sporting facilities, in addition to five school sites. A variety of sports ground and pavilion standards exist within the municipality. The existing hierarchy/ classification consisted of Premier, Community and School, however this is no longer representative of the current and future provision of facilities.

National/State facilities generally require a higher level of supporting infrastructure such as spectator areas, fencing, additional change rooms, event car parking etc. In comparison, community facilities require amenities and playing surfaces that are safe and fit-for-purpose.

## **Scope**

This addendum applies to all outdoor sporting facilities owned and/or managed by CGD.

Facilities or grounds situated on Department of Education (School) and/or church land and are available for community sport are not included. Standards are subject to joint-use agreements.

Restricted access facilities due to membership/access requirements including all tennis and lawn bowls facilities within the municipality which are leased from Council.

Leisure facilities (such as Dandenong Oasis) are not covered under this addendum.

# Sporting Grounds and Facility Classification Framework

The framework addendum creates distinct facility provision based on a four-level classification system applied to CGD sports facilities. The key categories and/or classifications are:

- National/State
- Regional
- Community Premium
- Community Standard

There may be more than one level within the classification of provision for each sport. The main factor influencing the number of levels is the quality and scale of facilities required by the sport governing body or association dependent on the number of participants and the different standards of participation. For example, cricket will typically have three levels within the classification of provision to accommodate different standards of participation, where as a sport such as baseball, which has a lower participation rate (e.g. compared to cricket), is more likely to have one or two levels within the classification of provision.

The classification levels will help guide future developments and infrastructure improvements.

**Note:** It is acknowledged that many existing facilities will not comply with the aspirational Sporting Grounds and Facilities Classification Framework for each sporting code according to its classification of provision, however these standards, where possible and feasible to do so, will be used to guide future infrastructure development.

## 1. Sports Ground Classifications

### 1.1 National / State Classification

National / State facilities will principally attract people from within and outside of CGD and will be built and maintained to a national standard for that sport. These facilities will cater for senior training and competition for teams in a high level including national or state-wide competition and may have the capacity to host national/state standard matches/competitions. These venues serve the whole municipality and will provide the highest-level sporting facility for a particular sporting code within CGD.

National / State facilities tend to cater for premier level sport e.g. premier level cricket and NAB Cup (AFL). A limited number of facilities in the municipality are required to meet the higher standard provision.

### 1.2 Regional Classification

Regional facilities will also attract people from within and outside of CGD, however, will be built and maintained to a premier state standard for that sport. These facilities will cater for senior and junior training and competition for teams in a high level including regional or state-wide competition and may have the capacity to host state standard matches/competitions. These venues serve the whole

municipality and will provide the highest-level sporting facility for a particular sporting code in CGD.

Regional facilities tend to cater for premier level sport e.g. National Premier League (Soccer) and Division one or two Baseball.

### 1.3 Community Premium

Community Premium facilities will principally attract people from within CGD and will cater for senior sport played on sports fields utilised during summer and winter seasons where a senior sport is played at least during one of these periods. These facilities may also be used occasionally for sub-regional events. Community Premium facilities primarily cater for higher level senior sports i.e. a turf wicket is present at the ground.

Synthetic pitches for soccer and hockey are classified as Community Premium sporting grounds and have specific requirements relevant to their surface type.

### 1.4 Community Standard Classification

Community Standard facilities usually cater for a lower grade of sport such as local level senior sport, junior sport or overflow. It is for the primary or secondary playing surface and/or presence of a synthetic pitch for cricket. Generally, Community Standard facilities primarily cater for junior sport and local level senior sport e.g. 3<sup>rd</sup> or 4<sup>th</sup> grade cricket (synthetic wickets), C or D grade football (AFL). These facilities provide Council with the ability to cater for peaks in demand, seasonal and occasional usage. Ground surfaces are as per requirements for lower level community sport.

## 2. Sports Ground Infrastructure Requirements

The classification of a sports ground determines the sports ground's infrastructure requirements. Table 1 details the Sports In-Ground Infrastructure Requirements for each classification.

