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# Active Reserves Facility Hierarchy

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## Active Reserves Facility Hierarchy

The Active Reserves Facility Hierarchy creates distinct facility provision categories based on a hierarchical system applied to Monash sport facilities. The categories and/or classifications apply to **licenced** sportsgrounds/playing surfaces and sports pavilions.

### 1. Sportsground/Playing Surface Standards

Council provides a range of sportsgrounds and playing surfaces for sport and community use. The standard components included in pavilions are reflective of their classification under this hierarchy.

In order to provide an integrated and coordinated service for sports ground and pavilion provision a classification system of five grading levels (Class AA, A, B, C, and D) has been developed to guide the level of sportsground provision and playing surface standards across the municipality.

1. Class AA – Semi-Elite Playing Surfaces
2. Class A – Premier level Playing Surfaces
3. Class B – District level Playing Surfaces
4. Class C – Local level Playing Surfaces
5. Class D – Niche Playing Surfaces

The classifications are consistent with Active Monash's proposed *Fees and Charges Policy* and informed by:

- a recent review of Council's strategies and policies;
- benchmarking against other local governments;
- consideration of relevant State Sporting Association facility standards; and
- an analysis of current community needs and recent pavilion redevelopment projects.

The classifications are directly linked to facility provision standards and sports ground maintenance service levels to deliver the service outcomes required.

The hierarchy levels and classifications will help guide future developments and infrastructure improvements. It is acknowledged that many existing facilities will not comply with the aspirational *Sports Ground Support Infrastructure Standards (Table 3)* for each sporting code according to its classification within the hierarchy of provision but these standards, where possible and feasible to do so, will be used to guide future infrastructure development.

Sportsground classifications are as follows:

#### 1.1 Semi-Elite Playing Surfaces (Class AA)

**Class AA playing surfaces** are considered semi-elite playing surfaces which exceed Council's community sport provision standards (Class A, B, C, and D). These playing surfaces include sub-surface irrigation and drainage systems, require high levels of maintenance that exceed Council's community provision standards, and include additional infrastructure such as spectator areas, player races, perimeter fencing, ticket boxes, event car parking etc.

An example of an existing Class "AA" sportsground:

- Jack Edwards Reserve (Senior NPL), Oakleigh

## 1.1 Premier Playing Surfaces (Class A)

**Class A playing surfaces** encompasses the highest level of community sport and are built and maintained to a premier standard. They cater for senior training and competition for teams in a high level including sub-regional/regional competition, and may have the capacity to host state/national standard matches/competitions. These venues serve the whole municipality and will provide the highest level sporting facility for a particular sporting code in Monash.

Class A venues are intended to cater for premier level sport e.g. premier or district level (cricket), AFL U18 Championships (formerly Teal Cup), VFL, National Premier League (soccer). A limited number of facilities in Monash are required to meet the higher standard provision.

Examples of existing Class “A” sports grounds are:

- Central Reserve North, Glen Waverley
- Central Reserve South, Glen Waverley
- Warrawee Park, Oakleigh
- Mulgrave Reserve (East), Wheelers Hill
- Holmesglen Reserve, Ashwood
- Mount Waverley Reserve, Mt Waverley
- Gardiners Reserve (South NPL), Burwood

## 1.2 District-level Playing Surfaces (Class B)

**Class B playing surfaces** will principally attract people from within Monash and will cater for senior and junior training and competition and are normally the home ground facility for clubs. If required and pending availability, these clubs may also access local facilities (class C) in addition their home ground (class B) facility.

Class B facilities are the most commonly provided standard for sports grounds and generally cater to consistent demand by tenant clubs on a seasonal basis. They may also be used occasionally for sub-regional events. Class B facilities primarily cater for higher level senior sports e.g. sub-district (generally on turf wickets), Division 1 or A-B grade (AFL), National Premier League Division 1 (soccer).

Examples of existing/proposed Class “B” sports grounds are:

- WA Scammell Reserve, Oakleigh South
- Meade (Clayton) Reserve, Clayton
- Pinewood Reserve, Mt Waverley
- Essex Heights Reserve, Ashwood
- Princes Highway Reserve West, Oakleigh East
- Davies Reserve Infield (Soccer), Oakleigh South

## 1.3 Local level Playing Surfaces (Class C)

**Class C playing surfaces** require playing surfaces that are safe and fit-for-purpose and usually cater for a lower grade of sport such as junior training and competition and in some cases local level senior training/competition and/or as overflow/training facilities. Generally local facilities are built and maintained to a class C standard level and are adequate for the level and type of sport being played.

Class C 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 (AFL). Class C facilities provide Council with the ability to cater for peaks in demand, seasonal and occasional usage.

