

## 5.5 The future needs of Volleyball facilities in Victoria

### What are the facility needs of Volleyball?

The following facility needs were identified by volleyball affiliates and facility managers.

The capital cost of constructing indoor stadiums has risen rapidly over the past 15 years. Partnering with local government and other indoor sports will be important to gain access to more courts to grow the game.

Most volleyball affiliates need to gain increased access through either expanding current facilities or developing new facilities to cater for the current unmet demand and/or projected growth in participation. Key facility shortfalls and issues raised by clubs and associations were:

- Court space of existing facilities is utilised to capacity in peak times. Prioritised access for Volleyball on new courts developed is required to grow participation programs.
- Inadequate spectator seating or spectator seating located in unsafe locations. There is a need to consider the speed of spikes and serves.
- Inadequate café/ function spaces. Providing these facilities, together with appropriate change rooms and amenities will make it more attractive to families to play.
- Single courts are not viable for competitions and/or tournaments. Seek access to facilities with two or more courts.
- Associations are seeking greater control over facilities, especially in relation to facility costs.
- A large percentage of participants travel to venues by car resulting in the need for sufficient car parking at venues.

### A call to action!

Volleyball affiliates seek Volleyball Victoria to be active advocates for access to more and better volleyball facilities.

Volleyball affiliates reported that planned facility upgrades to existing facilities and the development of three new facilities in the next two-years which will provide an additional 13 new courts that will be available for volleyball use. Further, securing access to courts in the new school facilities being constructed in growth areas in Casey, Hume, Wyndham and Whittlesea, would be suitable for volleyball use.



