



**FOOTBALL  
FEDERATION  
VICTORIA**

# State Football Facilities Strategy to 2026

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# 1. Foreword

Football goes by many names: soccer, the round ball game, the World Game, the Beautiful Game; but no matter what it's called, the depth and vibrancy of the sport cannot be denied. Victoria has been at the forefront of football's upsurge in Australia for many years. Football is the largest club-based participation sport in Australia, as defined by the Australian Sports Commission (SPORTAUS), with over 1.1 million Australians playing the game at the grassroots. Over the next 10 years, football participation will continue to grow steadily with most of the growth expected from girls and women as they increasingly participate in football.

Football plays an important role within the Victorian community, it brings people together, shapes local communities, and plays a critical role in promoting a healthy, cohesive society.

As an organisation, FFV are driven by an obsessive focus on the health and prosperity of our clubs and are focused on continuing to grow our participation numbers at all levels of the game – across all ages, cultures and abilities, and among girls and women where interest has never been stronger.

As our state's interest in football continues to grow, so too does the pressure on our community facilities and infrastructure. We are focused on ensuring our clubs have the means and facilities to keep attracting participants into the game, including at grassroots and elite levels. The continued success of football and our 344 clubs, relies on the sport having access to a greater quantity and quality of facilities, including pitches, lighting, and gender neutral change rooms.

FFV considers Local and State Government to be its most important stakeholders in the provision of facilities to underpin the success of our sport. Significant funds are invested each year by Government – in partnership with local clubs and communities – to upgrade and refurbish facilities, as well as ensure that new venues are constructed to service Victoria's growing population.

FFV recognises the considerable efforts made by Local and State Government in supporting football at all levels. There is still much to be done to secure the future of the sport at the grass roots, which is why this State Facilities Strategy is so important to help shape the future.

Football participation in Victoria is at an all-time high with more than 350,000 participants enjoying football including almost 70,000 players in FFV clubs. More than 125,000 social and indoor players, around 130,000 in school competitions and affiliated programs, community tournaments, events and activation sessions. Thousands more play a critical role in the game as referees, administrators, coaches, sponsors and volunteers. They come from all walks of life; they come from hundreds of countries and speak many different languages, and they share our dream of football being the pinnacle of sport here in Victoria.

FFV is extremely proud to be able to bring this State Facilities Strategy to life for the people of Victoria. The people who share in our vision for football to be the sport of choice for our state. FFV is privileged to have received the support of Local and State Government, especially Sport and Recreation Victoria, and to have been able to collaborate with @leisure Planners in developing this document.

The next 8 years are set to be the most exciting in the history of football in Victoria, and we hope that through this document, we can work collaboratively with our partners to deliver new and improved facilities across Victoria to be able to sustain the expected growth.

Yours sincerely in football

Peter Filopoulos  
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## 2. Strategy Summary - Desired Outcomes



### LIGHTING

- 96 pitches



### ARTIFICIAL SURFACES

- 31 pitches



### NEW PITCHES AND PAVILIONS

- 145 pitches + 58 pavilions
- 1 pitch in 12 additional LGAs



### DRAINAGE

- 80 pitches



### SCHOOLS

- 80 pitches in new schools



### FEMALE /FAMILY FRIENDLY AND ACCESSIBLE

- All new pavilions
- More females to play
- 120 inclusive facilities



### COMPLIANT REGIONAL VENUES

- 19 regional venues

These desired outcomes are based on participation growth of 5% to 2026

### 3. Introduction

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# Football in Australia

## Football Federation Australia vision:

Football Federation Australia (FFA) is the Australian football governing body that sets strategies and policies for all levels of the game. FFA's vision for the sport is: "To be the largest and most popular sport".

Football is the largest club-based participation sport in Australia with 1.1 million Australians playing the game at the grassroots. Football plays an important role within the Victorian community, delivering better health outcomes, and promoting inclusion and diversity.

Gender equality is a key focus for football in Australia. Women and girls are the fastest growing area of the sport, however FFA are ambitious to further progress and that is why they are bidding to host the FIFA Women's World Cup in 2023.

It is FFA's vision that:

- Every football club in Australia will have a girls' team and Australia will have 50/50 gender participation rate by 2028
- School football and social football will be a key pillar of football's future, and private enterprises and traditional clubs will provide flexible participation opportunities.
- Every Local Government Area will have access to some kind of football facility.



- Non-traditional facilities will become a key theme in the provision of football facilities.
- Football will be "Anytime, Anywhere, Anyhow"

## Whole of Football Plan

This plan aligns with FFA's Whole of Football Plan that states:

Footballers need space to play. Whether it's a full-sized synthetic pitch, a rooftop Futsal court or a local park for social games, facilities are fundamental to football's future health and popularity. The provision of good quality facilities to football's participants will be a critical focus.

Facilities are central to the following outcomes:

- Enjoyment of football by more two million players
- Retention of over 600,000 registered club participants
- Growth and popularity of football is dependent on increasing and improving the facilities base.
- Technical development and skills acquisition for elite players, young and old, is affected by the standard of facilities and thereby affects national performance.
- For football to deliver the best possible facilities it needs to partner with adjacent stakeholders. This will include working with government, schools, property developers and complementary sports to open access to more facilities.

# Football in Victoria

Football Federation Victoria's Strategic Plan has four (4) strategic pillars as follows: Performance and Culture, Facilities and Infrastructure, Club Obsession, and Women and Girls. The focus of this strategy is the Facilities pillar.



## Performance and Culture

- Creating a high performance culture that earns mutual respect from the game's stakeholders
- A better more efficient framework and rich environment across stakeholders
- Behaviours and systems
- Alignment of stakeholders and external relationships
- FFV Brand Equity

## Facilities and Infrastructure

- Multi-dimensional, with short term and medium term models
- Closely aligned and in partnership with Federal, State and Local Governments to tackle the problem of quantity and quality of facilities required to secure the game for the next eight years

## Women and Girls - Participation Growth

- High priority in changing times through positive inclusion initiatives and programs that make football fun and accessible for men and women, boys and girls, and people of all cultures, ages and abilities
- To prioritise women and girls in everything we do
- Providing positive inclusion initiatives and programs that make football fun and accessible for all

## Club Obsession

- An obsession for the prosperity of our clubs as the foundations of the game's ongoing growth and development
- Help to build capacity in our Clubs for continued growth across all ages, cultures and abilities

# FFV Facilities and Infrastructure - Partnerships with State and Local Government

## Partnerships with State and Local Government

This strategy has looked at both current and projected participation levels between the current organic growth of 1.1% and a potential 5% growth in conjunction with LGA and Australian Bureau of Statistics predicted population growth through until 2026.

Both the senior women's and men's national teams, the Matildas and the Socceroos, will play in Asian Cups and World Cups in 2018 and 2019. This provides a significant opportunity for football to leverage off these events and experience stronger than organic growth.

The predicted growth in both population and participation requires FFV to also forecast the required number of pitches across Victoria. Calculations show the need for between 260 and 420 additional Full-Size Equivalent (FSE) pitches across Victoria by 2026.

***While FFV do not shy away from the need for more FSE pitches they understand and acknowledge that this may be easier in the States growth corridors and suburbs and harder in land-locked metropolitan areas.***

FFV acknowledges that LGA's are a significant champion of football in Victoria. It is essential that FFV work closely with Council partners to plan, work on regional development plans and to assist in seeking State funding to help deliver these very important projects.

The football community must also work collaboratively with State Government through SRV to assist government to achieve policy outcomes and encourage investment into football facilities, ensuring greater access and opportunities for participation in sport and recreation by all Victorians.

***FFV have transitioned to enable themselves to best work with Clubs and LGA partners. Below are a range of FFV initiatives that enable them to best assist Clubs, Affiliated Associations and LGA associates.***

## Club Ambassadors

FFV currently have ten (10) Club Ambassadors (CA's) across both metropolitan and regional Victoria. The CA's are working closely with Clubs on a Club Engagement project to assist them to improve both governance and operations. One significant part of the CA role is to help Clubs work with their Council partner successfully.

## Facility Advocacy Team

The new Facility & Advocacy team will work with CA's, Clubs, Affiliated Associations, LGA's and State Government to assist in the planning, development and funding of football facilities across Victoria. The team will also develop a new range of tools to assist Clubs and Councils.

## New Facility Website

FFV will shortly launch a new facility website. This will be an important standalone website and will be a central resource for Clubs and Councils. The website will be the home of a range of guidelines for facilities, pitches, pitch marking, drainage and irrigation, lighting, synthetic pitches and project management. It will also have advice on funding, funding applications as well as other resources and links.

## Football Club Facility Forums

Football Club Facility Forums will be held regularly in both metropolitan and regional areas. These will be the main platform for structured dialogue to create an opportunity to educate Clubs and Affiliated Associations on strategic planning, ins and outs of funding opportunities, and ways to engage with local Council, State and Federal Government when it comes to football facilities. FFV will invite Clubs, LGA's, SRV and local MP's to share information to grow both community and club capacity.

## FFV Facilities and Infrastructure - Partnerships with State and Local Government

### Facility Audit Tool

2018 will see FFV use facility audit and mapping tools to provide accurate and informative data to Clubs, LGA's, Regional Forums and Sport and Recreation Victoria. This will provide data to enhance future planning at local and regional level for facility upgrades and new development projects.

### Club and Facility Management

As the demand for additional pitches grows it is essential that FFV works with all stakeholders to improve Club and Facility Management. FFV will work with their LGA partners to assist Clubs to ensure that they can maximise the use of existing space. This may mean that some clubs amalgamate and create more efficient use of current available space. FFV understands it is their role to enable these conversations.

### Competition Management and Community Outcomes

The introduction of the National Premier League Competition (NPL) into Victoria in 2014 caused some significant facility demands and challenges. It also meant that FFV Clubs that wanted to participate needed to focus on the 'elite pathway'. This meant reduced numbers of participants at NPL clubs and increased facility demands. Moving forward, it is expected that Clubs will be Clubs again and that all Victorian clubs will be able to offer both community and elite football, where they have the

capacity to do so. FFV will work with all Clubs to help them understand that assisting both State and Local government to deliver outcomes will enable greater opportunities for facility development.