Examples of existing/proposed Class “C” sports grounds are:

- Larpent Reserve, Glen Waverley
- Jingella Reserve, Ashwood

- Freeway Reserve, Mulgrave
- Argyle Reserve, Hughesdale
- Jordan Reserve, Chadstone
- Lum Reserve, Wheelers Hill
- Brandon Park Reserve, Wheelers Hill
- Columbia Park Reserve, Wheelers Hill
- Gardiners Reserve (North Pitch), Burwood
- Ashwood Reserve, Ashwood
- Glen Waverley North Reserve, Glen Waverley
- Scotchmans Run Reserve, Oakleigh East
- Tally Ho Reserve, Mount Waverley

## 1.4 Niche Playing Surfaces (Class D)

**Niche playing surfaces** exist within the municipality that lie outside classes AA, A, B and C framework such as:

### 1.4.1 Surfaces that have a unique set of maintenance and service provision standards

- Stan Riley Reserve (BMX), Oakleigh South
- Drummies Bridge Reserve (equine), Glen Waverley
- Electra Reserve (croquet), Ashwood
- Freeway Reserve (archery range), Mulgrave
- Central Reserve Athletics Track (turf), Glen Waverley (the track is mown twice per week with a cylinder mower and line-marked once a fortnight)
- Davies Reserve Athletics Track (turf), Oakleigh South
- Waverley Softball Centre (softball diamonds), Wheelers Hill
- Napier Park (baseball diamonds), Glen Waverley
- Gladeswood Reserve (baseball diamond), Mulgrave

### 1.4.2 Synthetic Pitches

- Jack Edwards Reserve (Junior Pitch), Oakleigh
- Gardiners Reserve (Central Pitch), Burwood

### 1.4.3 Schools Grounds

Playing surfaces exist within the municipality on State Government (Department of Education) land. Some school sports grounds and facilities are maintained by Council for club and community use outside of school hours such as:

- Ashwood High School (Netball & Cricket)
- Mount View Primary School
- Wheelers Hill Secondary College

## 2. Sports Ground Maintenance Service Levels

The classification of a sports ground determines the sports ground's maintenance service level. Generally, the higher the classification, the higher the maintenance service level provided, reflecting the mowing regime, irrigation and drainage provided, standard and type of sport played, whether there is a turf wicket and how often each sports field is used. These category classes are a guide only and may change to reflect changes in sports field usage and the level of sport being played. Indicative sports ground maintenance standards are detailed in Table 1 – Indicative Maintenance Service Levels.

**Table 1:** Indicative Sports Ground Maintenance Service Levels

Playing Surface Classification	Maintenance Service Level
<b>Class AA</b> <b>Semi-Elite Surfaces</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Surfaces prepared for semi-elite or elite levels of sport.</li> <li>▪ Over and above community maintenance provision standards</li> <li>▪ Refer - <a href="#">Community Sport, Premier League &amp; Elite Sport Framework Policy 2022</a></li> </ul>
<b>Class A</b> <b>Premier</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Mowing category 1 location (provision for 2 mows if required, dependent on growth levels)</li> <li>▪ Warm season grass priority.</li> <li>▪ A cultural program including an annual fertiliser program, renovation practices, a pesticide program including preventative applications and regular inspections.</li> </ul>
<b>Class B</b> <b>District</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Senior sport played or sports fields utilised during summer and winter seasons where a senior sport is played at least during one of these periods.</li> <li>▪ Mowing category 2 location (generally one mow per week unless turf wicket).</li> <li>▪ Turf wicket ovals receive 2 mows per week when required to allow faster ball roll through the outfield.</li> <li>▪ A cultural program dictated by budget parameters and routine inspections including an annual fertiliser program, renovation practices, a pesticide program including preventative applications and regular inspections.</li> </ul>
<b>Class C</b> <b>Local</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Local level senior sport, junior sport or overflow ground.</li> <li>▪ Mowing Category 2 (generally one mow per week)</li> <li>▪ A cultural program dictated by budget parameters including an annual fertiliser program, renovation practices, a pesticide program and regular inspections.</li> </ul>
<b>Class D</b> <b>Niche</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Specialised mowing or minimal maintenance regime for niche playing surfaces, synthetic surfaces and schools sites. For example:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Turf track lane marking at Central &amp; Davies Reserve Athletic Tracks</li> <li>○ Delivery of en-tout-cas to Napier Park and Waverley Softball Centre</li> <li>○ Delivery and spread of en-tout-cas at Gladeswood Reserve</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

### 3. Pavilion Standards

Council provides a range of sports pavilions and amenities for sports clubs and community use. The standard components included in pavilions are reflective of their classification under this hierarchy.

1. Class AA – Semi-Elite/Elite Facilities
2. Class A – Premier Facilities
3. Class B – District Facilities
4. Class C – Local Facilities (with a social space)
5. Class D – Changerooms Only (without a social space)

#### 3.1 Semi-Elite Facilities (Class AA)

**Class AA pavilions** are venues which exceed Council's community sport provision standards (Class A, B, C, and D). These facilities are larger and often include a range of non-standard extras such as commercial kitchens, bar/s, cool rooms, gyms, therapy/media/scorers rooms, and flexible bookable spaces.