Table 1: Sports In-Ground Infrastructure Requirements

Classification	Drainage	Irrigation
National/ State	Y	Y
Regional	Y	Y
Community Premium	Y	Y
Community Standard	Y	Y

### 2.1 Sports Ground Infrastructure

The classification of a sports ground determines the level of sports ground infrastructure provided (e.g. lighting, fencing, scoreboards). These category classes are a guide only and may change to reflect changes in sports field usage and the level of sport being played.

Table 2 details the sports ground Infrastructure levels for each classification.

Table 2: Sports Ground Infrastructure Levels

Classification	Flood Lighting (Competition Standard)	Flood Lighting (Training Standard)	Play Surface Perimeter Fence	Electronic Scoreboard	Coaches Boxes	Spectator Shade/ Viewing Area	Spectator Grandstand/ Seating	Sight Screens (Cricket Only)	Players Race	Ticket Box	Reserve Perimeter Fencing (to charge entry)
National/ State	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Regional	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Community Premium	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N	N	N	N
Community Standard	N	Y	Y/N	Y	Y	Y	N	N	N	N	N

## 2.2 Facility Standards

The City of Greater Dandenong provides a range of sports facilities for sporting and community use. The standard components included in facilities are reflective of their classification.

### 2.2.1 National / State Classification

National / State facilities provide pavilion infrastructure to accommodate national/state level competition and will be built and maintained to a premier national standard for that sport. They will cater for senior training and competition for teams in a high level including national or state-wide competition and may have the capacity to host national/state standard matches/competitions. These venues serve the whole municipality and will provide the highest-level sporting facility for a particular sporting code in CGD. Multi-purpose spaces are designed to accommodate seasonal users and community groups hiring.

### 2.2.2 Regional Classification

Regional Classification provides the pavilion infrastructure to accommodate regional level competition, however, will be built and maintained to a premier state standard for that sport. These facilities will cater for senior and junior training and competition for teams in a high level including regional or state-wide competition and may have the capacity to host state standard matches/competitions. These venues serve the whole municipality and will provide the highest-level sporting facility for a particular sporting code in CGD. Multi-purpose spaces are designed to accommodate seasonal users and community groups hiring.

### 2.2.3 Community Premium Classification

Community Premium facilities are suitable for senior level community competition and are built and maintained to a community open-age standard for that sport.

These facilities are able to accommodate a number of users and can generally address the shortfalls in available community meeting space. Multi-purpose spaces are designed to accommodate seasonal users and community groups hiring.

## 2.2.4 Community Standard Classification

Community Standard facilities provide base level amenities for participation primarily in lower level senior sport, junior sport or as overflow locations. Pavilions are built and maintained to a lower standard compared to the Community Premium classification depending on the specific sport requirements.

## 2.2.5 Facility Classification Standards

All facility classifications will have the following minimum space standards:

- Two change rooms with adjoining unisex amenities (toilets and showers) per playing surface
- Internal accessible toilet and shower per playing surface
- Umpires / referees change room with adjoining unisex amenities (toilets and showers) per playing surface
- First Aid room per playing surface
- Social/multi-purpose space (100m<sup>2</sup> per seasonal tenant) with adjoining kiosk/kitchen
- Public toilets (male, female and accessible)
- Cleaners store room
- Covered spectator area adjoining facility
- Waste / rubbish storage area
- One storage space per tenant club externally accessed
- One storage space in kitchen
- One storage space in social/multi-purpose space for chairs/tables
- Meeting room/office per playing surface
- Timekeepers / scorers space (AFL/cricket only) per playing surface.

The floor size of each space is dependent on the specific sport, level of sport predominately played and the respective National / State Sports Organisations' guidelines. Additional spaces may be considered depending on the classification of the facility and the sport.

Table 3 details the additional facility space inclusions for each classification.