### Full Size Equivalence

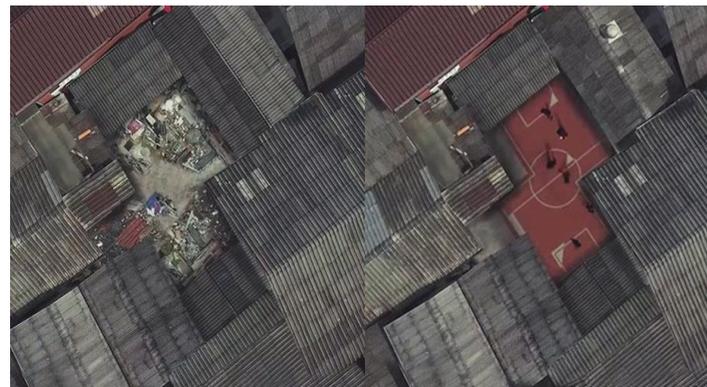
It is now well understood that a well-lit synthetic pitch has a pitch equivalence of 2:1 and provides double the opportunity for men and women, boys and girls to train and play. There is significant evidence that while the initial cost is higher than a grass pitch, the on-going cost and value is much higher. FFV will work closely with LGA's to help plan and fund female friendly synthetic pitch facilities across Victoria.

### School Use

FFV needs to have closer working relationships with the Education Department and schools of all types. Of the 2,000 plus schools in Victoria less than 100 have football pitches. In some cases, this is due to size restriction, in others its because other sports are the field of choice. FFV will work more closely with educational institutions to find areas suitable to play football, in any format. There are significant opportunities in growth corridors for FFV to be involved in the planning and development of new schools and their facilities.

### Innovation

Football has traditionally been played 11 v 11 on a grass pitch and this is still the pinnacle as shown at both the Men's and Women's World Cups. While FFV do not envisage this will change, it is clear that in future there will be both opportunity and requirement for innovation. FFV will work with LGA's to find solutions to participation challenges. Small sided football on regular and irregular spaces, full-sized synthetic pitches on the roofs of car parks and small sided pitches on the roofs of inner city buildings are just a couple of ideas. Adapting our game to space available will be a growth opportunity as 'social football' develops further.



## Why invest in football facilities?

### Investment logic

Football has grown at a faster rate than other sports and is now the largest club participation sport in Australia.<sup>1</sup>

The sport has significant potential for further growth—especially among females and though school participation, and in enhancing health, wellbeing and education outcomes.

Football is the World Game and attractive to Victoria's changing demographic profile.

The lack of facilities and poor quality infrastructure is:

- the greatest threat to participation and performance, and
- the greatest challenge to implementing the principle of “Anytime, Anyhow, Anywhere ”

An investment logic map is provided on the following page.

### The benefits of investing in football

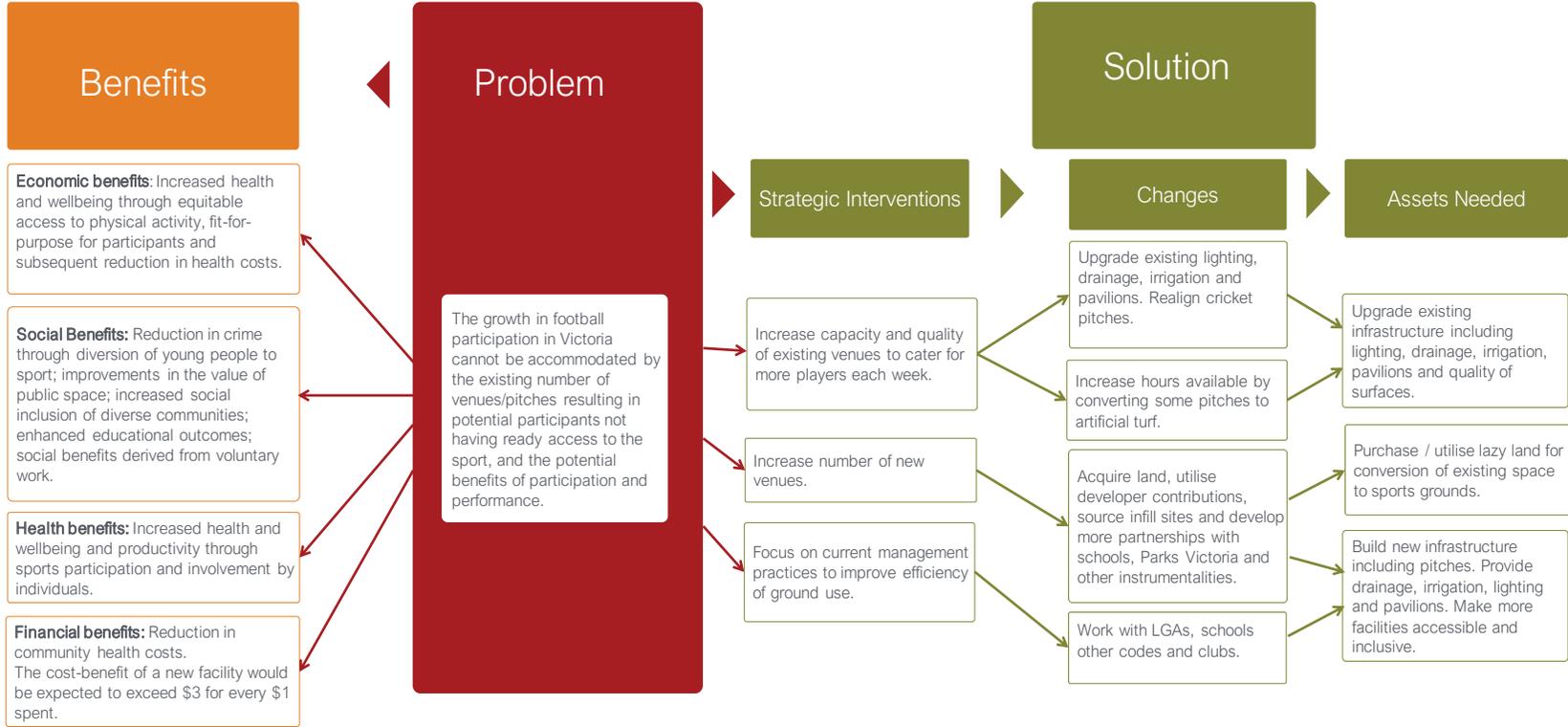
There are four reported groups of benefits from investment in football facilities:

1. Economic benefits: derived from avoiding health costs by people who would not otherwise have participated in sport
2. Health or user benefits: equivalent to the costs of participation by users
3. Social benefits: derived from the value of social connectedness, involvement in sport, voluntary work and benefits to non-users. Reduction in crime through diversion of young people to sport; improvements in the value of public space; enhanced educational outcomes and increased social inclusion of diverse communities
4. Financial Benefits: The cost-benefit of a new facility would be expected to exceed \$3 for every \$1 spent.



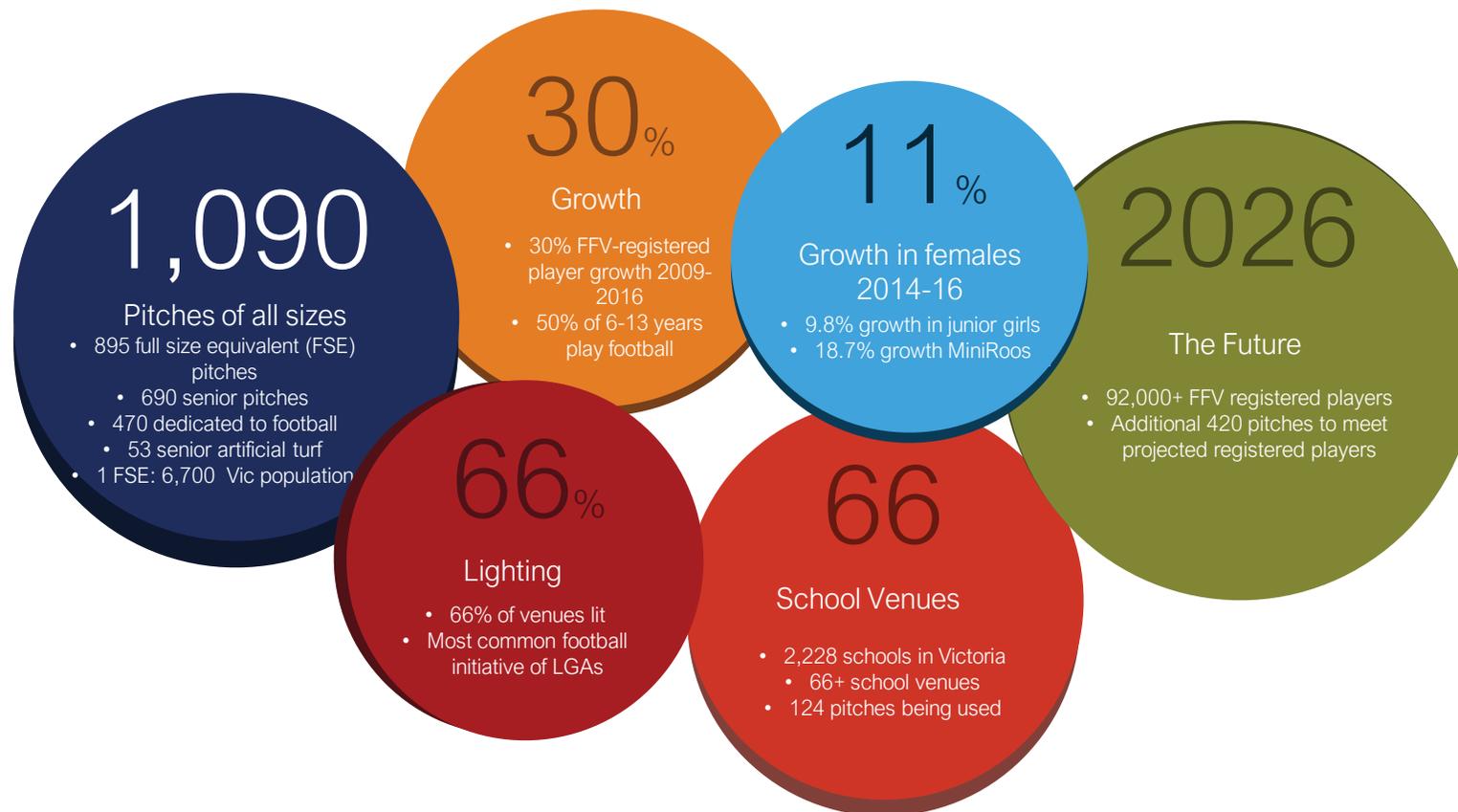
1. AusPlay Data 2017

# Investment Logic Map



## Facilities and Players at a Glance 2016\*

Key metrics from State pitch audit conducted in 2016 are illustrated below. The audit of 460 venues and 1,090 pitches were assessed and mapped.