#### 3.2 Premier Facilities (Class A)

**Premier-level pavilions** provide the infrastructure to accommodate sub-regional/regional level competition such as premier cricket (Central Reserve) or State League Rugby Union (Holmesglen Reserve). Currently there is no regional level AFL football played in Monash. These facilities are able to accommodate a number of users and can address the shortfalls in available community meeting space. Multi-purpose spaces are designed to accommodate seasonal users and public hiring. This is a community facility with sports club component and best suited to locations with adequate parking, multiple fields and proximity to transport and with minimal site restrictions. These facilities often form part of a community hub or sporting precinct e.g. Central Reserve.

#### 3.3 District Facilities (Class B)

**District-level pavilions** are suitable for senior level competition and include limited social space for local club social functions, user groups or casual events. They are the home base for most clubs in Monash. District sport pavilions provide a home base for multiple seasonal users and use by the wider community. Generally, these facilities include change rooms, amenities, basic kitchen/kiosk facilities and separate provision of social space. The primary purpose of the pavilion is to facilitate and support participation in sport at a local level.

#### 3.4 Local Facilities with a small social space (Class C)

**Local Pavilions** provide base level facilities for participation. The pavilion provides basic change rooms, amenities and a small social space. As with Class B pavilions, the primary purpose of Class C pavilions is to facilitate and support community participation in sport. Local facilities are often modular constructions.

#### 3.5 Changerooms Only (Class D)

**Changerooms** provide facilities for participation primarily in junior sport and may be used as a secondary facility by seasonal clubs in conjunction with casual sports users and schools. The provision of changerooms (basic change rooms and amenities) may act as a satellite pavilion for a larger club for junior sports, low-level senior sports or where clubs training at these venues have access to additional facilities. These types of pavilions can be used casually by a number of different groups. Changerooms only are often modular constructions.

## 4. Planning for Future Pavilion Redevelopments

The indicative size and budget for pavilions redevelopments are based on the classification of the pavilion. The indicative footprint and cost for pavilion (with a single pair of changerooms) under the hierarchy is detailed in Tables 1 and Table 2.

**Table 1 - Year 1 Design & Year 2 On-site Construction - Indicative Costs 2025/26**

Pavilion Classification	Unit Value	AA	A	B	C	D
Indicative footprint incl. spectator shelter	m2	Site dependent	600	500	350	280
(Est. social space approx. 20% of footprint)	m2	>120 m <sup>2</sup>	120 m <sup>2</sup>	100 m <sup>2</sup>	60 m <sup>2</sup>	0 m <sup>2</sup>
On-site Construction Cost (Single Storey*) @ \$6,500 per m <sup>2</sup>	\$6,500	Site dependent	\$3,900,000	\$3,250,000	\$2,275,000	\$1,820,000
<b>Sub-Total</b>			\$3,900,000	\$3,250,000	\$2,275,000	\$1,820,000
Design, PM, Contingencies & Escalations (+30%)	30%		\$1,170,000	\$562,500	\$393,750	\$393,750
<b>Total Estimated Cost excl. GST</b>			<b>\$5,070,000</b>	<b>\$3,812,500</b>	<b>\$2,668,750</b>	<b>\$2,213,750</b>

\*Double Storey \$7,000 per m2 based on Mount Waverley Reserve Pavilion redevelopment.

**Table 2 - Modular D&C - Design & Off-site Construction - Indicative Costs 2025/26**

Pavilion Classification	Unit Value	AA	A	B	C	D
Indicative footprint incl. spectator shelter	m2	Site dependent	600	500	350	280
Est. social space approx. 20% of pavilion footprint	m2	>120 m <sup>2</sup>	120 m <sup>2</sup>	100 m <sup>2</sup>	60 m <sup>2</sup>	0 m <sup>2</sup>
Modular (off-site) Design & Construction Cost (Single Storey*) @ \$5,500 per m <sup>2</sup>	\$5,500	Site dependent	\$3,300,000	\$2,750,000	\$1,925,000	\$1,540,000
<b>Sub-Total</b>			<b>\$3,300,000</b>	<b>\$2,750,000</b>	<b>\$1,925,000</b>	<b>\$1,540,000</b>
PM, Contingencies & Escalations (+15%)	15%		\$675,000	\$562,500	\$393,750	\$393,750
<b>Total Estimated Cost excl. GST</b>			<b>\$3,975,000</b>	<b>\$3,312,500</b>	<b>\$2,318,750</b>	<b>\$1,933,750</b>

\*Single Storey cost based on modular tender prices for Carlson Reserve & Brandon Park pavilions.

### Table 1 & 2 Notes:

- Adjustments required annually for CPI\*
- These are *indicative* maximum sizes and budgets for Class A, B, C and D pavilions that are female friendly and service a single sports ground. They are a guide only
- Pavilion footprints and estimated costs will vary according to:
  - multi-use potential to cater for broader community access;
  - existing site limitations and latent conditions e.g. landfill and leachate sites;
  - the code and level of sport being played;
  - the size and number of sports ground/s and number of clubs at the reserve; and
  - the range and cost of ESD elements incorporated into the design.