Table 3: Facility Additional Space inclusions per classification

Classification	Additional Storage Spaces	Bar	Public Address System	Gymnasium	Additional Medical/ Strapping Room	Separate Meeting and Office Spaces	Additional Change rooms with adjoining amenities
National/ State	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Regional	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Community Premium	Y	Y	N	N	Y	Y	Y/N
Community Standard	N	Y	N	N	N	N	N

All facility improvements will be undertaken in accordance with relevant legislation and regulations (i.e. Building Code of Australia, Commonwealth Disability

Discrimination Act), City of Greater Dandenong policies (i.e. Sustainable Building Policy), giving consideration to universal design principles and crime prevention.

Council will endeavor to develop sporting facilities which consolidate multiple buildings within recreation reserves (where feasible). Where there is a consolidation of existing buildings additional spaces may be included based on the number of user groups expected to use the facility.

## 2.3 Classifications

CGD sports grounds and facilities have been classified as detailed in Table 4 below.

Table 4: Facilities and Sporting Grounds Classifications

Reserve	Sports Ground	Sports Ground Classification	Winter Maximum Capacity Hours	Sports Played	Pavilion	Pavilion Classification
Alex Nelson Reserve	Oval	Community Premium	-	Cricket	Peter Mathison Pavilion	Community Premium
	Soccer Field		15	Soccer		
Barry Powell Reserve	Oval One	Community Premium	20	AFL/ Cricket	Barry Powell Bains Pavilion	Community Premium
	Oval Two	Community Standard	20	AFL/ Cricket		
Coomoora Reserve	Soccer Field East	Community Premium	20	Soccer	Coomoora Reserve Pavilion	Community Premium
	Soccer Field Centre		20	Soccer		
	Soccer Field West	Community Standard	20	Soccer		
	Oval	Community Standard	-	Cricket		
Dandenong Park	Shepley Oval	National/ State	25	AFL/ Cricket	Miller Pavilion	National/ State
					Storan Pavilion	National/ State
	Park Oval	Community Premium	20	Cricket	Greg Dickson Pavilion	Community Standard
Wilson Oval	Community Premium	15	Cricket			
Edinburgh Reserve	Oval	Community Premium	20	AFL/ Cricket	Edinburgh Reserve Social Room & Pavilion	Community Premium
Fotheringham Reserve	Oval	Community Premium	15	AFL/ Cricket	Fotheringham Reserve Pavilion	Community Standard
Frederick Wachter Reserve	Oval One (North)	Community Premium	15	AFL/ Cricket	Frederick Wachter Reserve Pavilion	Community Standard
	Oval Two (South)	Community Standard	15	AFL/ Cricket	Frederick Wachter Reserve Clubrooms	Community Premium
George Andrews Reserve	Soccer Field One	Regional	15	Soccer	Whittle Pavilion	Regional
	Soccer Field Two	Community Premium	25	Soccer		
Greaves Reserve	Oval One	Community Premium	20	AFL/ Cricket	Monahan Pavilion	Community Premium
	Oval Two	Community Standard	15	AFL/ Cricket		
	Oval Three	Community Premium	15	Soccer/ Cricket	Alan Carter Pavilion	Community Premium