## 4. The Strategy

### Goals

- More pitches
- Increase the carrying capacity of existing pitches
- Facilities suitable for all levels of the game
- Facility development opportunities



# Goal: More pitches

## Issue

### Additional pitches and new sites in growth areas

Demand is exceeding the supply of pitches in most LGAs particularly in the Melbourne metropolitan area. If the game continues to grow as projected, 420 additional pitches will be desirable by 2026 – based on a 5% projected increase in player registrations.

This equates to:

- An average of 20 pitches in each of the country regions with growth (4 of the 5 regions)
- An average of 40 in each of the 8 metro regions.
- There are 12 LGAs in regional Victoria without a football pitch

### Schools

There is approximately 66 of the 2,228 schools in Victoria with grounds being used for football.

Not all new schools have sports grounds large enough to play football.

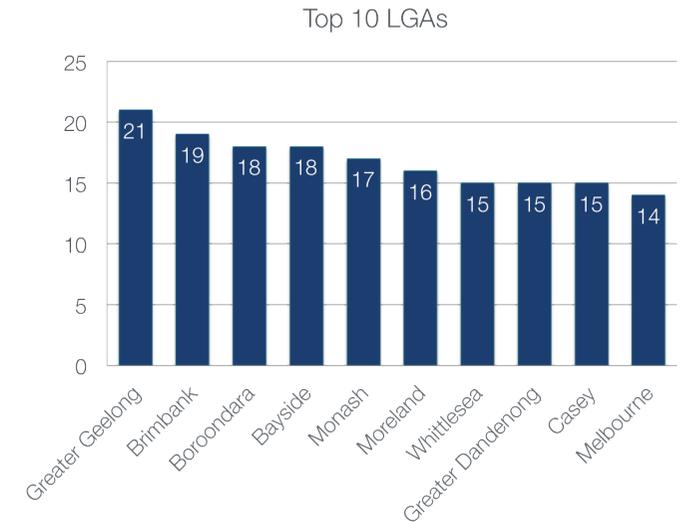
Many existing schools could have existing grounds that could be developed for football – especially for training and junior use. Lights and basic support facilities will be required.

There is an opportunity for state and local government clubs and the FFV to partner with schools to plan, design and develop school land for football which will benefit students and the local community.

## Strategy

- Develop new venues focusing on growth areas driven by population increase i.e. outer Melbourne suburbs
- Advocate for more open space in land use planning to accommodate sport
- Develop additional pitches at existing venues
- Investigate infill sites for football including Parks Victoria land in the metro region
- Advocate to the Department of Education and Training to plan and provide all new schools with a compliant football pitch, and access to PPP schools
- Partner with state and local government and schools to develop school sites at least for junior and training pitches (with lights)
- Increase community access to existing school pitches
- Use small artificial grass pitches at schools for MiniRoos (e.g. Solway Primary School, Ashburton)
- Activate demand for football at the 12 regional LGAs without pitches and clubs with the aim to include 1 pitch in each

Pitches desired by 2026 based on projected registered players and current pitches



■ Full Size Equivalent Pitches required to meet demand by 2026

\*Projected number of pitches refer to grass only. One artificial pitch will have the carrying capacity of two grass pitches.

# Goal: Increase the carrying capacity of existing pitches

## Issue

### Lighting

Only approximately 66% percent of football pitches have lighting.

Of those that do have lighting, a number are substandard.

Additional lighting is a key to increase capacity and flexibility of use of sporting fields.

Lighting installation can almost double the weekly winter usage of sports fields.

The LGAs of Stonnington, Mornington Peninsula, Nillumbik and Melbourne have less than 45% of pitches with any form of lighting.

### Drainage, irrigation and turf quality

With increased usage from new or improved lighting, it follows that drainage, irrigation and turf improvements will be required.

### Artificial turf pitches

The audit showed there were at least 69 artificial pitches in Victoria with 53 senior sized pitches.

A number of these are school based junior or MiniRoos size pitches that were not currently accessible to the community.

The carrying capacity of a community standard artificial turf pitch may be more than double that of a well maintained grass pitch.

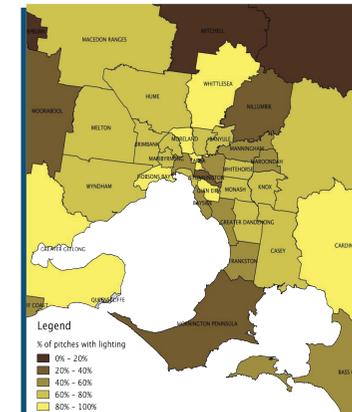
The increase in the number of artificial turf pitches is a key to improving carrying capacity for football, and providing a more consistent standard of pitch in some cases.

## Strategy

Increase the carry capacity of pitches by:

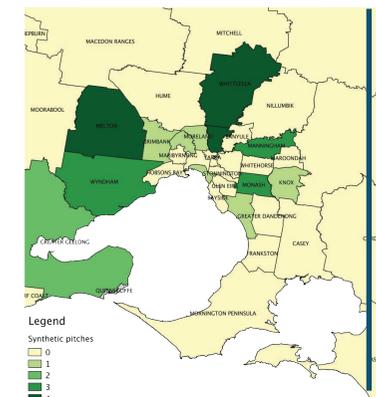
- Increasing the percentage of pitches with lighting from 66% (722) of pitches to 75% (818). This is pertinent for Stonnington, Mornington Peninsula, Nillumbik and Melbourne, with the low proportion of pitches with lighting in the metro region
- Increase the number of senior sized artificial pitches from 53 to 84 with priority for the inner LGAs who currently do not have any, such as Bayside, Boroondara, Stonnington and Yarra (where the opportunity for acquiring new land is limited and there are no artificial pitches). Other metro LGAs without senior sized artificial pitches to prioritise include Casey, Frankston, Greater Dandenong and Mornington Peninsula

Pitches with Lighting - % Metro



Highlight:  
Lack of lit pitches in Stonnington (28%), Nillumbik (37%) and Melbourne (44%)

Artificial Pitches in Metro LGAs



Highlight:  
Lack of artificial pitches in Bayside, Glen Eira, Stonnington, Hobsons Bay and Yarra.

## Goal: Facilities suitable for all levels of the game

### Issue

#### Female friendly and accessible

The rapid growth in female and junior participation has added further demand on limited pitch availability. This has highlighted the lack of female friendly change rooms (and other facilities) at football venues.

Approximately 16% of venues have female change rooms. 63% of facilities accessed have female friendly change rooms (i.e. enclosed showers and pan toilets).

Other areas highlighted by venue audits that may detract people from the game are that just over half of those observed (52%) had accessible player amenities and approximately 58% of public toilets at venues were accessible.

#### Competition compliant

Approximately 60% of pitches are of compliant senior size.

There is a shortage of suitable quality venues to host National Premier League games.

There is also a shortage of compliant facilities for referees.

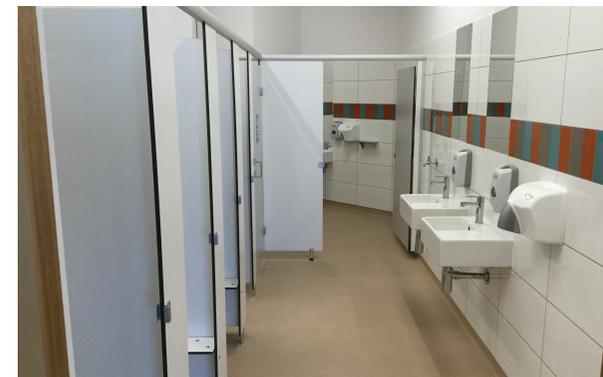
#### Regional venues

Regional level venues that service NPL and where possible all levels of the game (from junior development to representative games) are of varying quality and are often not the focus or priority of local Councils.

A program to increase the number of regional venues and improve the quality of facilities at these is required. The following tables (see next 2 pages) lists existing and potential regional venues with a geographical spread that could enhance player pathways, competition depth and service the elite level of the game. The placement of a regional size venue does not always equate to use by all or most clubs within an area. Many regional venues are used exclusively by one club.

### Strategy

- Support programs to upgrade current standard of facilities to be more inclusive and code compliant.
- Target grant programs to:
  - Make more facilities female friendly, accessible and code compliant – especially change rooms
  - Upgrade existing and develop additional regional venues to increase player pathways, competition depth and venues suitable for NPL venues
  - Increase the compliance of referee facilities
  - Increase the proportion of pitches that are compliant senior pitches