## 5. Non-standard Components

Council will only consider including non-standard, additional components or larger space provision in new pavilions if they are fully funded by clubs (refer Table 3). Council may consider co-contribution in partnership with clubs where there is evidence of need, high participation and significant community benefit outcomes following the presentation of a business case by clubs and evidence of club contribution. These cases will be rare and considered on a case-by-case basis.

These standards have been developed with consideration given to relevant State Sporting Association facility guidelines. The standards also incorporate accessibility and gender equity (i.e. female friendly) principles. In keeping with the stated principles, all non-standard development components will be funded by the club if they are to be included in facility development. To ensure consistency and clarity, Table 3 details Council versus club funding responsibility for non-standard components.

**Table 3: Non-Standard Elements for New Build/Significant Redevelopments**

Item	Council Contribution	Club Contribution
Separate additional kitchen or kitchens above specification in Table 5	Nil %	100%
All non-essential, non-fixed kitchen appliances (e.g. fridges, freezers, deep fryers, microwaves, bain maries, coffee machines etc.)	Nil %	100%
Ezy-Fit (or similar) Seasonal Memorabilia Frames	100% (up to 3 frames)	Clubs to fund any additional frames and fabric print insert
Bar/Coolrooms	Nil %	100%
Additional Medical/Strapping/Massage Rooms	Nil %	100%
Media/Broadcasting Rooms/Infrastructure	Nil %	100%
Meeting Room/s	Nil %	100%
Office/s	Nil %	100%
Gymnasium	Nil %	100%
Additional Storage over Sport Facility Guidelines for community pavilions	Nil %	100%
Access Control and security system (alarm & panel sensor)	100% Council's preferred system (Britech)	Nil%
CCTV Security Monitoring* *Subject to Council approval - refer <a href="#">CCTV Surveillance System Policy</a>	100% If approved and monitored by Council.	0%
Back to base security monitoring	Nil%	100%
Extended club social/meeting space	Nil %	100%
Heating & Cooling (HVAC, split system or equivalent)	100% for social room only	100% for area other than social
Electronic/LED Scoreboards	Nil %	100%
Council equipment shed	100%	Nil %
Synthetic Cricket Wicket (upgrade or new for training and centre wickets)	Concrete base (structural component) Synthetic surface	Refer to <a href="#">Cricket Wicket Policy 2021</a>
Sports field lighting (upgrade or new installation)	Refer to <a href="#">Monash Sports Floodlighting Policy 2021</a>	
Sports field lighting maintenance and operation	Refer to <a href="#">Monash Sports Floodlighting Policy 2021</a>	








## 6. Pavilion & Sportsground Classifications

	Name of Sports Ground	Pavilion Classification	Sports Ground Classification	Level of Sport Played	Current Winter Capacity Hours (max recommended hrs per week)
1	Argyle Reserve	Class C	Class C	Local	15
2	Ashwood Reserve (North)	Class C	Class C	Local	15
3a	Ashwood High School South (Cricket)	Class D	Class D (school)	Local (school)	-
3b	Ashwood High School North (Netball)	Class D	n/a	Local (school), 12 outdoor netball courts	n/a
4	Batesford Reserve	Class C	Class C	Local	15
5	Brandon Park Reserve	Class C	Class C	Local	15
6	Brentwood Reserve	Class B	Class C	Local	15
7	Caloola Reserve	Class B	Class C	Local	15
8	Capital Reserve	Class B	Class C	Local	15
9	Carlson Reserve	Class B	Class C	Local	15
10a	Central Reserve (Athletics)	Class C	Class D (athletics)	Local & District (turf track) - Senior & Little Athletics	In summer the track is mown 2x per wk & line-marked once a fortnight. Cylindrical Mowing
10b	Central Reserve South	Class A	Class A	Premier & District (turf)	20 Cylindrical Mowing
10c	Central Reserve North	Class A	Class A	Premier & District (turf)	20 Cylindrical Mowing
11	Columbia Park Reserve	Class B	Class C	Local	15
12a	Davies Reserve (Athletics)	Class C	Class D (athletics)	Local - Little Athletics	In summer grass track is mown 1-2x per wk & line-marked once every 2-4 wks. Cylindrical Mowing
12b	Davies Reserve Infield (Soccer)	Class C	Class B (soccer)	Local	20
13	Electra Reserve (Croquet)	Class D (North old pavilion)	Class D (croquet)	2 croquet courts	N/A Cylindrical Mowing
14	Essex Heights Reserve	Class B	Class B	Local, (turf)	15
15a	Freeway Reserve Change rooms (Cricket)	Class D	Class C	Local (no social room)	15
15b	Freeway Reserve Change rooms (Soccer)	Class D	Class C Pitch 1 (Main)	Local	15
			Class C Pitch 2	Local	15
	Freeway Reserve Social Pavilion (Soccer)	Class B	Class C Pitch 3	Local	15
15c	Freeway Reserve Archery Range	Class C	Class D (archery range)	Local, District, Premier & State events	NA
16a	Fregon Reserve (North)	Class B	Class C	Local	20