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**THE KEY FACILITY ISSUE WAS ACCESS TO COURT SPACE IN PEAK TIMES**

**CALL FOR VOLLEYBALL VICTORIA TO ADVOCATE FOR MORE AND BETTER FACILITIES**

## 6. THE FUTURE OF VOLLEYBALL IN VICTORIA

### What does the future of Volleyball look like in Victoria?

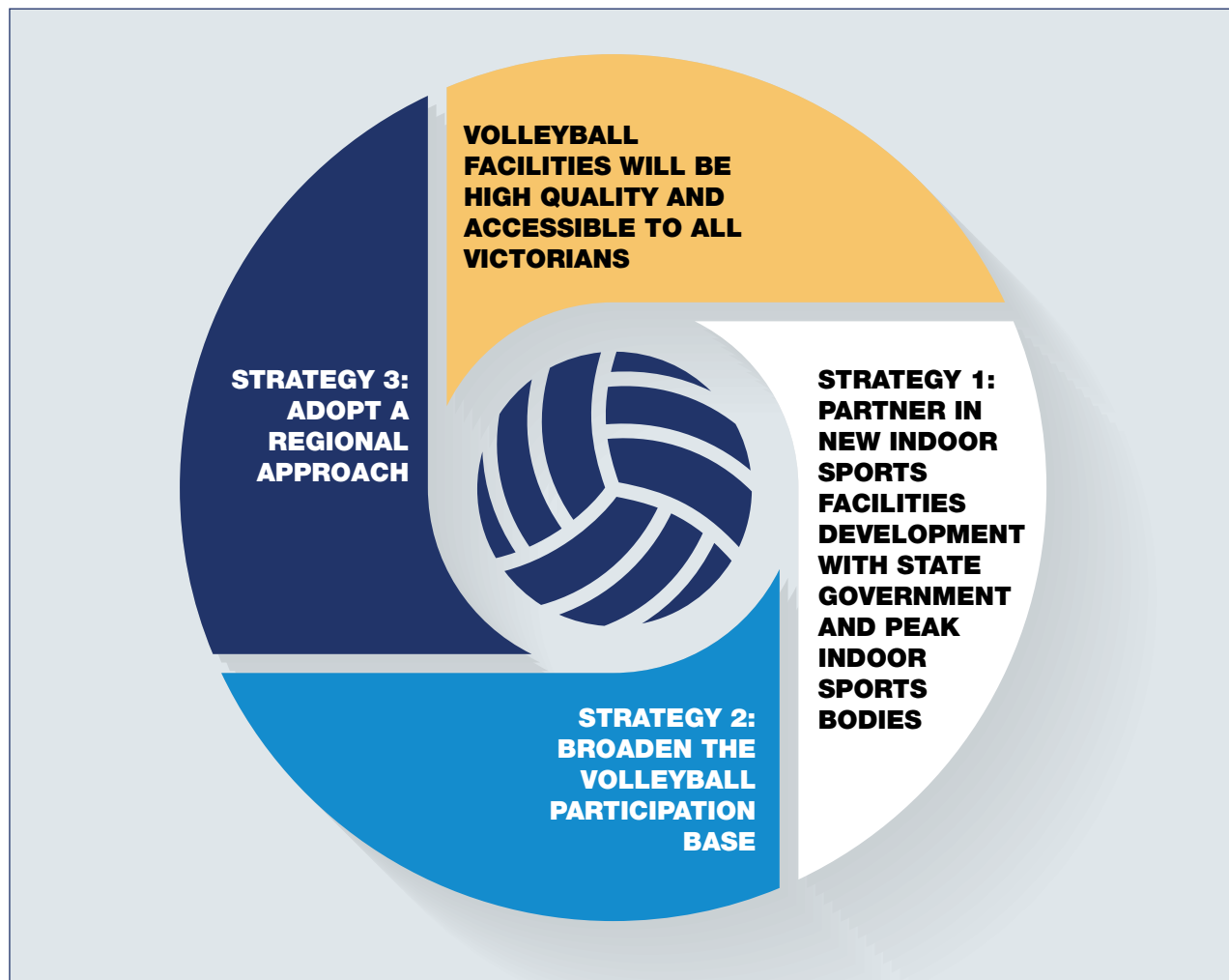
#### 6.1 Vision

Volleyball facilities will be high quality and accessible to all Victorians.

Volleyball affiliates and facility operators will welcome all ages, abilities, genders and cultures to family friendly places that are universally designed.

A regional network of facilities will support sector development initiatives including the rapid roll out of new participation pathway programs – Spikezone.

#### 6.2 How will we do this?



## 7. STRATEGY 1: PARTNER IN NEW INDOOR SPORTS FACILITIES DEVELOPMENT

**Volleyball participation will grow with new Volleyball facilities in Victoria's growth areas.**

### 7.1 Action 1: Partner in the development of new indoor sports facilities in growth areas

Volleyball Victoria be an active participant in planning processes for indoor sports facilities. This means being a seat at the table and playing an active role and engaged in the development of new indoor sports facility projects, providing data, information and advocacy for volleyball into these processes.

Partner with other indoor sports including basketball, netball, badminton and table tennis and local government to secure access to courts at peak times to accommodate participation growth. This should be a feature of future foundation or access agreements for new indoor sports centres where volleyball is part of the project.

Identify key indoor sports centre project proposals in high growth areas and where there is limited access to facilities and sports courts for volleyball and participate as a genuine partner and future user. This may mean creating new Associations, competitions or programs in these areas.

Target areas with limited access to facilities but high populations in the children and young adult age brackets (high volleyball participation age groups).

The following Local Government Authorities should be prioritised:

#### Metropolitan Melbourne

- Hume City Council – There are four indoor sports facility projects earmarked in Hume to service the growth

areas north of Craigieburn and east of Sunbury. These include a four to eight-court facility in Merrifield Park; additional courts at Craigieburn Stadium; a six-court facility in Lancefield Station Hub; and four-court facility in Redstone Hill.

- Wyndham City Council – The current regional indoor sports facility, Eagle Stadium, has reached capacity at peak times. Council is considering another major indoor sports facility in Tarneit.
- Casey City Council – A new major indoor sports stadium is planned in the Clyde Urban Growth Area. The stadium will complement the use at Casey Stadium in Cranbourne.
- Melton City Council – A new five court indoor sports stadium is proposed for Toolern with planning and design work to commence in 2018/19.

#### Regional Victoria

- City of Greater Geelong – There are three indoor sports stadiums proposed in the Armstrong Creek Growth Corridor as part of new school developments. The planning and design for these sports stadiums are underway.
- Surf Coast Shire Council – The Surf Coast Indoor Sports Stadium project was recently funded by State and Federal Government. Detailed design is now underway.

Develop an advocacy plan for volleyball access to new sports courts in new or proposed indoor sport facilities for growth areas in metropolitan Melbourne and regional cities.

**Lead:** Volleyball Victoria

**Partner:** Local Government/State Government

**Timeframe:** Medium Term (3 to 5 years)





## 7.2 Action 2: Establish new or expand existing affiliates in growth areas and those areas without access to Volleyball competition

Resource the establishment of new affiliates in growth areas and those areas of Victoria without access to volleyball competition.

This position will launch and operate the volleyball competition and programs at new volleyball facilities. It will involve developing the membership base and capacity building for this community to eventually run the competition, programs and facility.