## Facility development opportunities - Metro

Victoria	Existing Major Stadium	
	AAMI Park, Melbourne	
	Etihad (Marvel) Stadium, Melbourne	
	GMHBA Stadium, Geelong	
Metro Zone	Existing Regional Venue	Potential Site for Upgrade/Development
Central Metro	Albert Park Reserve, Albert Park; Princes Park, Carlton	Princes Park - Carlton, JJ Holland Park - Kensington, Scovell Reserve - Maidstone; Elwood Park – Elwood
Eastern Metro	Knox Regional Football Centre, Wantirna South; Jack Edwards Reserve, Oakleigh; Monbulk Regional Soccer Facility, Monbulk	Monbulk Regional Soccer Facility - Monbulk; Don Road Sporting Complex - Healesville; O’Neil Rd Reserve - Beaconsfield; Knox Regional Football Centre; Dorset Recreation Reserve- Croydon; Esther Park - Mooroolbark
North East Metro	Bulleen Park, Bulleen; Terrara Park, Vermont South; St Kevin's Tooronga Sports Complex	Wembley Park/Sparks Reserve - Box Hill; Frog Hollow Reserve - Camberwell; Dorothy Laver West Reserve – Glen Iris; Pettys Reserve - Templestowe; Tikalara Park – Templestowe; Mahoneys Reserve - Forest Hill; Wattle Glen Memorial Park – Wattle Glen
North West Metro	C.B. Smith Reserve, Fawkner; ABD Stadium, Broadmeadows	Fairbairn Park - Ascot Vale, Moonee Valley Racecourse - Moonee Ponds; Salesian College - Sunbury; Aston Reserve – Craigieburn; Cross Keys Reserve – Strathmore; De Chene Reserve – Coburg;
Northern Metro	State Football Centre, Thornbury; Olympic Park, Heidelberg West; BT Connor Reserve, Preston	Harvest Home Recreation Reserve and Epping Stadium – Epping; La Trobe University - Bundoora; Olympic Park - Heidelberg West; Painted Hills Reserve – Doreen
South East Metro	Kingston Heath Reserve, Cheltenham; Dendy Park, Brighton	Dendy Park - Brighton East; Caulfield Racecourse – Caulfield; Bailey Reserve – East Bentleigh; Kingston Sports Complex
Southern Metro	Tatterson Park, Keysborough South	Casey Fields - Cranbourne, George Andrews Reserve - Dandenong South, Alex Nelson Reserve – Springvale South; Truemans Rd Reserve – Tootgarook. Selandra Estate – Cranbourne; Monterey Reserve – Frankston Nth
Western Metro	Green Gully Reserve, Keilor	Paisley Park Soccer Complex - Altona North, Galvin Park - Hoppers Crossing, JT Gray Reserve - Williamstown, Taylors Hill West Recreation Reserve - Taylors Hill, Energy Park - Albion

## Facility development opportunities - Regional

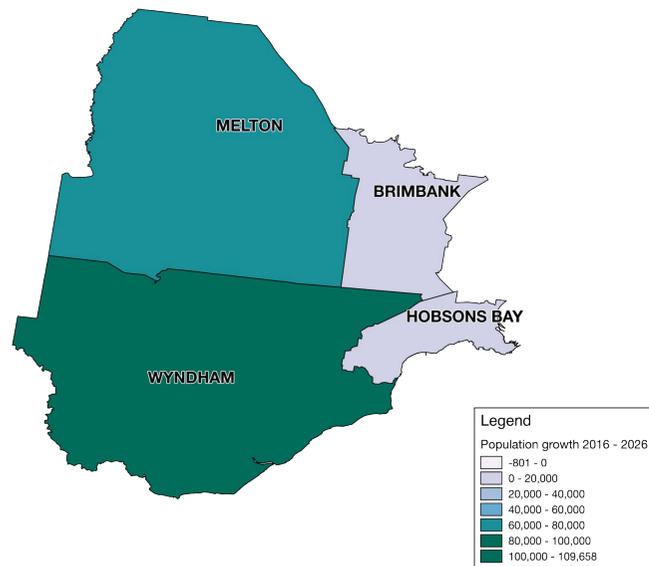
Country Region	Existing Regional Venue	Potential Site for Upgrade/Development
Barwon	Banyul-Warri Fields, Torquay	Armstrong Creek West/ Mount Duneed; Drysdale Sport Precinct - Drysdale
Hume	Shepparton Sports Precinct (John McEwan Reserve), Shepparton La Trobe University Soccer Facility, Wodonga	Apex Reserve – Cobram; Baranduda Fields - Wodonga
Gippsland	Latrobe City Sports and Entertainment Stadium, Morwell Harold Preston Reserve, Traralgon	W.H. Burrage Reserve – Newborough; Latrobe City Sports & Entertainment Stadium - Morwell
Grampians	Morshead Park, Ballarat	Bacchus Marsh Racecourse Reserve
Loddon Mallee	Epsom Huntly Recreation Reserve, Epsom	Old Aerodrome Sports Complex – Mildura; Dixon Field – Gisborne; Ken Harrison Reserve - Swan Hill

## 5. Projected players and additional pitches desired

- Metro Zones
- Country Regions



## Metro Western Zone – projected players and additional pitches desired



LGA	Projected FFV registered players 2026			Projected number of pitches desirable		
	Current participation rate * (1.1%)	2016* + 2%	2016* + 5%	Current participation rate 1.1%	+ 2%	+ 5%
Brimbank	3,458	4,153	5,549	12	14	19
Hobsons Bay	1,851	2,215	2,960	6	8	10
Melton	2,235	2,760	3,688	6	8	10
Wyndham	2,659	3,122	4,172	8	10	13
<b>Total Metro Western</b>	<b>10,204</b>	<b>12,250</b>	<b>16,369</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>53</b>

\*Applied to projected population by LGA 2026  
Projected number of pitches refer to grass only. One artificial pitch will have the carrying capacity of two grass pitches.

### Population and potential participation

- The 2026 population in Wyndham, Brimbank and Melton will have them amongst the top 10 for all LGAs in the Metro regions
- Melton will see the greatest increase in population to 2026, while Wyndham is among the top 3 LGAs for population increase
- Melton and Wyndham are the top 2 LGAs in the Metro regions as regards the increase in the number of people aged 5 to 44 years

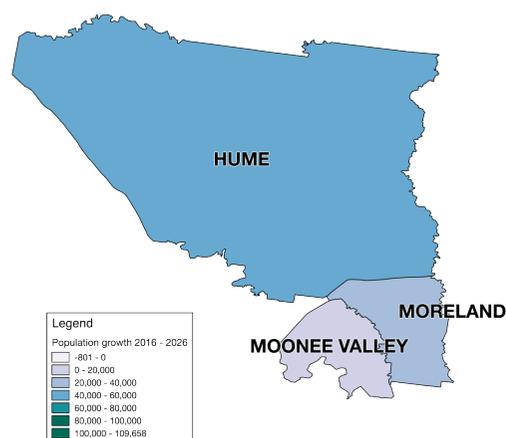
### Registered Players

- Hobsons Bay will have a relatively high proportion of FFV registered players
- The number of projected registered players in 2026 for Western region is 10,204 based on the current 2016 participation rate, or 12,250 with 2% growth in participation rate or 16,369 at 5% growth

### Facilities

- The number of pitches desirable in 2026 based on the current 2016 participation rate will be 33 or 40 with 2% growth in participation rate or 53 at 5% growth

## Metro North West Zone – projected players and additional pitches desired



LGA	Projected FFV registered players 2026			Projected number of pitches desirable		
	Current participation rate * (1.1%)	2016* + 2%	2016* + 5%	Current participation rate 1.1%	+ 2%	+ 5%
Hume	2,406	2,943	3,932	8	10	13
Moonee Valley	1,736	2,070	2,766	6	7	9
Moreland	3,000	3,620	4,837	10	12	16
<b>Total Metro North West</b>	<b>7,142</b>	<b>8,633</b>	<b>11,536</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>38</b>

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### Population and potential participation

- Hume's population in 2026 is amongst the top 5 LGAs for Victoria
- Hume is expected to see a higher than average increase in population, while Moonee Valley's population will increase by 13.9%, which is lower than average for the Metro area
- Projected participation in Hume in 2026 is among the top 5 in the Metro area

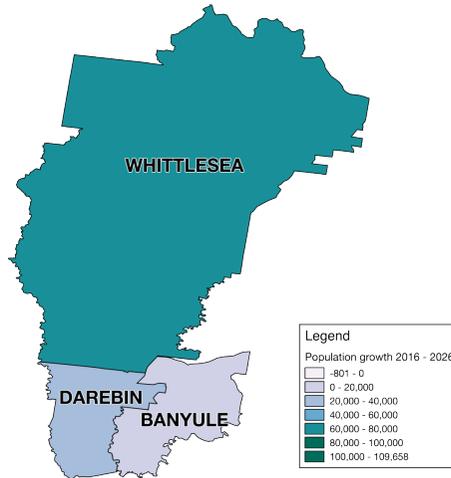
### Registered Players

- The projected FFV membership in 2026 in Moreland is amongst the highest for the Metro area
- The number of projected registered players in 2026 for North West Region is 7,142 based on the current 2016 participation rate, or 8,633 with 2% growth in participation rate or 11,536 at 5% growth.

### Facilities

- Moreland will require 16 pitches, the most in the zone based on current participation, by 2026
- The number of pitches desirable in 2026 based on the current 2016 participation rate, will be 24 or 29 with 2% growth in participation rate or 38 at 5% growth.

## Metro Northern Zone – projected players and additional pitches desired



LGA	Projected FFV registered players 2026			Projected number of pitches desirable		
	Current participation rate * (1.1%)	2016* + 2%	2016* + 5%	Current participation rate 1.1%	+ 2%	+ 5%
Banyule	1,662	2,017	2,695	6	7	10
Darebin	1,926	2,298	3,070	8	9	12
Whittlesea	2,969	3,434	4,589	10	11	15
Metro Northern	6,558	7,749	10,354	24	28	37

\* Applied to projected population by LGA 2026

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### Population and potential participation

- The population in Whittlesea and Banyule is projected to be among the top 6 for Victoria in 2026
- Whittlesea is expected to experience a total increase in population of 36% by 2026, which is double the average for the Metro area
- Darebin and Banyule are projected to see below average increases in population in 2026
- The projected participation in both Whittlesea and Banyule is in the highest 5 LGAs in the Metro area
- Projected participation in Banyule is over 4 times greater than projected membership for 2026

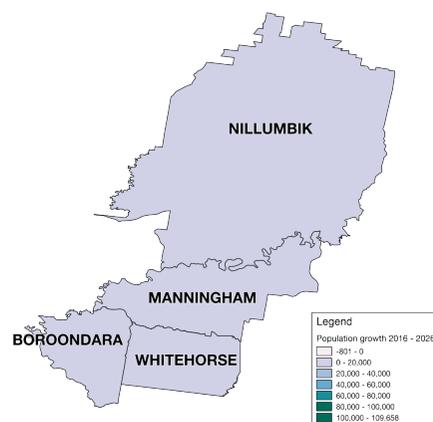
### Registered players

- The projected FFV membership for Whittlesea is among the top 10 for the Metro area
- The number of projected registered players in 2026 for the Northern Region is 6,658 based on the current 2016 participation rate, or 7,749 with 2% growth in participation rate or 10,354 at 5% growth

### Facilities

- Darebin and Whittlesea require a higher than average number of FSE pitches to meet FFV demand in 2026
- The number of pitches desirable in 2026 based on the current 2016 participation rate, will be 24 or 28 with 2% growth in participation rate or 37 at 5% growth.

