



I, Councillor Louise Crawford, give notice that I intend to move the Motion outlined below at the Ordinary Meeting of Council on 02 November 2022:

That Council:-

1. Requests officers to investigate options to expeditiously and cost effectively provide additional change and umpire room infrastructure at Elwood Reserve to cater for growth and better support participation by women and girls in sport while longer-term infrastructure requirements are addressed through the Elwood Foreshore Masterplan (currently under development).

Supporting Information

The clubs at Elwood Reserve are growing and the current pavilion doesn't have enough or appropriate facilities to match this growth. There are several clubs on the site and it is becoming more difficult to share the facilities.

Elwood Reserve is home to six clubs utilizing four sports fields, shared pavilion and change facilities. There are over 1400 players participating in club sports throughout winter and summer. Clubs include:

Winter Clubs

1. Elwood Soccer Club
2. St Kevins GAC
3. St Kilda Celts Soccer Club
4. St Kilda City Junior Football Club

Summer Clubs

5. Elwood Cricket Club
6. Touch Rugby

Clubs are experiencing growth in participation numbers, particularly by girls and women. The higher participation and usage mean that the pavilion/ change rooms are no longer meeting the needs with clubs facing the following issues:

- Change Rooms:
 - o There are four change rooms in the pavilion that are used across codes, seniors and juniors, and sexes.
 - o Cross over of codes is creating problems, as there is limited access and moving from one game/code to another heightens safety and personal property risks. Particularly when senior/junior or male/female teams are requiring access at the same/similar time.
- The Umpire's Room:
 - o There is one room with a change area with toilet and shower. It can only be used by one person at a time and is not a unisex facility.
 - o Any game can have between 1-4 umpires dependant on the code and multiple fields may be used at any given time.

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The limitations at the pavilion are resulting in child safety concerns and limitations on access for all (particularly growth in participation from women and girls).

While facility expansion to support increased participation by women and girls participation has been identified in the draft Elwood Foreshore Masterplan, delivery of this would likely be five or more years away. In the interim, there is an opportunity to place temporary infrastructure at the site to better cater for current growth and better support participation by women and girls.

There have been great advancements in the development of modular, prefabricated, fit for purpose, and complaint facilities of a portable or semi-permanent nature. The visual amenity of these facilities is much improved on earlier versions and customisable in terms of paint colours and other features. Construction costs, timeframes, and site disruption can be drastically reduced compared to traditional construction methods.

The indicative cost for purchase and installation of such portable infrastructure is \$450,000 including two change rooms, two referee rooms, toilets, showers, and plumbing. These would have a life of 10 plus years and be relocatable or able to be sold. Other options such as hire of temporary, and construction of semi-permanent facilities should also be considered. Permits and changes to lease as well as potential to attract funding should also be investigated.