

Shorten and Barrett Reserve Master Plan Update

Community Update
25 June 2025



*We acknowledge that we are on
the traditional lands of the Kulin
Nation. We offer our respect to
Elders of these traditional lands,
and through them to all
Aboriginal and Torres Strait
Islander peoples past, present
and emerging.*

Acknowledgement of Country

- Welcome and apologies
- Master Plan progress update
- User group transition plans
- Communications
- Next Steps
- Questions

The purpose of this session is to;

- Provide a quarterly update to all stakeholders of Shorten and Barrett Reserves & interested community members on the progress of the masterplan implementation.
- This includes RecWest leisure centre & Shorten & Barrett Reserve improvements.



Scope Inclusions

- Playing field
135x100mt
- Upgraded pavilion
- RecWest facility with
2 courts, Scouts and
public toilets
- Picnic & BBQ facilities
- Café
- New playground
- New Cricket nets
- Electronic scoreboard
- Plaza event space

Adopted Master Plan 2024

- Approved Market Street road closure.
- Tender Stage 1 demolition & civil works to be awarded 22nd July 2025.
- Progressed design on RecWest Leisure Centre & Shorten Reserve Pavilion.



Since last meeting

Actions	Projected Timing
Finalise transition plans	July 2025
RecWest closure	01 September 2025
Community event prior to RecWest demolition	Early September
Shorten and Barrett Reserve closure	15 September 2025
Commence Stage 1 earthworks and demolition	TBA with contractor
Tender for Stage 2 Design and construct contractor	November/December 2025
Stage 2 construction commences (TBC)	May/June 2026
Project completion	December 2027

Project Schedule



Key building features;

- 2 x sports courts
- Gymnasium
- Scout facilities
- Café
- Activity rooms
- Public toilets
- Changing places facilities

Artist impression shown

Design progression RecWest



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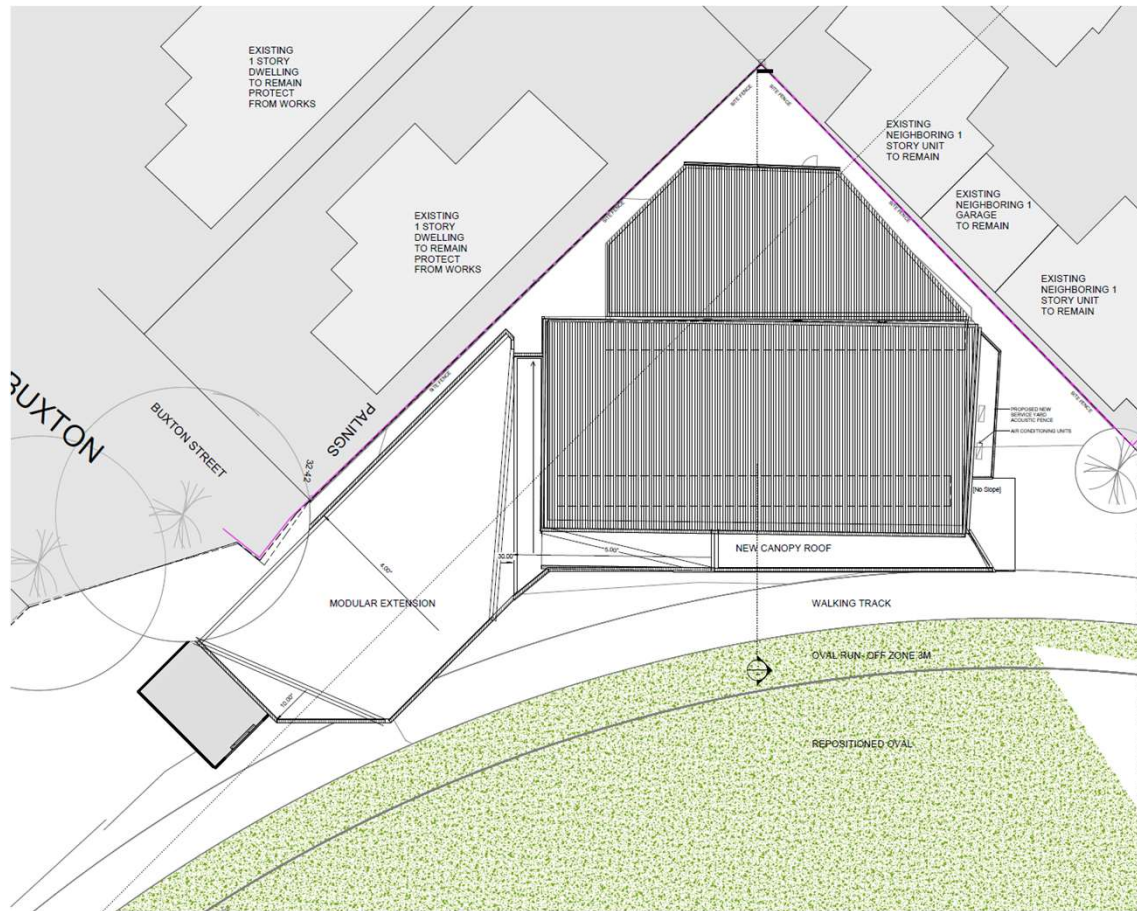
- Upgraded Services
- Internal fit out
- Building aesthetics and social spaces