	Oval Four (2 rugby pitches)	Community Premium	40 (20/pitch)	Cricket/ Rugby		
JC Mills Reserve	Hockey Synthetic Field	Community Premium	-	Hockey	Jarvis Pavilion	Community Premium
	Soccer/ Hockey Field	Community Standard	15	Hockey/ Soccer		
Lois Twohig Reserve	Oval One	Community Premium	20	AFL/ Cricket	Gerry Sweating Pavilion	Community Premium
	Oval Two	Community Standard	15	AFL/ Cricket		
	Soccer Field	Community Premium	15	Soccer	Pavilion	Community Standard
Noble Park Reserve	Oval	Community Premium	20	AFL/ Cricket	Pavilion	*Commercial (Community Premium)
Norman Luth Reserve	Oval	Community Premium	-	Nil	Norman Luth Reserve Pavilion	Community Premium
	Soccer Field One	Community Premium	15	Soccer		
	Soccer Field Two	Community Standard	15	Soccer		
Parkfield Reserve	Oval	Community Premium	-	Cricket	Parkfield Reserve Pavilion	Community Premium
	Soccer Field One	Community Premium	15	Soccer		
Police Paddocks	Soccer Field One	Regional	15	Soccer	Pavilion	Regional
	Soccer Field Two	Community Premium	20	Soccer		
	Soccer Field Three	Community Premium	20	Soccer		
	Softball One	Community Standard	20	Softball	Pavilion	Community Standard
	Softball Two	Community Standard	20	Softball		
	Softball Three	Community Standard	20	Softball		
	Softball Four	Community Standard	20	Softball		
	Softball Five	Community Standard	15	Softball		
	Softball Six	Community Standard	20	Softball	N/A	N/A
	Brady Road Oval One	Community Standard	15	Cricket		
	Brady Road Oval Two	Community Standard	10	Cricket		
	Brady Road Soccer Field	Community Standard	15	Soccer		
	Robert Booth Reserve	Baseball Diamond One	Regional	20	Baseball	Pavilion
Baseball Diamond Two		Community Standard	20	Baseball		
Athletics Field		Community Standard	-	Athletics	Pavilion	Community Standard
Ross Reserve	Oval One	Community Premium	15	AFL/ Cricket	O'Donohue Pavilion	Community Premium
	Oval Two	Community Premium	20	Soccer/ Cricket	Junior Soccer Pavilion	Community Standard
	Soccer Field	Community Premium	15	Soccer	Social Pavilion	Community Premium
	Athletics Field	Regional	-	Athletics	Athletics/ Soccer Pavilion	Regional
Rowley Allan Reserve	Oval	Community Premium	20	AFL/ Cricket	Pavilion	Community Premium
	Netball Court	Community Standard	-	Netball		
Springvale Reserve	Oval	Community Premium	15	AFL/ Cricket	Springvale Reserve Change rooms & Grandstand	Community Premium

Tatterson Park	Oval One	Community Premium	20	AFL	Ian Tatterson Pavilion	Community Premium
	Oval Two (2 pitches)	Community Premium	30 (15/pitch)	Soccer/ Cricket		
	Oval Three (2 pitches)	Community Premium	30 (15/pitch)	Soccer/ Cricket		
	Soccer Synthetic Field	Community Premium	-	Soccer		
Thomas Carroll Reserve	Oval One	Community Premium	20	AFL/ Cricket	Thomas P Carroll Reserve Crowe Pavilion	Community Premium
	Oval Two	Community Standard	15	AFL/ Cricket		
Wal Turner Reserve	Oval	Community Standard	15	Cricket/ Soccer	Wallace J Turner Reserve Pavilion	Community Standard
Warner Reserve	Oval	Community Premium	-	Soccer/ Cricket	Warner Reserve Pavilion	Community Premium
	Soccer Field One	Community Premium	20	Soccer		
	Soccer Field Two	Community Standard	20	Soccer		
	Soccer Field Three (Virginia Street)	Community Standard	20	Soccer	N/A	N/A

Notes:

1. ^ Pavilions or grounds yet to be constructed.
2. Winter Capacity Hours (maximum recommended hours of usage per week) – The hours of winter club activity (training and competition hours) that the turf surface can accommodate to ensure a safe and sustainable playing surface at the classification specified. The Winter Capacity Hours have been informed by an independent audit conducted by SportsTurf Consultants (Aust.) Pty. Ltd. Based on the type, level and frequency of winter sport being played as at August 2018.
  - a. Winter clubs will not be allocated use in excess of capacity hours.
  - b. Where more than two clubs share the same ground over the winter season, the maximum capacity hours will be shared.
  - c. It is important to note that where clubs use the ground above allocated hours of sustainable use, the playing surface will likely deteriorate, and this will impact surface playability, quality and safety.
3. \* Commercial – The tenant at Noble Park Reserve is under a commercial agreement with Council, which impacts the way the pavilion is managed.