	Name of Sports Ground	Pavilion Classification	Sports Ground Classification	Level of Sport Played	Current Winter Capacity Hours (max recommended hrs per week)
16b	Fregon Reserve (South)		Class C	Local	20
17a	Gardiners Reserve (North) Pitch 3	Class C	Class C	Local	15
17b	Gardiners Reserve (Middle)		Class D (synthetic pitch)	Semi-elite NPL Local & District	NA
17c	Gardiners Reserve (South)	Class B	Class A	District, Premier NPL	15 Cylindrical Mowing
18	Gladeswood Reserve (Baseball)	Class C	Class D (baseball)	Local	20
19	Glen Waverley North Reserve	Class B	Class C	Local	15
20	Holmesglen Reserve	Class A	Class A	District & Premier	25
21a	Jack Edwards Junior	Class B	Class D (synthetic pitch)	Local & District	n/a
21b	Jack Edwards Senior	Class B	n/a		n/a
21c	Jack Edwards Grandstand	Class AA	Class AA	Semi-elite NPL, (turf on sand profile)	15 Cylindrical Mowing
22a	The Oaks, Jells Park	Class D	Class C	Local	15
22b	The Ashes, Jells Park	Class D	Class C	Local	15
22	Jingella Reserve	Class C	Class C	Local	15
23	Jordan Reserve	Class C	Class C	Local	15
24	Larpent Reserve	Class C	Class C	Local	15
25a	Lum Reserve East	n/a	Class C	Local	15
25b	Lum Reserve West	Class C	Class C	Local	15
26	Mayfield Park	Class C	Class C	Local	15
27	Meade (Clayton) Reserve	Class A	Class B	Local (turf)	15
28	Mount View Primary School	n/a	Class D	Local (school)	-
29	Mount Waverley Reserve	Class AA	Class A	District & Local (turf)	15
30a	Mulgrave Reserve (East)	Class A+	Class A	District & Local (turf on sand profile)	20
30b	Mulgrave Reserve (Middle & West)		Class C	Local	15
31a	Napier Park (West) Changerooms	Class C	Class D (baseball B diamond 2)	Local & District	15
31b	Napier Park (East) Social Pavilion	Class B	Class D (baseball A diamond 1)	District & Premier	20
31c	Napier Park (South -Dick Mason – 2 fields)	Class C	Class D (baseball C diamond 3)	Local & District	20
			Class D (baseball C diamond 4)	Local & District	20
32	Pinewood Reserve	Class C	Class B	Local & District (turf)	15

	Name of Sports Ground		Pavilion Classification	Sports Ground Classification	Level of Sport Played	Current Winter Capacity Hours (max recommended hrs per week)
33a	Princes Hwy Reserve East		Class D	Class C	Local	15
33b	Princes Hwy Reserve West		Class A	Class B	Local	20
34	Scotchmans Run Reserve		Class C	Class C	Local	15
35	Southern Reserve		Class D	Class C	Local	15
36	Tally Ho Reserve		Class C	Class C	Local	15
37	Warrawee Park		Class A (Wilkinson Pavilion)	Class A	Premier & District (turf)	15
			Class C (Grandstand)			
38	WA Scammell Reserve		Class A+	Class B	District & Local (turf)	15
39a	Waverley Women's Softball Centre	Diamond No. 1 (skinned)	Class A	Class D (softball lit diamond A)	Premier, District & Local	15
39b		Diamond No. 2 (skinned)		Class D (softball lit diamond A)	Premier	15
39c		Diamond No.9 (skinned)		Class D (softball diamond B)	Premier, District & Local	20
39d		Diamonds No. 3-8 & 10		Class D (softball diamond B)	District & Local	20
40	Wellington Reserve		Class C	Class C	Local & District	15
41	Wheeler's Hill	Secondary College	n/a	Class D (school)	Local (school)	-

*\*Classification to be reviewed following redevelopment in 2021-2022 and/or 2022-2023*

Legend	
	Class AA
	Class A
	Class B
	Class C
	Class D

#### Notes relevant to Table 4: Pavilion and Sports Ground Classifications:

1. A pavilion ratings (A, B, C or D) may change if the pavilion is redeveloped or upgraded. The upgraded pavilion rating will be adjusted accordingly at the beginning of each financial year.
2. A sports ground ratings (A, B, C or D) may change if the sports ground is redeveloped or upgraded (e.g. drainage and irrigation, drought resistant grass etc.). The rating of the upgraded sports ground will be adjusted accordingly at the beginning of each financial year.
3. 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 2019.
  - 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 between the winter tenants on a pro-rata basis using team numbers in submitted in year 1 of implementation of the new Active Monash Fees & Charges Policy.
  - c) This arrangement will be reviewed along with the review of sportsground maintenance costs every five years thereafter (or unless a split of the maximum capacity hours is mutually agreed by all winter tenants and/or the maximum winter capacity hours change due to ground improvements etc).
  - d) 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.