In addition to the metropolitan growth areas listed above, the following Local Government Authorities should be prioritised:

### Metropolitan Melbourne

- Monash City Council – The new Oakleigh Recreation Centre features volleyball use in the business case and would provide a sub-regional facility to the west of the Metropolitan Eastern Region.
- Knox City Council – The Knox Regional Sports Park includes the State Basketball Stadium. A master plan supports increasing the six-court stadium to ten courts and could support unmet demand in the Metropolitan Eastern Region.
- Stonnington City Council – The proposed Stonnington Indoor Sports Stadium in Malvern East features four courts and volleyball use in the business case and would provide a sub-regional facility to the south of the Metropolitan Inner South East Region.

Four new courts are also planned and designed at the Sandringham Family Leisure Centre.

- Banyule City Council – The proposed La Trobe University Sports Stadium features volleyball use in the business case and would provide increased capacity for Metropolitan Northern Region.

- Banyule City Council also proposes to expand the Banyule NETS Stadium and partnering with the Montmorency Secondary College and Department of Education and Training on expanding the school stadium.
- Nillumbik Shire Council – The master plan for Diamond Valley Sport and Fitness Centre supports additional courts at the already recognised regional stadium in the Melbourne Northern Region.
- Darebin City Council – The master plan for John Cain Memorial Park includes a new Darebin Multi-Sport Stadium featuring three courts for netball and other indoor sports and could support unmet demand in the Metropolitan Northern Region.
- Frankston City Council – A new indoor sports stadium at Jubilee Park Sporting Precinct is proposed, expanding the existing two court stadium to six courts. The business case supports volleyball use and could support unmet demand in the Metropolitan Southern Region.
- Hobson Bay City Council – A feasibility study for the Altona Sports Centre supports a four-court expansion to meet future indoor sports demands in the Metropolitan Western Region
- Melbourne City Council – A four court stadium is proposed at Princes Park in Carlton and could serve the Metropolitan Indoor Region.

Funding is provided proposed for the redevelopment of the Kensington Community Centre that will feature three multi-sport courts.



## Regional Victoria

- Macedon Ranges Shire Council – The proposed Macedon Ranges Regional Sports Hub features volleyball use in the business case and would provide a sub-regional facility in the Loddon Campaspe Region.
- Ballarat City Council – The new Ballarat Sport and Entertainment Centre will be a regional facility for all indoor sports in the Central Highlands Region. The project is now being constructed.
- Horsham City Council – A business case supports a proposed Wimmera Sports Stadium that will feature three multi-sport courts and could serve the Wimmera Southern Mallee Region.
- Mildura Rural City Council – A business case supports a proposed Mildura South Regional Sporting Precinct that will feature six multi-sport sports and could serve the Mallee Region.
- Shepparton City Council – The Shepparton Sports Stadium is central to the Goulburn Region and presents an opportunity for volleyball to establish a regional competition.
- Wangaratta City Council – A new basketball stadium is proposed at Wangaratta High School that could serve the Ovens Murray Region.
- Wodonga City Council – Funding has been received to construct a two-court stadium at Wodonga Secondary College for school and community use and could serve the Ovens Murray Region.

**Lead:** Volleyball Victoria

**Partner:** Volleyball Affiliates/Local Government

**Timeframe:** Medium Term (0 to 2 years)

## 7.3 Action 3: Partner in the development of Volleyball new indoor sports facilities in areas of Victoria without access to volleyball facilities

Volleyball Victoria be an active participant in planning processes for indoor sports facilities in areas where there is no access to facilities for volleyball. Partner with other indoor sports including basketball, netball, badminton and table tennis and local government to secure access to courts at peak times to accommodate participation growth.



The following Local Government Authorities should be prioritised:

### Metropolitan Melbourne

- Wyndham City Council
- Casey City Council
- Hume City Council
- Melton City Council
- City of Greater Geelong
- Surf Coast Shire Council
- Monash City Council
- Knox City Council
- Stonnington City Council
- Banyule City Council
- Nillumbik Shire Council
- Darebin City Council
- Frankston City Council
- Hobson Bay City Council
- Melbourne City Council

### Regional Victoria

- Macedon Ranges Shire Council
- Ballarat City Council
- Horsham Shire Council
- Mildura Rural City Council
- Shepparton City Council
- Wangaratta City Council
- Wodonga City Council

**Lead:** Volleyball Victoria

**Partner:** Local Government / State Government

**Timeframe:** Short Term (0 to 2 years)

## 8. STRATEGY 2: BROADEN THE VOLLEYBALL PARTICIPATION BASE

**Volleyball affiliates and facility operators will welcome all ages, abilities, genders and cultures to family friendly places that are universally designed.**

### 8.1 Action 1: Secure access to courts for new Volleyball participation programs

Provide increased access to indoor sports courts for promoting and implementing new participation programs aimed at broadening the participation base for volleyball.

