

# W.L.J. CROFTS RESERVE FAQ

## Why is Council undertaking this project?

Council secured a funding agreement with the Victorian Government to undertake upgrades at W.L.J Crofts Reserve, Donald McLean Reserve and a number of sites within Brooklyn. Council advocated to the state government for this funding through the West Gate Tunnel Project planning process. At the time of developing this funding agreement Council undertook the Sports Facilities Needs Analysis which identified priority works for W.L.J. Crofts Reserve.

W.L.J. Crofts Reserve is Council land and it is Council's responsibility to undertake any improvements to the land and infrastructure on that land.

## How much of the \$5 million from the West Gate Tunnel Project is allocated to W.L.J. Crofts Reserve improvement?

Of the \$5 million allocated for sporting and recreational facilities along the West Gate Tunnel Project Corridor, \$2,250,000 has been allocated for the W.L.J. Crofts Reserve Improvement Plan.

## Where has the rest of the \$5 million West Gate Tunnel Project funding been allocated?

A further \$2,250,000 from this allocation is directed towards the Donald McLean Reserve Improvement and \$500,000 to open space improvements at Brooklyn, D.N Duane, Rowan Avenue and Pipeline Reserves in Brooklyn.

## Is Council putting any money into this project?

Yes. Council has allocated a further \$4,200,000 over three financial years to upgrade the infrastructure within W.L.J. Crofts Reserve.

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## What is the total budget for this project?

The total budget for the W.L.J. Crofts Reserve Improvement Plan is \$6,450,000. The plan proposes the construction of a new sports pavilion, car park, cricket practice nets, open space upgrades, redevelopment of Ovals 2 and 3 (on the northern boundary of the reserve) and installation of new sportsground floodlighting.

## Who will be housed in the new sports pavilion?

The new sports pavilion will house the Western Jets Football Club, Altona North Cricket Club, Williamstown Superules Football Club and Agility Dog Club of Victoria.

## What is Council's position on the Western Jets at Crofts Reserve and will AFL Victoria be contributing towards the pavilion upgrades?

AFL Victoria has a lease at Crofts Reserve until 2025. When this lease was signed, AFL Victoria contributed funding towards the redevelopment of the current pavilion. Council is working closely with the Western Jets and AFL Victoria with regard to an ongoing tenancy arrangement, the facility requirements within the new pavilion and how these requirements will be funded.

## Will these works be undertaken all at the same time?

No, it is proposed that these works will be staged over a three year period. It is proposed that the construction of the pavilion, car park, cricket nets and open space upgrades will occur in Year 1 and 2 (being 2019-2020). The redevelopment of Ovals 2 and 3 will occur in Years 2 and 3 (being 2020-2022).

## What will happen to the clubs when the works are underway?

Council will work with the sports clubs during the works period to ensure that training and competition needs are met. This will include temporary relocation to alternative venues within Hobsons Bay. In recent years Bryan Martyn Oval, Loft Reserve and Fearon Reserve have been relocated temporarily during sports ground upgrade works. Altona Green Reserve acts as an overflow venue for sports clubs during the relocation period. Alternative options will also be explored subject to availability.

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## What is included in the construction of Oval 2 and 3?

It is proposed that Ovals 2 and 3 be fully redeveloped (located on the northern boundary of the reserve) which will include new irrigation and drainage, new goal posts, cricket wickets and team benches. The redevelopment will also include the removal of the decommissioned tennis court. A floodlighting upgrade to 100 lux, consistent with the Australian standards for sports ground flood lighting is also included.

## Will there be light spill from the upgraded flood lights?

The new floodlighting installations are designed to meet Australian Standards for sports training and competition. A floodlighting design, specific to the W.L.J. Crofts Reserve will ensure that the sports ground lights will not spill into local residents and will be directed into the sports grounds. Recent flood lighting installations have taken place at Williamstown Cricket Ground, Duane Reserve and Edwards Reserve which are all in close proximity to resident areas. These all adhere to the Australian Standards for sports ground flood lighting.

## Is there a loss of trees on this site?

Yes. Some trees will need to be removed as part of these works, however a significant number of trees will be planted in the reserve to accommodate the initial tree loss.

## Why did Council choose this project over others in Altona North?

Council initiated this project through the West Gate Tunnel Project planning process and secured the funding agreement following the West Gate Tunnel Project Planning approval. The project is supported by the findings from the Hobsons Bay Sports Facility Needs Analysis.

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## Why didn't Council consult on how best to spend the \$5 million with the community before allocating it?

Council based the funding agreement proposal on the consultation findings from the Sports Facility Needs Analysis and the West Gate Tunnel Project planning process.

## What other investments and projects are scheduled for the Altona North area in Council's future capital works program?

A focus will be on improvements to the Paisley Park area which will see upgrades to the Box Lacrosse, female friendly upgrades to the soccer pavilion and play space upgrades within the reserve. There are also plans for park and play space upgrades at Hosken, Cooper, Duke, Clement, Ginifer, Langshaw, Hearne, Irwin and Harris Reserves in Altona North.



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