## Metro North East Zone – projected players and additional pitches desired



LGA	Projected FFV registered players 2026			Projected number of pitches desirable		
	Current participation rate * (1.1%)	2016* + 2%	2016* + 5%	Current participation rate 1.1%	+ 2%	+ 5%
Boroondara	3,277	4,042	5,401	11	14	18
Manningham	1,926	2,421	3,235	7	9	12
Nillumbik	652	790	1,055	2	2	3
Whitehorse	917	1,147	1,532	3	4	5
<b>Metro North East</b>	<b>6,771</b>	<b>8,399</b>	<b>11,224</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>38</b>

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### Population and potential participation

- All four LGAs in the Metro North East region have an above average projected population for 2026
- The total population increase to 2026 in Nillumbik and Whitehorse are the lowest forecast for the Metro area
- All four LGAs are expected to experience lower than average increase in population aged 5 to 44 years
- Nillumbik is the only LGA in the Metro area which is expected to see a decrease in the number of 5 to 44 year olds
- Nillumbik has the lowest projected participation for 2026 of all LGAs in the Metro area

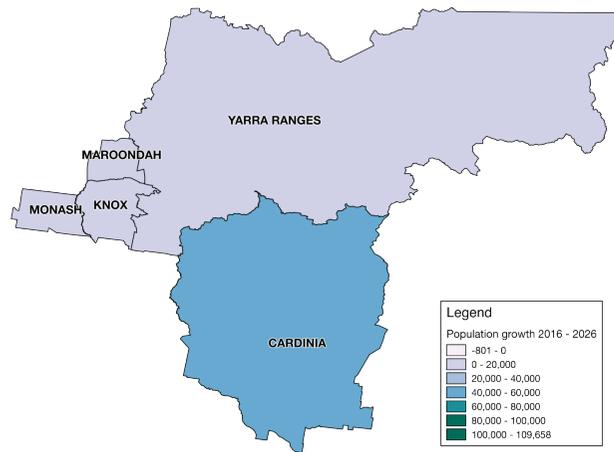
### Registered players

- It is estimated based on other football Association data that there could be an additional 1000 players playing competitive football in the zone
- The projected 2026 FFV membership in Nillumbik and Whitehorse is among the bottom 10 for the Metro area
- Boroondara has the third highest projected FFV membership figures for the whole Metro area
- The North East region is projected to have the second highest penetration of FFV registered players to 5 to 44 year olds in the Metro area
- The number of projected registered players in 2026 for the North East Region is 6,771 based on the current 2016 participation rate, or 8,399 with 2% growth in participation rate or 11,244 at 5% growth

### Facilities

- Nillumbik requires 3 FSE pitches to meet FFV demand with 5% growth in 2026, while Whitehorse requires 5 FSE pitches. These are both well below the average for the area.
- Boroondara requires 18 FSE pitches to meet 2026 FFV demand, the second highest in the Metro area
- Nillumbik is one of the LGAs with the lowest desirable number of pitches to meet participation in 2026
- The number of pitches desirable in the North East zone by 2026 based on the current 2016 participation rate, will be 23 or 28 with 2% growth in participation rate or 38 at 5% growth.

## Metro Eastern Zone – projected players and additional pitches desired



	Projected FFV registered players 2026			Projected number of pitches desirable		
	Current participation rate * (1.1%)	2016* + 2%	2016* + 5%	Current participation rate 1.1%	+ 2%	+ 5%
Cardinia	564	683	912	2	2	3
Knox	633	766	1,024	2	2	3
Maroondah	933	1,132	1,512	3	3	5
Monash	2,917	3,543	4,735	10	13	17
Yarra Ranges	845	1,037	1,386	4	4	6
<b>Total Metro Eastern</b>	<b>5,892</b>	<b>7,161</b>	<b>9,569</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>34</b>

\* Applied to projected population by LGA 2026

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### Population and potential participation

- The projected population increase to 2026 in Monash, Yarra Ranges, Knox and Maroondah is below 10%, which is considerably lower than the average for the Metro area (18.5%)
- Cardinia is projected to experience the 3<sup>rd</sup> highest increase in the number of 5 to 44 year olds of all LGAs in the Metro area. Its total population growth is also among the top 5 for the area
- Yarra Ranges is expected to see an increase in the number of 5 to 44 year olds of just 3%, which is the second lowest for the Metro area

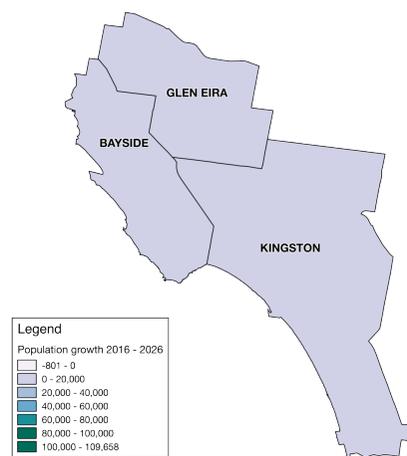
### Facilities

- Monash requires 10 FSE pitches to meet 2026 FFV membership demand, and 17 FSE pitches to meet demand with growth at 5%, placing it among the top 5 LGAs in the Metro area.
- The number of projected registered players in 2026 for the Eastern Region is 5,892 based on the current 2016 participation rate, or 7,161 with 2% growth in participation rate or 9,569 at 5% growth

### Registered players

- It is estimated based on other football Association data that there could be an additional 1500 players playing competitive football in the zone
- Projected FFV membership in 2026 in Cardinia, Knox, Yarra Ranges and Maroondah are among the bottom 10 LGAs in the Metro area
- Conversely, the projected FFV membership in 2026 in Monash is among the top 10 for the Metro area
- The number of pitches desirable in the Eastern zone by 2026 based on the current 2016 participation rate, will be 21 or 25 with 2% growth in participation rate or 34 at 5% growth.

## Metro South East Zone – projected players and additional pitches desired



	Projected FFV registered players 2026			Projected number of pitches desirable		
	Current participation rate * (1.1%)	2016* + 2%	2016* + 5%	Current participation rate 1.1%	+ 2%	+ 5%
Bayside	3,516	4,447	5,942	10	13	18
Glen Eira	2,309	2,822	3,771	7	8	11
Kingston	1,561	1,900	2,539	5	6	8
<b>Total Metro South East</b>	<b>7,386</b>	<b>9,170</b>	<b>12,253</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>36</b>

\* Applied to projected population by LGA 2026

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### Population and potential participation

- The projected increase in population to 2026 is below average across all LGAs in the metro south east region
- All LGAs in the South East region are expected to see a lower than average increase in the number of 5 to 44 year olds

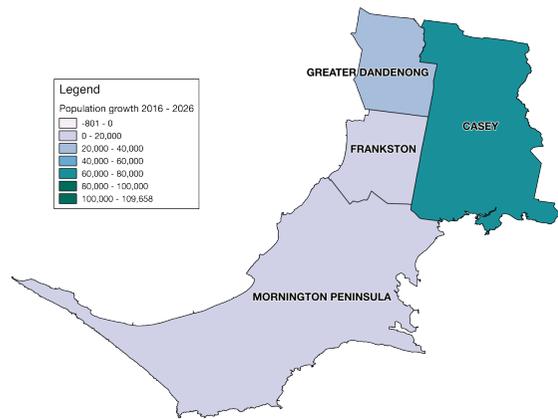
### Registered players

- The South East region is projected to have the highest penetration of FFV registered players to 5 to 44 year olds in the Metro area
- Bayside has the highest projected FFV membership of all LGAs in the Metro area
- The number of projected registered players in 2026 for the South East Region is 7,386 based on the current 2016 participation rate, or 9,170 with 2% growth in participation rate or 12,253 at 5% growth

### Facilities

- Bayside would require 10 FSE pitches to meet FFV demand in 2026, among the highest in the Metro area
- The number of FSE pitches desirable to meet projected participation in 2026 is just below average in Kingston and Glen Eira
- The number of pitches desirable in the South East Region by 2026 based on the current 2016 participation rate, will be 22 or 27 with 2% growth in participation rate or 36 at 5% growth.

## Metro Southern Zone – projected players and additional pitches desired



	Projected FFV registered players 2026			Projected number of pitches desirable		
	Current participation rate * (1.1%)	2016* + 2%	2016* + 5%	Current participation rate 1.1%	+ 2%	+ 5%
Casey	3,025	3,659	4,889	9	11	15
Frankston	1,499	1,817	2,428	5	6	9
Greater Dandenong	2,323	2,812	3,757	9	11	15
Mornington Peninsula	1,291	1,561	2,087	3	4	5
<b>Total Metro Southern</b>	<b>8,138</b>	<b>9,849</b>	<b>13,160</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>44</b>

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### Population and potential participation

- Casey has the highest projected population in 2026 of all LGAs in Victoria
- Frankston and Mornington Peninsula are expected to experience relatively low increase in total population to 2026, less than half the average figure for the Metro area
- It is estimated based on other football Association data that there could be an additional 1,600 players playing competitive football in the zone
- The number of 5 to 44 years olds in Casey is projected to increase by 26.3% by 2026, placing it among the top 10 LGAs in the metro area

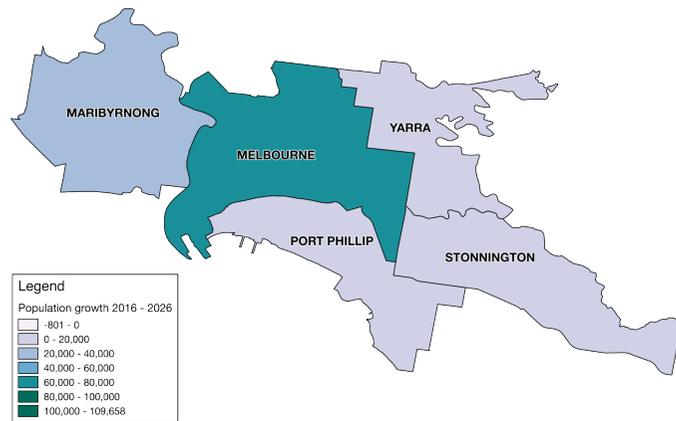
### Registered players

- The Metro Southern region is projected to have comparatively low penetration of FFV registered players to 5 to 44 year olds
- Casey is among the top 10 LGAs for projected FFV membership in 2026
- The number of projected registered players in 2026 for the Southern Region is 8,136 based on the current 2016 participation rate, or 9,849 with 2% growth in participation rate or 13,160 at 5% growth

### Facilities

- Casey and Greater Dandenong each requires 15 FSE pitches to meet projected demand in 2026 based on current registered players +5
- The number of pitches desirable in the Southern Region by 2026 based on the current 2016 participation rate, will be 27 or 33 with 2% growth in participation rate or 44 at 5% growth.

