



Central Park Changeroom Redevelopment

Creating Inclusive, Accessible and Fit-for-Purpose Community Sport Facilities

Challenges and Opportunities

Central Park Recreation Reserve is one of Greater Shepparton's busiest sporting hubs, supporting football, netball, cricket and all-abilities sport for hundreds of participants each year.

However, the existing changeroom facilities no longer meet contemporary standards for accessibility, inclusion or participation. The absence of dedicated female-friendly, gender-inclusive and all-abilities facilities creates barriers for women, girls and people with disability and limits the reserve's ability to meet growing community demand.

The redevelopment presents an opportunity to deliver modern, inclusive infrastructure that supports participation for all users and ensures the reserve remains fit for purpose for future generations. Council's project prioritisation process identified the redevelopment as one of its highest-priority community infrastructure projects.

Project Snapshot

Item	Details
Total Project Cost	\$2.12 million
Location	Central Park Recreation Reserve
Sports Supported	Football, netball, cricket, all-abilities sport and umpires
Key Beneficiaries	Women and girls, people with disability, sporting clubs and community users
Outcome	Modern, accessible and inclusive changeroom facilities

Investment Ask

Greater Shepparton City Council is seeking **\$2.12 million in Victorian Government funding** to complete the redevelopment of the Central Park Recreation Reserve changeroom facilities.

The project will deliver modern, accessible and inclusive infrastructure that meets current sporting standards and supports the future growth of community sport.

Key Outcomes

This investment will deliver:

- Four gender-inclusive changerooms.
- Dedicated umpire facilities.
- Fully accessible all-abilities amenities.
- DDA-compliant sporting infrastructure.
- Improved facilities for players, officials and visitors.
- Increased participation opportunities for women, girls and people with disability.
- Enhanced capacity to support community sport and events.

Economic Benefits

The project will:

- Support local jobs during construction.
- Create opportunities for local contractors and suppliers.
- Increase utilisation of an important community sporting asset.
- Support local events and community activity.
- Deliver a long-term community asset with ongoing value.

Why This Matters

Everyone deserves access to safe, inclusive and accessible sporting facilities. Modern changerooms are critical to supporting participation growth, particularly among women, girls and people with disability.

The Central Park Changeroom Redevelopment will remove barriers to participation, improve accessibility and ensure one of Greater Shepparton's most heavily used sporting reserves can continue to meet the needs of a growing and diverse community.

Call to Action

Greater Shepparton City Council is seeking Victorian Government support to deliver the Central Park Changeroom Redevelopment and provide inclusive, accessible facilities that support participation, wellbeing and community connection.

This investment will help ensure community sport remains welcoming, accessible and available to everyone.

Candidate Commitment

- Support funding for the Central Park Changeroom Redevelopment.
- Support inclusive and accessible community sport infrastructure.
- Support facilities that encourage participation, wellbeing and community connection.

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Modern and inclusive changeroom facilities are essential to ensuring everyone feels welcome and supported to participate in community sport, regardless of age, gender or ability.”

STEWART COOK

President - Shepparton East Football Netball Club

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The GV Stars is an all-abilities Australian Rules football team and Central Park is our home base. Accessible changerooms will not only elevate the sport experience for our team and visiting teams but also increase participation.”

DARREN COOK

President
– GV Stars



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