## 7. Active Monash Capital Works Priorities Framework

The [\*Active Monash Capital Works Priorities Framework\*](#) is a prioritisation model for identifying capital works priorities for the next 10+ years for the City of Monash sport and recreation assets (such as pavilions, sports lighting, *playgrounds* and sport and recreation infrastructure) by applying a transparent framework to rank projects in order of redevelopment priorities based on a clear and justifiable methodology.

### 7.1 Sports Ground Support Infrastructure and Sport Code Component Provision

Sports ground support infrastructure includes items such as playing field fencing, irrigation systems, floodlighting, scoreboards and training nets.

The establishment of support infrastructure standards for each sports ground grading level enable the identification of infrastructure gaps, programming of capital improvements and provide fair and transparent guidelines for potential infrastructure improvements based on providing facilities that are fit-for-purpose.

The range of facility components and support infrastructure varies within each level of the hierarchy of provision and within sporting codes. *Table 5: Sports Ground Support Infrastructure Standards* and *Table 6: Component Provision per Sporting Code* detail the proposed standard and range of components and infrastructure for each level of hierarchy that Council aspires for each sporting code.

It should be noted that some sporting facilities within Monash do not currently comply with these proposed components per hierarchy level. These standards are aspirational and where it is possible and feasible to do so, they will be used to help guide future infrastructure development.

### 7.2 Support infrastructure works priorities

Sports ground support infrastructure works will be assessed and ranked in order of priority for development in accordance with the *Active Monash's Capital Works Priorities Framework* and will endeavour to close gaps in provision standards and components as detailed in *Table 5 – Sports Ground Support Infrastructure Standards* and *Table 6: Component Provision per Sporting Code*

Capital works priorities, once identified, may be presented to Council for funding consideration as part of the annual capital works budget process. Delivery of capital works projects will be subject to Council budget adoption.

**Table 5: Sports Ground Support Infrastructure Standards (aspirational)**

<b>AMENITY COMPONENT</b>	<b>PREMIER CLASS A</b>	<b>DISTRICT CLASS B</b>	<b>LOCAL CLASS C</b>	<b>COMMENTS</b>
<b>Oval/pitch dimensions</b>	Recommended adult or junior sized playing field dimensions for 'state or national' standard competition as per <i>Sport Dimensions for Playing Areas</i> (2008) and recommendations by governing association or league.	Recommended adult or junior sized playing field dimensions for 'club' standard competition as per <i>Sport Dimensions for Playing Areas</i> (2008) and recommendations by governing association or league.	Recommended adult or junior sized playing field dimensions as per <i>Sport Dimensions for Playing Areas</i> (2008) and recommendations by governing association or league.	Some reserves have multiple ovals that may be classified at different levels e.g. Mulgrave Reserve east oval is Class B (turf wicket) and the middle and west ovals are Class C.
<b>Pavilion Classification</b>	Multi-Purpose Community Facility or General Sports Pavilion Maximum Footprint approx 600m <sup>2</sup>  Est. social space approx. 20% of footprint- approx. 120m <sup>2</sup>  Semi-commercial kitchen with oven, stove top, grease pit and range hood. Clubs to fund all non-essential, non-fixed appliances such as fridges, freezers, deep friers, microwaves, bain maries, coffee machines.	Multi-Purpose Community Facility or General Sports Pavilion Maximum Footprint approx 500m <sup>2</sup> Est. social space approx. 20% of footprint - approx. 100m <sup>2</sup>  Standard kitchen with domestic oven and stove top. Clubs to fund all non-essential, non-fixed appliances such as fridges, freezers, deep friers, microwaves, bain maries, coffee machines.	Basic Level Sports Pavilion Maximum Footprint approx 350m <sup>2</sup>  Est. social space approx. 20% of footprint – approx. 60m <sup>2</sup>  Basic kitchen domestic oven and stove top. Clubs to fund all non-essential, non-fixed appliances such as fridges, freezers, deep friers, microwaves, bain maries, coffee machines.	Pavilions that support multiple ovals e.g. Mulgrave Reserve should include an additional set change rooms and amenities.
<b>Sports Ground Maintenance Standards</b>	Standard A	Standard B	Standard C	Refer to Table 1