## Metro Central Zone – projected players and additional pitches desired



	Projected FFV registered players 2026			Projected number of pitches desirable		
	Current participation rate * (1.1%)	2016* + 2%	2016* + 5%	Current participation rate 1.1%	+ 2%	+ 5%
Maribyrnong	904	1,107	1,479	4	4	6
Melbourne	2,115	2,344	3,133	9	10	14
Port Phillip	1,233	1,496	1,999	5	6	8
Stonnington	355	442	591	2	2	3
Yarra	1,724	2,107	2,816	6	7	10
<b>Total Metro Central</b>	<b>6,330</b>	<b>7,497</b>	<b>10,018</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>40</b>

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### Population and potential participation

- Melbourne's projected population in 2026 is among the top 10 for Victoria
- The 2026 projected population increase in Maribyrnong and Melbourne is over twice the average for the Metro area
- In Stonnington and Port Phillip, the 2026 projected 5 to 44 year old population increase is less than half the average for the Metro area. The projected percentage increase in 5 to 44 year olds in Melbourne and Maribyrnong is among the top 5 LGAs in the Metro area. The projected 2026 participation in Yarra, Port Phillip, Stonnington and Maribyrnong is among the bottom 6 for the Metro area

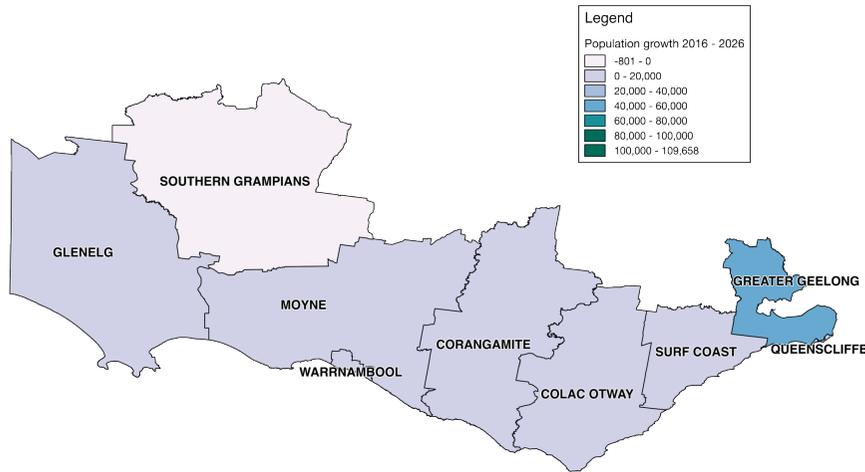
### Facilities

- Stonnington requires just 2 FSE pitches to meet FFV demand in 2026, the lowest for the Metro area
- The number of projected registered players in 2026 for the Central Region is 6,330 based on the current 2016 participation rate, or 7,497 with 2% growth in participation rate or 10,018 at 5% growth

### Registered players

- Stonnington has the lowest number of projected FFV members in 2026, compared to other Metro regions
- Maribyrnong and Port Phillip are expected to fall within the 10 LGAs with the lowest projected FFV membership in 2026. The Metro Central region is projected to have the second lowest penetration of FFV registered players to 5 to 44 year olds in the Metro area
- The number of pitches desirable in the Central Region by 2026 based on the current 2016 participation rate, will be 25 or 30 with 2% growth in participation rate or 40 at 5% growth

## Barwon South West Region – projected players and additional pitches desired



	Projected FFV registered players 2026			Projected number of pitches desirable		
	Current participation rate * (1.1%)	2016* + 2%	2016* + 5%	Current participation rate 1.1%	+ 2%	+ 5%
Colac Otway	69	86	115	0	0	1
Corangamite	47	57	76	0	0	0
Glenelg	0	0	0	0	0	0
Greater Geelong	3,510	4,323	5,777	13	16	21
Moyne	0	0	0	0	0	1*
Queenscliffe	0	0	0	0	0	1*
Southern Grampians	128	162	217	0	0	1
Surf Coast	503	621	830	2	2	3
Warrnambool	411	488	653	1	2	2
<b>Total Barwon South West</b>	<b>4,668</b>	<b>5,738</b>	<b>7,667</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>28*</b>

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### Population and potential participation

- Surf Coast, Greater Geelong and Warrnambool are all projected to have over 15% increase in 5 to 44 year olds
- Southern Grampians is the only LGA projected to see an overall decrease in population, however five LGAs are forecast to see numbers of 5 to 44 year olds decrease

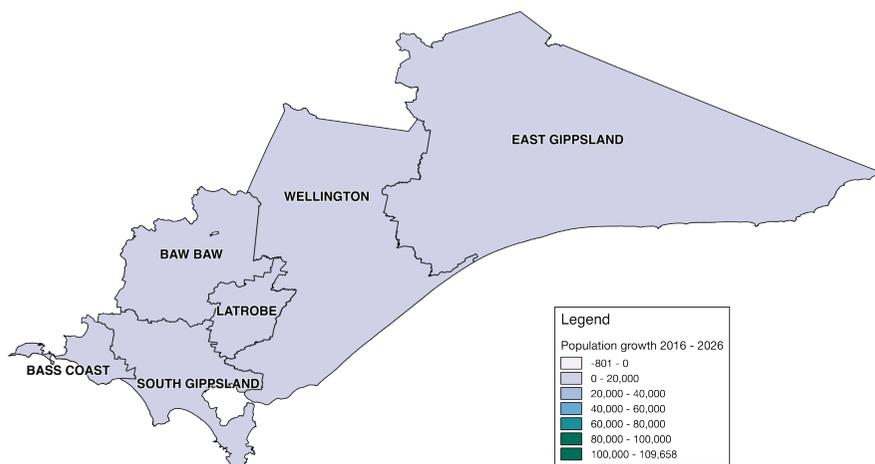
### Registered players

- Greater Geelong, Warrnambool and Surf Coast are projected to account for 95% of FFV registered players in the region in 2026
- The number of projected registered players in 2026 for the region is 4,668 based on the current 2016 participation rate, or 5,738 with 2% growth in participation rate or 7,667 at 5% growth.

### Facilities

- Only Greater Geelong (21), Surf Coast (3) and Warrnambool (2) Colac (1) and Southern Grampians (1) are projected to require additional pitches to meet projected FFV demand with 5% growth in 2026
- The number of pitches desirable in 2026 based on the current 2016 participation rate, will be 17 or 20 with 2% growth in participation rate or 27 at 5% growth.
- FFV will focus on activating football in LGAs where there currently are no pitches for football. Accordingly Moyne and Queenscliffe has been projected for 1 pitch by 2026.

## Gippsland Region – projected players and additional pitches desired



	Projected FFV registered players 2026			Projected number of pitches desirable		
	Current participation rate * (1.1%)	2016* + 2%	2016* + 5%	Current participation rate 1.1%	+ 2%	+ 5%
Bass Coast	520	630	842	2	2	3
Baw Baw	442	560	748	2	2	3
East Gippsland	132	161	215	0	1	1
Latrobe	1,725	2,114	2,825	6	8	10
South Gippsland	475	580	775	2	2	3
Wellington	224	282	377	1	1	1
<b>Total Gippsland</b>	<b>3,518</b>	<b>4,327</b>	<b>5,782</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>21</b>

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### Population and potential participation

- All LGAs in the region are forecast to see a growth in population
- Baw Baw and Bass Coast are projected to see the largest percentage increase in population by 2026
- Latrobe and Wellington are both projected to see low growth in 5 to 44-year-old age group

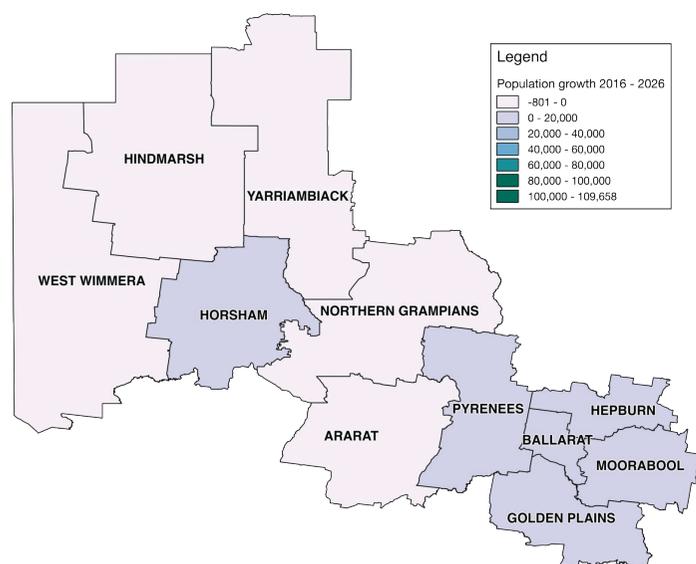
### Registered players

- Latrobe is projected to have almost 50% of the registered member in 2026
- The number of projected registered players in 2026 for region is 3,518 based on the current 2016 participation rate, or 4,327 with 2% growth in participation rate or 5,782 at 5% growth.

### Facilities

- All LGAs in the region will require up to three new pitches to meet demand, apart from Latrobe who will require approximately 10
- The number of pitches desirable in 2026 based on the current 2016 participation rate, will be 13 or 16 with 2% growth in participation rate or 21 at 5% growth.