Provide access to facilities for new participation programs that respond to the reasons why players stop participating and lead motivations for people playing sport – physical health or fitness, fun/enjoying and social reasons will maintain and retain participation. The success of the programs should be to retain players beyond the 13 to 19-year age group or encouraging lapsed participants to return to play.

**Lead:** Volleyball Victoria/Local Government  
**Partner:** Volleyball Affiliates/State Government  
**Timeframe:** Long Term (5 to 10 years)

### 8.2 Action 2: Establish new beach volleyball sites

Take advantage of the growing popularity in Beach Volleyball. This is an opportunity for volleyball. Providing facilities in high population areas linked to Associations and associated services/facilities will feed this growth.

A new beach site on the Surf Coast should be explored, together with supporting the Inverloch beach site and St Kilda beach site competitions and programs.

Partner with regional affiliated Associations and Local Government Authorities in major townships on coastal areas to create a network of beach volleyball facilities.

**Lead:** Volleyball Victoria/Volleyball Affiliates  
**Partner:** Local Government/State Government  
**Timeframe:** Short Term (3 to 5 years)

### 8.3 Action 3: Create family friendly places

Apply Universal Design Principles and Female Friendly Design Guidelines to future volleyball facility development projects, whether that be an existing or proposed facility.

Encourage and support affiliates with funding application to improve the functionality, safety and appeal of facilities for families and all ages, genders, abilities and cultures.

**Lead:** Volleyball Affiliates  
**Partner:** Volleyball Victoria/Local Government/State Government  
**Timeframe:** Short Term (0 to 2 years)





## 9. STRATEGY 3: ADOPT A REGIONAL APPROACH

**A regional network of facilities will support sector development initiatives including the rapid roll out of new participation pathway programs – Spikezone.**

### 9.1 Action 1: Develop regional hubs

Identify and develop a network of 'sub-regional' or 'regional' facilities (existing or proposed) in high population, growth areas and regional cities that can accommodate future growth in participation, the introduction of new participation initiatives, provide for major events and can be a focal point for running sector development programs or initiatives.

Proposed 'sub regional' or 'regional' facilities for Victorian regions:

- Barwon Region - Corio Leisuretime Centre/Bellarine Aquatic and Sports Centre/new beach site on Surf Coast.
- Central Highlands Region - Ballarat Sport and Entertainment Centre.
- Gippsland Region - Latrobe Leisure Churchill/Bairnsdale Aquatic and Leisure Centre/Inverloch beach site.
- Goulburn Region - Shepparton Sports Stadium.
- Great South Coast - Warrnambool ARC Stadium.
- Loddon Campaspe Region - Bendigo Sport and Entertainment Centre/Macedon Ranges Regional Sports Hub.
- Mallee Region - Chaffey Secondary College, Mildura/proposed Mildura South Regional Sporting Precinct.
- Ovens Murray Region - Wodonga Sport and Leisure Centre/proposed Wangaratta High School Stadium.



- Wimmera Southern Mallee Region - St Brigid's College Stadium, Horsham/proposed Wimmera Sports Stadium.
- Metropolitan Eastern Region - Croydon Aquahub/New Oakleigh Recreation Centre Indoor Stadium.

- Metropolitan Inner Region - Melbourne Sport and Aquatic Centre (State)/St Kilda beach site.
- Metropolitan Inner South East Region - Kew High School/proposed Stonnington Indoor Sports Stadium.
- Metropolitan Northern - Darebin Community Sports Centre/proposed facility in Hume City Council/ proposed La Trobe University Sports Stadium.
- Metropolitan Southern Region - Dandenong State Volleyball Centre (State)/proposed facility in Casey City Council.
- Metropolitan Western Region - Victoria University Community Sports Stadium/proposed facility in Wyndham City Council/Maribyrnong Sports Academy Beach Volleyball Centre.

**Lead:** Volleyball Victoria

**Partner:** Volleyball Affiliates/Local Government

**Timeframe:** Short Term (0 to 2 years)

### 9.2 Action 2: Partner with local government

Appoint a local government liaison officer to work with an established local government reference group and strengthen the partnerships and communication channels between Volleyball Victoria, affiliates and local government.

The local government reference group would meet annually and discuss current trends and issues facing the sport. The local reference group will have links to local government industry groups and help inform advocacy approaches or implementation strategies for projects and programs.

**Lead:** Volleyball Victoria

**Partner:** Local Government

**Timeframe:** Short Term (0 to 2 years)