AMENITY COMPONENT	PREMIER CLASS A	DISTRICT CLASS B	LOCAL CLASS C	COMMENTS
<b>Drainage</b>	Must drain to remove surface water within a specified period/rain event. Ground accessible except in event of an extreme rain event e.g. 25mm in an hour	Ground accessible for play 90% of winter period, localised surface water can be expected	Expected that play may be cancelled during extended rain periods. Ground accessible 70% of winter	
<b>Irrigation</b>	Automatic system on central control including turf wicket and practice facilities Minimum requirements: DU >85%, CU >90%, SC <1.2	Automatic system on central control including turf wicket and practice facilities Minimum requirements: DU >85%, CU >90%, SC <1.2	Automatic system on central control Minimum requirements: DU >85%, CU >90%, SC <1.2	
<b>Floodlighting</b>	Refer <a href="#">Monash Sports Floodlighting Policy 2021</a>			
<b>Playing area boundary fencing</b>	Permanent chain wire fence where site allows. Temporary home run fence for baseball. Permanent back netting for baseball	Post and rail or none.	None or post and rail	Boundary fence 900mm high as recommended by AFL Preferred Facility Requirements. Higher fencing may be provided where protection or ball capture is required or where required by associations and leagues.
<b>Scoreboard</b>	Permanent standard scoreboard or scorers box	Temporary or permanent	Standard temporary/portable.	LED / electronic scoreboards to be fully funded and maintained by clubs
<b>Coaches boxes</b>	AFL – 2 x permanent Soccer/rugby – 2 x permanent at soccer/rugby reserves to accommodate 8 people	AFL – 2 x permanent Soccer/rugby – 2 x permanent at soccer/rugby reserves to accommodate 5 people	Optional	Soccer/rugby coaches boxes not to be installed on ovals where cricket or Australian Rules football is played. Dimensions and specifications to meet any requirements of governing leagues or associations

AMENITY COMPONENT	PREMIER CLASS A	DISTRICT CLASS B	LOCAL CLASS C	COMMENTS
<b>Spectator seating</b>	Grandstand seating for up to 500 spectators (where applicable / practicable) or bench seating adjacent to playing field for up to 50 spectators (where applicable / practicable)	2 x park bench type seats per oval adjacent to playing field	Optional	Spectator seating for Class A determined by anticipated crowds and standard of competition and if seating can be practicably accommodated. Not considered a high priority and is considered aspirational
<b>Player dugouts/seating (baseball)</b>	Permanent dugouts/seating	Not provided	Not provided	
<b>Turf Table</b>	Refer to <a href="#">Cricket Wicket Policy 2021</a>			
<b>Cricket wicket</b>				
<b>Turf Cricket Practice Nets</b>				
<b>Practice nets (cricket)</b>				
<b>Goal posts</b>	Soccer – aluminium only, senior size with net stand AFL – 12m goal, 6m point, aluminium only Rugby - aluminium only, junior and senior size	Soccer – aluminium only, senior size AFL – 8m goal, 4m point, aluminium only Rugby - aluminium only, junior and senior size	Soccer – aluminium only, junior and senior size AFL - 8m goal, 4m point, aluminium only Rugby - aluminium only, junior and senior size	
<b>Recommended turf type</b>	Warm season, winter oversow dependent on usage levels	Warm season, winter oversow dependent on usage levels	Warm season, winter oversow dependent on usage levels	
<b>Playing diamond &amp; pitcher's mound (baseball)</b>	Turf infield with full en-tout-cas or equivalent hard surface diamond. Permanent pitcher's mound.	Turf infield with en-tout-cas bases. Permanent pitcher's mound.	Turf infield with en-tout-cas bases. Temporary pitcher's mound.	
<b>Rubbish bin cage</b>	Chain mesh cage on concrete base with provision for 10 bins.	Chain mesh cage on concrete base with provision for 5 bins.	Not generally provided	Clubs may apply in writing for cages with provision for up to 20 bins with approval based on an assessment of the amount of waste generated.

Table 6: Component Provision per Sporting Code (aspirational)

Sporting Code	Component	Local (Class C)	District (Class B)	Premier (Class A)
Australian Rules Football	Oval	Standalone facility or training only venue – may not be full size	Full size oval (preferred 165m x 135m) Minimum (150m x 110m)	Full size oval 165m x 135m
	Drainage	Drainage system	Drainage system	Comprehensive drainage system
	Irrigation	Automatic irrigation	Automatic irrigation	Automatic irrigation
	Floodlighting (to comply with AS training levels)	Refer to <a href="#">Monash Sports Floodlighting Policy 2021</a>		
	Oval Fencing		Fencing with chain mesh in fill	Fencing with chain mesh in fill
	Scoreboard		Permanent scoreboard	Permanent scoreboard
	Coaches Boxes		2 x coach's boxes	2 x coach's boxes
	Seating	Seating around ground e.g park furniture	Seating around ground e.g park furniture	Terraces, seating or space for up to 100-400 spectators where practicable.
	Car Parking	Off street or on street car parking	Off street car parking for a minimum of 50 cars including disabled spaces.	Off street car parking for a minimum of 200 cars including disabled spaces where practicable.
Bicycle Parking	Bicycle parking racks or similar provided	Bicycle parking racks or similar provided	Bicycle parking racks or similar provided	
Cricket	Oval	Minimum 40m radius	Full size oval (preferred 60m radius – Min. 50m radius)	70m radius from centre wicket
	Irrigation	Automatic irrigation	Automatic irrigation	Automatic irrigation
	Drainage	Drainage System	Drainage System	Comprehensive drainage system
	Turf Table	Refer to <a href="#">Cricket Wicket Policy 2021</a>		
	Synthetic Pitch	Refer to <a href="#">Cricket Wicket Policy 2021</a> Cricket Vic recommended spec for concrete slab & synthetic wicket surface in the range of 25m-28m long and 2.4-2.8 wide.		
	Turf Practice Wicket	Refer to <a href="#">Cricket Wicket Policy 2021</a> Cricket Vic recommended spec for Turf Wickets are 20.12m long & 3.05 wide		
	Synthetic practice nets	Refer to <a href="#">Cricket Wicket Policy 2021</a>		
	Oval Fencing		Fencing with chain mesh in fill	Fencing with chain mesh in fill
	Scoreboard		Permanent scoreboard	Permanent scoreboard
Seating	Seating around ground e.g. park furniture	Seating around ground e.g. park furniture	Terraces, seating or space for up to 100-400 spectators where practicable.	