## Grampians Region – projected players and additional pitches desired



	Projected FFV registered players 2026			Projected number of pitches desirable		
	Current participation rate * (1.1%)	2016* + 2%	2016* + 5%	Current participation rate 1.1%	+ 2%	+ 5%
Ararat	0	0	0	0	0	1*
Ballarat	1,507	1,826	2,440	5	7	9
Golden Plains	188	231	309	1	1	1
Hepburn	210	274	367	1	1	1
Hindmarsh	0	0	0	0	0	1*
Horsham	18	22	29	0	0	0
Moorabool	218	270	361	1	1	1
Northern Grampians	0	0	0	0	0	1*
Pyrenees	0	0	0	0	0	1*
West Wimmera	0	0	0	0	0	1*
Yarriambiack	0	0	0	0	0	1*
<b>Total Grampians</b>	<b>2,140</b>	<b>2,624</b>	<b>3,506</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>16*</b>

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### Population and potential participation

- Moorabool (22.4%) and Golden Plains (18.7%) are projected to see significant increases in 5 to 44 year olds living in the municipality by 2026
- Ararat, Hindmarsh, Northern Grampians, West Wimmera and Yarriambiack are all forecast to see decrease in population by 2026

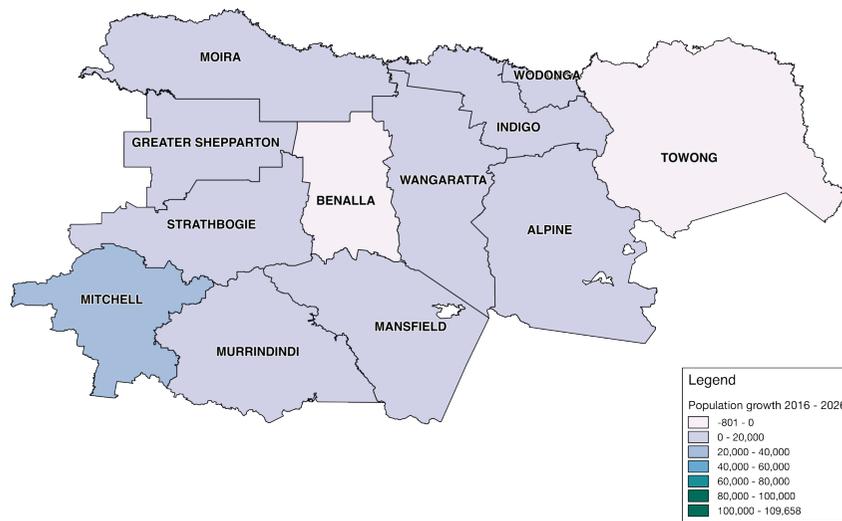
### Registered players

- Grampians is projected to have lowest penetration rate of FFV registered players for 5 to 44 year olds throughout all the county regions
- The number of projected registered players in 2026 for region is 2140 based on the current 2016 participation rate, or 2,624 with 2% growth in participation rate or 3,506 at 5% growth.

### Facilities

- It is projected that 4 of the 11 LGAs will require additional pitches to meet FFV demand in 2026; 12 in total
- The most pitches desirable is 9 in Ballarat
- Based on current provision and projected demand from FFV registered players, Horsham will not require any further pitches
- The number of pitches desirable in 2026 based on the current 2016 participation rate, will be 8 or 9 with 2% growth in participation rate or 12 at 5% growth.
- FFV will focus on activating football in LGAs where there currently are no pitches for football. Ararat, Hindmarsh, Northern Grampians, Pyrenees, West Wimmera and Yarrambiak have been projected for 1 pitch by 2026.

## Hume Region – projected players and additional pitches desired



	Projected FFV registered players 2026			Projected number of pitches desired		
	Current participation rate * (1.1%)	2016* + 2%	2016* + 5%	Current participation rate 1.1%	+ 2%	+ 5%
Alpine	188	237	317	1	1	1
Benalla	46	58	77	0	0	0
Greater Shepparton	511	628	839	2	3	4
Indigo	56	73	98	0	0	0
Mansfield	64	86	115	0	0	0
Mitchell	290	350	468	1	1	1
Moira	428	563	753	1	1	2
Murrindindi	0	0	0	0	0	0
Strathbogie	54	68	91	0	0	0
Towong	0	0	0	0	0	1*
Wangaratta	188	233	311	1	1	1
Wodonga	1,024	1,215	1,623	3	4	5
<b>Total Hume</b>	<b>2,849</b>	<b>3,511</b>	<b>4,691</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>17*</b>

\* Applied to projected population by LGA 2026  
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### Population and potential participation

- Mitchell (50%) and Wodonga (20%) are projected to see the largest percentage increase in population
- Both Towong and Benalla are projected to see a small decreases in population
- 5 of the 12 LGAs in the region are projected to see an increase in 5 to 44 year olds

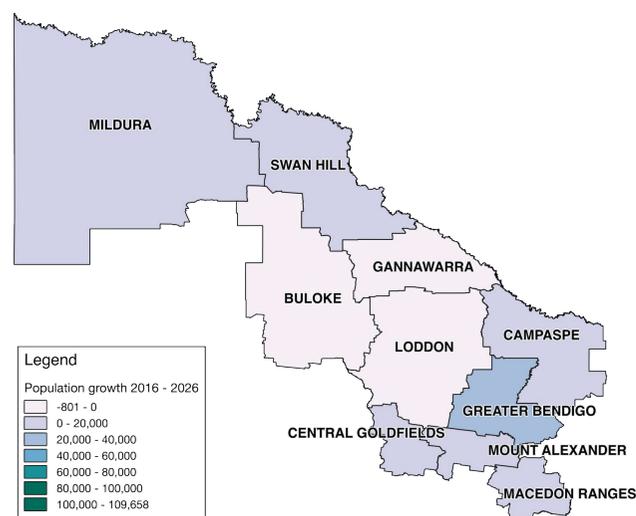
### Registered players

- Hume is projected to have low penetration rate of FFV registered players for 5 to 44 year olds
- The number of projected registered players in 2026 for region is 2,849 based on the current 2016 participation rate, or 3,511 with 2% growth in participation rate or 4,691 at 5% growth.

### Facilities

- Wodonga will need 5 new pitches and Greater Shepparton will need 4 to meet 2026 projected FFV demand with 5% growth, while 4 other LGAs will require only 1 or 2 additional pitches
- Six LGAs do not require additional pitches based on FFV projected demand
- The number of pitches required in 2026 based on the current 2016 participation rate, will be 10 or 12 with 2% growth in participation rate or 16 at 5% growth.
- FFV will focus on activating football in LGAs where there currently are no pitches for football. Accordingly Towong has been projected for 1 pitch by 2026.

## Loddon Mallee Region – projected players and additional pitches desired



	Projected FFV registered players 2026			Projected number of pitches desirable		
	Current participation rate * (1.1%)	2016* + 2%	2016* + 5%	Current participation rate 1.1%	+ 2%	+ 5%
Buloke	0	0	0	0	0	1*
Campaspe	399	482	644	1	2	2
Central Goldfields	99	132	177	0	0	0
Gannawarra	0	0	0	0	0	1*
Greater Bendigo	2,634	3,148	4,207	7	9	12
Loddon	0	0	0	0	0	1*
Macedon Ranges	517	624	834	2	2	3
Mildura	691	858	1,146	3	3	4
Mount Alexander	294	369	493	1	1	2
Swan Hill	189	249	333	1	1	1
<b>Total Loddon Mallee</b>	<b>4,822</b>	<b>5,862</b>	<b>7,833</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>27*</b>

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### Population and potential participation

- Buloke, Gannawarra and Loddon are all projected to see overall population decreases
- Both Greater Bendigo and Macedon Ranges are forecast to see almost 20% increase in population by 2026
- Some 6 of the 10 LGA's are projected to see a drop in 5 to 44 year olds by 2026, with Gannawarra and Loddon seeing over 17% decreases

### Registered players

- Greater Bendigo (55%), Mildura (14%) and Macedon Ranges (11%) are projected to make up the largest percentage of FFV registered players in the region by 2026
- Loddon Mallee is projected to have the greatest penetration rate of FFV registered players for 5 to 44 year olds throughout all the county regions
- The number of projected registered players in 2026 for region is 4,822 based on the current 2016 participation rate, or 5,862 with 2% growth in participation rate or 7,833 at 5% growth.

### Facilities

- Of the 24 pitches likely desirable to meet projected FFV demand in the Region, 12 will be needed in Great Bendigo and 4 in Mildura to meet the 5% growth
- Central Goldfields have enough pitches based on project FFV demand
- The number of pitches desirable in 2026 based on the current 2016 participation rate, will be 15 or 18 with 2% growth in participation rate or 24 at 5% growth.
- FFV will focus on activating football in LGAs where there currently are no pitches for football. Accordingly Buloke, Gannawarra and Loddon have been projected for 1 pitch each by 2026.

## 6. Implementation Strategy to 2026

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# Implementation Strategy Summary: Goals, Strategies and Priorities

The key Strategies, the facilities required to grow football and the priorities, are shown below.

Goals and Strategies	Priorities	
<p><b>1. More pitches</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provide new venues and additional pitches</li> <li>• Target growth areas</li> <li>• Develop additional pitches at existing venues</li> <li>• Investigate infill sites and Parks Victoria land</li> <li>• Target new schools and community access to existing schools</li> <li>• Provide at least one pitch in every local government area</li> <li>• Be innovative where pitches are provided</li> </ul> <p><b>2. Increase the carrying capacity of pitches</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provide lights on all new pitches and upgrade existing standards</li> <li>• Increase the proportion of artificial surfaces</li> <li>• Better drainage/turf quality</li> <li>• Increase intensity of management</li> <li>• Improve club and facility management</li> </ul> <p><b>3. Venues and pitches suitable for all levels and forms of the game</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• More and better quality regional venues</li> <li>• Provide female friendly/gender neutral and accessible facilities</li> <li>• Retrofit venues to be inclusive accessible and code compliant</li> <li>• Increase the number of competition compliant pitches</li> </ul>	<b>Lighting</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Increase the number of lit pitches by 96 pitches</li> </ul>
	<b>Artificial Surfaces</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Increase the number of artificial turf pitches by 31</li> </ul>
	<b>New Pitches and Pavilions</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Increase the number of new pitches by a minimum of 145 and 58 pavilions</li> <li>• One pitch in 12 additional local government areas</li> </ul>
	<b>Drainage and Irrigation</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Upgrade ground drainage and irrigation for a minimum of 80 pitches</li> </ul>
	<b>Schools</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Plan new schools with compliant football pitches</li> <li>• Develop 80 football pitches in schools</li> </ul>
	<b>Female /Family Friendly and Accessible Pavilions</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All new pavilions and pitches to be accessible, family friendly and gender neutral, built to Universal Design standards</li> <li>• Facilities that encourage more females to play</li> <li>• Expand the number of inclusive facilities (existing) by 120</li> </ul>
	<b>Compliant and Regional Venues</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Develop/upgrade 19 venues to regional standard</li> <li>• All new pitches to be compliant (minimum 145)</li> </ul>

## Priorities by Metro Zone

### Metro Northern Zone

Banyule, Darebin, Whittlesea

#### Priority

- Target the development of football pitches and lighting at new schools in the City of Whittlesea.