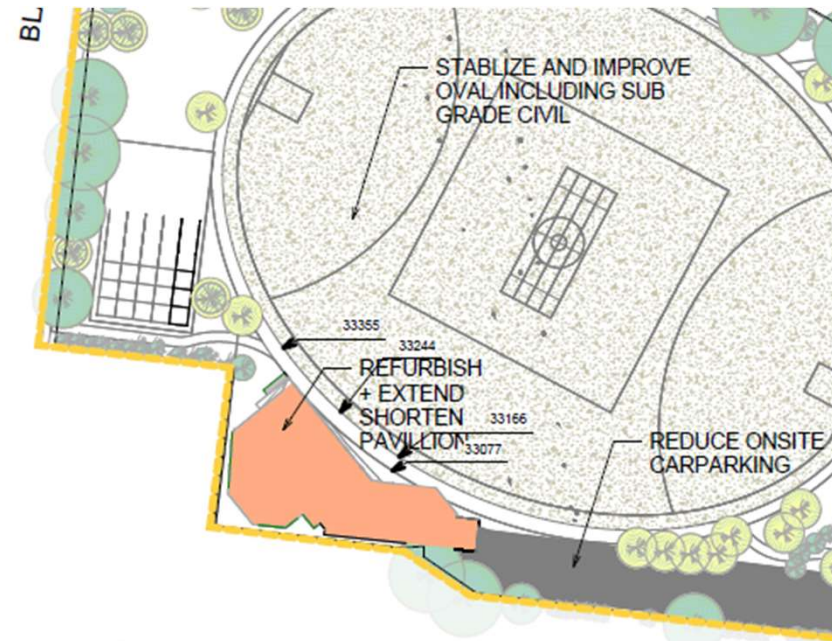
Design progression Shorten Pavilion



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Stakeholder	Status	Stakeholder	Status
West Footscray Football Club	●	Zetseat Ethiopia Church	●
Druids Cricket Club	●	Apostolic Church	●
10 th Footscray Scouts	●	Australian Vietnamese Womens Association	●
Westside Roller Derby	●	Casual court bookings	●
Westgate Basketball Association	●	Laneway Church	●
Gym users	●	Beyond Disability Services	●
Kumon	●	Footscray Probus	●
Slow Food Farmers' market	●		

Status	Code
Not Started	●
Underway	●
Complete	●

Transition Planning

Community information sessions

Date	Time	Location
25 June 2025	6:30 pm	RecWest, West Footscray
24 September 2025	6:30 pm	Venue TBC
10 December 2025	6:30 pm	Venue TBC
25 March 2026	6:30 pm	Venue TBC
24 June 2026	6:30 pm	Venue TBC

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RecWest and Shorten Reserve

Shorten and Barrett Reserves are municipal reserves in West Footscray with open space, sporting facilities, a playspace, scout facilities and RecWest Footscray.

In June 2025, Council resolved to close part of Market Street in West Footscray, which will enable the implementation of the endorsed Shorten and Barrett Reserves Master Plan.

The Master Plan, endorsed in August 2024, includes a cycleable plaza, a senior cricket compliant sized oval, new cricket nets, an improved playground and a second indoor court in a new RecWest Centre. It also includes a framework for ongoing development at the reserve.

As part of the project, we will be keeping the community updated with regular information sessions and information on this page.

Next information session

Time: 6:00 PM
Date: 25 June 2025
Venue: RecWest, West Footscray
Location: Cnr Essex and Market St, West Footscray VIC 3012

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Related Information

[Shorten and Barrett Reserve Master Plan 2024](#)

Project/Works	Status
New RecWest Footscray facility	Procurement
Shorten Reserve Upgrade	Procurement
Cricket Nets	Planning
Playground Upgrade	Planning



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Questions