	Component	Local (Class C)	District (Class B)	Premier (Class A)
	Car Parking	Off street or on street car parking	Off street car parking for a minimum of 30 cars including disabled spaces.	Off street car parking for a minimum of 50 cars including disabled spaces.
	Bicycle Parking	Bicycle parking racks or similar provided	Bicycle parking racks or similar provided	Bicycle parking racks or similar provided
Baseball	No. of Fields	One field suitable for seniors and juniors	Two fields suitable for seniors or juniors	Minimum two fields suitable for seniors with no overlap in the outfield
	Irrigation	Automatic irrigation	Automatic irrigation	Automatic irrigation
	Drainage	Drainage system	Drainage system	Drainage system
	Nets	Permanent back nets behind each field	Permanent back nets behind each field	Permanent back nets behind each field
	Home Run Fence			May have temporary home run fence
	Player Dugouts	Permanent player dug outs	Permanent player dug outs	Permanent player dug outs for minimum two fields
	Spectator Seating			Seating around ground e.g. park furniture
	Flood lighting	Refer to <a href="#">Monash Sports Floodlighting Policy 2021</a>		
	Car Parking			Off street car parking for a minimum of 40 cars including disabled spaces.
	Bicycle Parking			Bicycle parking provided
	Reserve Fencing			Only if there are safety issues
Rugby Union & League	No of Fields	1 x Field	1 x Field	2 x Fields
	Irrigation	Automatic irrigation	Automatic irrigation	Automatic irrigation
	Drainage	Drainage system	Drainage system	Drainage system
	Flood lighting	Refer to <a href="#">Monash Sports Floodlighting Policy 2021</a>		
	Coaches Box		2 permanent shelters	2 permanent shelters on main field
	Scoreboard		Permanent scoreboard	Permanent scoreboard
	Spectator Seating		Seating around ground e.g. park furniture	Seating around ground e.g. park furniture
	Car Parking		Off street car parking for a minimum of 50 cars including disabled spaces.	Off street car parking for a minimum of 50 cars including disabled spaces.
	Reserve Fencing			Only if there are safety issues
Bicycle Parking		Bicycle parking racks or similar provided	Bicycle parking racks or similar provided	
Soccer	No of Fields (per Reserve)	One field, either senior or junior	Minimum two senior pitches	Minimum three /four fields

Component	Local (Class C)	District (Class B)	Premier (Class A)
<b>Irrigation</b>	Automatic irrigation	Automatic irrigation	Automatic irrigation
<b>Drainage</b>	Drainage system	Drainage system	Drainage system
<b>Floodlighting</b> (to comply with Australian Standards)	Refer to <a href="#">Monash Sports Floodlighting Policy 2021</a>		
<b>Field Fencing</b>	None	Post and rail fencing for main field only	Post and rail fence with chain mesh infill for main field. Also fencing to separate players, referees races from spectators. Post and rail fence for second field. Other fields unfenced.
<b>Reserve Fencing</b>			Main field and associated facilities to be fenced.
<b>Coaches Box</b>		2 permanent shelters on main field if ground not shared with cricket	2 permanent shelters on main field and second field
<b>Scoreboard</b>	Temporary scoreboard	Permanent scoreboard	Permanent scoreboard
<b>Spectator Seating</b>		Seating around ground e.g. park furniture	Seating around ground e.g. park furniture Fixed tiered seating for between 100 – 400 spectators.
<b>Car Parking</b>		Off street car parking for a minimum of 50 cars including disabled spaces.	Off street car parking for a minimum of 50 cars including disabled spaces.
<b>Bicycle Parking</b>	Bicycle parking racks or similar provided	Bicycle parking racks or similar provided	Bicycle parking racks or similar provided

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