

# Morris Mundy Reserve upgrade

## Frequently Asked Questions

### Why is the Morris Mundy sports court being upgraded?

The City has received a number of requests from community members for a larger court at Morris Mundy Reserve. The new table tennis tables being installed on the existing court and the new multi-purpose sports court will provide more recreational opportunities for the community.

The project is just one of the actions identified in the City's Community Recreation Facilities Plan 2019-33 that was endorsed by Council in July 2019.

### How is the City keeping the community informed about the project?

The City's **Peninsula magazine** is one of the City's main channels for communicating with residents. This magazine is distributed to every household and business in the City. An article about the project was included in the January 2021 edition of Peninsula magazine.

The City's **website** is also updated on a regular basis with information about projects, services and programs. Information about this project is also available on the City's website.

In addition, the City sends a fortnightly **eNewsletter** to approximately 12,000 subscribers and regular updates will be included about this project once construction starts. You can sign up for the eNewsletter via the [website](#).

Residents in the immediate vicinity of Morris Mundy Reserve will receive a notification letter in February and a follow up letter will be sent with further details about the construction prior to the work commencement date.

**Signs** will be erected on site prior to start of the works to inform people who use the Reserve.

### What steps has the City taken to limit the impact of the new court on surrounding residents?

The City considered potential noise impact from basketball play as part of the design process for the upgrades and a number of measures are being taken to limit noise impact:

1. Locating the new basketball ring as far away from residents as possible. The constraints of the reserve including the steep hills, the AFL goal posts, trees and drainage infrastructure were all considered as part of the design
2. Ensuring the basketball ring is more than 40 metres away from the nearest residential property boundary. The current basketball ring is 14 metres from the nearest property boundary; the City will remove the current, ageing ring to make way for the new table tennis tables
3. Limiting night time use of the court by not installing additional lighting
4. Installing a 600mm high planting strip so that headlights from the car park can't light up the court at night
5. Having two thirds of the new court dedicated to netball, a quieter game with reduced ball bouncing, and locating the netball facilities closer to residents than the basketball facilities to further limit noise.
6. An 8mm wide planting buffer will be installed between the court and the car park to deter dogs from the court. Bollards will be removed and replaced with a path.

### **Why is the new court being installed closer to the car park rather than just replacing the court in its current location?**

The current court location is constrained by a steep hill, the AFL goal posts and drainage infrastructure, which does not leave enough space for a larger court. The existing court is also close to residential properties. The selected location places the basketball ring as far away from residents as possible.

### **Will balls hit the parked cars in the car park?**

The new court will be approximately 10 metres away from the car park and set at a lower level so that stray balls roll back towards the court. The netball goals and basketball rings will be located on the far side of the court from the car park so that balls will primarily be aimed away from the car park.

### **Will the court be used for official organised games?**

No, the court will continue to be for informal play only.

### **Will I still be able to use Morris Mundy Reserve while the court is under construction?**

Yes, the majority of the reserve will remain open throughout the works, with only small sections fenced off.

There will be some noise and traffic impacts at certain phases of construction which will be managed by a construction management plan, prepared and implemented to minimise the overall impact of the works.

### **When will the new court be installed?**

Works are expected to begin within the next two months and will take approximately three months to complete. During construction, there will be periods of inactivity at the site as time will be required for the concrete and surface treatment to set.

