



Capital Works Project Proposal

Wadsworth Field

Baseball Practice Facilities Upgrade

August 2017



3D Artist Impression of the proposed baseball practice facility upgrade

Proposed Works

Stonnington Council is seeking community feedback in relation to the upgrade of baseball practice facilities at Wadsworth Field – Sir Zelman Cowan Park - Kooyong. A Draft Concept Plan and 3D artist impressions have been prepared and we would like your feedback on the proposal. The proposed upgrade will consolidate existing training facilities and provide enhanced training and game day experiences for baseball participants.

The upgraded baseball practice facilities will include:

- Two enclosed batting cages with lighting;
- Consolidated pitching and hitting mounds;
- Improved player, pedestrian and spectator safety;
- Incorporated storage within the design to consolidate equipment and ease game day logistics; and
- Crushed rock and concrete bases for the cage and bullpen.

The works will include:

- Demolition and removal of the existing facilities;
- Upgrade practice facilities to meet Baseball Facility Standards;
- Upgrade lighting levels within the batting cage to meet Australian Standards;
- Reposition / align the practice facilities connecting the existing player dugout and playing surface; and
- Construction of two batting cages and enclosure the pitching and hitting mounds.

Frequently Asked Questions

Why is an upgrade of the practice facilities being considered?

The current practice facilities are in poor condition and the existing layout poses safety concerns for pedestrians and players. Pedestrian safety and improving OH&S in relation to game day movement of equipment makes the revised layout much safer for park users and players alike.

Where will the upgraded facilities be built?

The new practice facilities are proposed to be built in the same location with a footprint connecting the field from the player dugout along the fence line. The upgraded practice facilities will be larger (approximately 200m²) owing to the additional batting cage, storage and consolidation of the pitching and hitting mounds.

What are the benefits of upgraded practice facilities?

- Safer pedestrian access around the practice facilities,
- Consolidation of facilities and open training spaces,
- The additional batting cage will support greater integration of baseball teams for training,
- Improve game day OH&S and connection with the field,
- Enhance player retention and recruitment,
- Improve aesthetics; and,
- Support Council's Recreation Strategy priorities – quality and accessible facilities and equitable provision of those facilities.

What is the proposed timeframe for considering the draft concept design?

Community consultation commences **Monday 14 August and ends Sunday 03 September 2017**. All feedback received during the consultation period will be used to guide a decision on the proposal.

How to have your say!

For more information and to have your say on the project proposal please visit connectstonnington.vic.gov.au/wadsworthbaseballfacilities to complete an online survey and view the draft concept design.

Feedback and outcomes from the consultation will be posted on Connect Stonnington. For more information on the project please contact Recreation Services at recreationservices@stonnington.vic.gov.au or call **8290 1209**.



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