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Dear Darebin resident,

Re: Increasing the provision of netball courts in Darebin – a State Government election commitment

Council is getting ready to deliver on the Andrew's Labour Government election promise to deliver 64 competition ready netball courts across inner-Melbourne.

Darebin was chosen as a priority local government area to increase the number of netball courts along with Melbourne, Yarra and Moreland. As part of this funding commitment Council plans to deliver new courts and upgrade existing facilities across several sites in our municipality over the coming years. In 2016 / 2017 sites planned for construction of courts are Northcote High School, J.E. Moore Park (Reservoir), and J.C. Donath Reserve (Reservoir). All courts will be constructed with high quality plexi-pave surfaces and fitted with sports lighting and appropriate fencing. Courts can also be line marked to ensure they are multi-purpose and are able to accommodate other sports, such as tennis. It is anticipated that courts at the three sites above will be operational by the end of June 2017.

This project will increase opportunities for our communities to participate in sport and recreation, particularly women and children. The current netball participation rate in Darebin is 0.70%, which is significantly less than both the national (2.1%) and state (2.3%) participation rates. This is directly linked to the current shortage of courts in Darebin.

Have your say

We would like to hear from you about the plans and designs for construction of these courts. Please come along to one of the following consultation sessions to share your views and talk to Council's project officers:

- 6:00pm – 7:00pm on Monday 12th September, J.E. Moore Park Reservoir
- 6:00pm – 7:00pm on Tuesday 13th September, Northcote High School
- 6:00pm – 7:00pm on Thursday 15th September, J.C. Donath Reserve Reservoir

Alternatively you can email your comments to leisure@darebin.vic.gov.au.

The feedback period will close on **Tuesday 20 September**, so we look forward to receiving your comments and feedback by this date.

Attached is the plan for the facility near you. Information and plans for the other two projects are available on our website via Darebin.vic.gov.au/netballcourts. We have also included a Frequently Asked Question document for your reference (please turn over).

Yours sincerely,

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Frequently Asked Questions

How long will construction take?

Council aims to commence construction by the end of 2016; and complete construction by mid - 2017.

When will the courts be operational?

It is anticipated that courts will be available for use by September 2017.

Can the courts be used for sports other than netball?

Yes, the courts can be line marked to accommodate for other sports such as tennis.

Can I still go for a walk on the oval during construction?

Yes, you will still be able to walk, run and play on the ovals and open space as per usual. However the actual construction area will be fenced off and out of bounds during construction.

How bright will the netball court lighting be?

The court lighting will be constructed to Australian Standards for light spill, meaning impact on surrounding residences is very minimal. The lights will be covered where possible to ensure the lowest possible light spill.

How can I make a booking to use the netball courts when they become operational?

Bookings for the netball courts can be made through Darebin Leisure Services by calling 8470 8305 or emailing leisure@darebin.vic.gov.au

How can I get involved in a netball club who plays at these courts?

When the courts are operational Council and Netball Victoria will work with the community to establish opportunities for new netball teams, competitions and programs such as Net Set Go. Keep an eye out for more information over the coming months or contact Darebin Leisure Services to register your interest.

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