#### Example

- Epping North Primary School (Harvest Home PS), Mernda Central Prep–Year 12 School and Mernda South Primary School (Mernda Park PS), Hazel Glen College, Doreen

#### Priority

- Upgrade ground drainage and pavilion at Whittlesea venues

#### Example

- Harvest Home Recreation Reserve

#### Priority

- Consider facility developments at John Cain Memorial Park (State Football Centre) to further develop as a key regional venue

#### Priority

- Find new pitches or opportunities to extend capacity in Banyule and Darebin.

#### Example

- Assist redevelopment of Banyule Flats and support actions in Olympic Park Master Plan that directly assist football participation.
- Explore opportunities for shared use facilities on Education Department Land in Banyule
- Assist in further development of La Trobe University, Bundoora

### Metro North East Zone

Boroondara, Manningham, Nillumbik, Whitehorse

#### Priority

- Increase the number of pitches with lighting in Nillumbik from 3 to 5 (or 37% to 66%) and Whitehorse from 17 to 19 (or 77% to 85%).

#### Example

- Yarrambat Park, Yarrambat, Mahoneys Reserve, Forest Hill and Ballyshannessy, Burwood East

#### Priority

- Aim to have a minimum of 2 artificial pitches in Whitehorse and Boroondara who have no artificial pitches.

#### Example

- Elgar Park has been identified as a shared use sports ground for a future artificial turf site.

#### Priority

- Find new pitches or opportunities to extend capacity in Boroondara and Manningham

#### Example

- Tikalara Park site in Websters Road, Templestowe
- Further develop Petty's Reserve, Templestowe

#### Priority

- Consider facility developments Bulleen Park, Bulleen to further establish as a key regional venue

### Metro Eastern Zone

Cardinia, Knox, Maroondah, Monash, Yarra Ranges

#### Priority

- Upgrade ground drainage at Cardinia venues

#### Example

- Bunyip Recreation Reserve

#### Priority

- Consider facility developments at Knox Regional Football Centre to further establish as a key regional venue

#### Priority

- Increase the number of new pitches in Cardinia and Yarra Ranges

#### Example

- Support the establishment of a new venue in Pakenham East.
- Consider the development of the quarry site in Lilydale

#### Priority

- Support the conversion and development of female friendly facilities in Monash as per the City of Monash Active Reserves Strategy.

## Priorities by Metro Zone - continued

### Metro South East Zone

Bayside, Glen Eira, Kingston

#### Priority

- Aim to have a minimum of 2 artificial pitches, with lighting in Bayside and Glen Eira

#### Priority

- Upgrade ground drainage at Glen Eira Venues

#### Example

- Bailey Reserve, Bentleigh East

#### Priority

- Target the development of football pitches and lighting in Kingston through the establishment of Joint Use Agreements with community minded schools

#### Priority

- Increase the number of pitches with lighting in Bayside from 16 to 20 (or 52% to 66%) and Kingston from 20 to 25 (or 52% to 66%)

#### Priority

- Consider facility developments at Kingston Heath Reserve, Cheltenham to further develop as a key regional venue

### Metro Western Zone

Brimbank, Hobsons Bay, Melton, Wyndham

#### Priority

- Increase the number of new pitches in Brimbank and Wyndham
- Aim to have a minimum of 2 artificial pitches in Hobsons Bay
- Target the development of football pitches and lighting at new schools in the City of Wyndham

#### Example

- Point Cook Coastal Park (Parks Victoria)
- Point Cook South Prep–Year 9 School and Featherbrook College. Point Cook.

#### Priority

- Target the development of football pitches and lighting at new schools in the City of Melton

#### Example

- Taylors West Secondary College.

#### Priority

- Upgrade ground drainage at Hobsons Bay venues

#### Example

- JT Gray Reserve, Williamstown

#### Priority

- Consider facility developments at Green Gully Reserve to further develop as a key regional venue

### Metro Southern Zone

Casey, Frankston, Greater Dandenong, Mornington Peninsula

#### Priority

- Increase the number of pitches with lighting in Mornington Peninsula from 14 to 25 (or 36% to 66%) and Frankston from 18 to 21 (or 56% to over 66%).

#### Priority

- Aim to have a minimum of 2 artificial pitches in the City of Casey and City of Dandenong

#### Priority

- Develop Casey Fields Regional Soccer as a key regional venue
- Target the development of football pitches and lighting at new schools in the City of Casey

#### Example

- South West Primary School (Tulliallan PS), Cranbourne North, Casey Central East Primary School (Barton PS), Cranbourne West and Wilandra Rise Primary School, Clyde North

#### Priority

- Consider facility developments at Tatterson Park, Keysborough South and George Andrews Reserve, Dandenong to further develop as key regional venues

## Priorities by Metro Zone - continued

### Metro Central Zone

Maribyrnong, Melbourne, Port Phillip,  
Stonnington, Yarra

#### Priority

- Increase the number of pitches with lighting in Stonnington from 2 to 4 (or 29% to 66%) and Melbourne from 12 to 18 (or 44% to 66%)

#### Priority

- Aim to have a minimum of 2 artificial pitches Stonnington and Yarra

#### Priority

- Upgrade ground drainage at Yarra Venues

#### Example

- Fairlea Park, Yarra Bend

#### Priority

- Consider facility developments at Albert Park to further develop as a key regional venue once the Albert Park Master Plan is complete.

### Metro North West Zone

Hume, Moonee Valley, Moreland

#### Priority

- Aim to have a minimum of 2 artificial pitches in the City of Hume

#### Example

- Aston Recreation Reserve

#### Priority

- Target the development of football pitches and lighting at new schools in the City of Hume

#### Example

- Newbury Primary School, Craigieburn

#### Priority

- Add a new synthetic pitch in the City of Moreland

#### Priority

- Support Moonee Valley Council accessing Moonee Valley Racecourse in the proposed redevelopment with installation of football pitches

## Priorities by Country Region

### Loddon Mallee Region

Buloke, Campaspe, Central Goldfields, Gannawarra, Greater Bendigo, Loddon, Macedon Ranges, Mildura, Mount Alexander, Swan Hill

#### Priority

- Install drainage at Macedon Ranges venues and lighting upgrade

#### Example

- Drainage installation at Dixon Field, Gisborne and drainage and lighting at Barkly Square, Kyneton

#### Priority

- Consider facility developments at Epsom Huntly Reserve to further develop as a key regional venue

#### Priority

- Develop at least one venue in each municipality, preferably at a school, that can cater for football for all levels of the game

### Hume Region

Alpine, Benalla, Greater Shepparton, Indigo, Mansfield, Mitchell, Moira, Murrindindi, Strathbogrie, Towong, Wangaratta, Wodonga

#### Priority

- Increase the number of pitches with lighting in Wodonga from 7 to 8 (or 64% to 75%)

#### Example

- Willow Park, Wodonga

#### Priority

- Plan to increase the number of new pitches in Mitchell

#### Example

- Consider Wallan Secondary College

#### Priority

- Support the ground development and lighting of a football facility in Euroa

#### Example

- Consider Friendlies Oval, Euroa

#### Priority

- Consider facility developments at Shepparton Sports Precinct (McEwan Reserve) to further develop as a key regional venue

#### Priority

- Develop at least one venue in each municipality, preferably at a school, that can cater for football for all levels of the game

### Gippsland Region

Bass Coast, Baw Baw, East Gippsland, La Trobe, South Gippsland, Wellington

#### Priority

- Increase the number of pitches with lighting in East Gippsland from 1 to 4 (or 14% to 66%), Baw Baw from 4 to 7 (or from 36% to 66%) and Bass Coast from 3 to 4 (or 50% to 66%)

- Upgrade ground drainage and install irrigation at Latrobe venues

- Provide 2 artificial pitches by 2026

#### Example

- Consider a venue in Warragul

#### Priority

- Development at La Trobe City Sports and Entertainment Stadium, Morwell as a regional venue as per the La Trobe Valley Sports package funding

## Priorities by Country Region - continued

### Barwon South West Region

Colac Otway, Corangamite, Glenelg, Greater Geelong, Moyne, Queenscliffe, Southern Grampians, Surf Coast, Warrnambool

#### Priority

Target the development of football pitches and lighting at new schools, where space is available, in the City of Geelong

Example

- Armstrong Creek Primary School, Batten Road, Armstrong Creek, Armstrong Creek Special School, Batten Road, Armstrong Creek and North Geelong Special Development School, Hamlyn Heights

#### Priority

- Target the development of football pitches and lighting at new schools in the Surf Coast Shire

Example

- Torquay North PS, Torquay North

#### Priority

- Consider facility developments at Banyul-Warri Fields to further develop as a key regional venue

#### Priority

- Develop at least one venue in each municipality, preferably at a school, that can cater for football for all levels of the game

### Grampians Region

Ararat, Ballarat, Golden Plains, Hepburn, Hindmarsh, Horsham, Moorabool, Northern Grampians, Southern Grampians, Pyrenees, West Wimmera, Yarriambiack

#### Priority

- Target the development of football pitches and lighting at new schools in the Shire of Golden Plains

Example

- Bannockburn P12, Bannockburn

#### Priority

- Increase the number of pitches with lighting in Ballarat from 10 to 14 (or 45% to 66%)

#### Priority

- Plan to increase the number of new pitches in Moorabool
- Consider the Old Racecourse, Bacchus Marsh

#### Priority

- Consider facility developments at Morshead Park to further upgrade as a key regional venue

#### Priority

- Develop at least one venue in each municipality, preferably at a school, that can cater for football for all levels of the game

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## Appendix 1. Definitions

FFV	Football Federation Victoria
FFA	Football Federation Australia
Registered players	Player/s who has paid the club registration fee to play football with an Association such as FFV
Football	Refers to association football also known as soccer, as recognised by FIFA, and includes the games of football, indoor or 5-a-side football (Futsal) and beach football.
FSE	Full size equivalent pitch. This is calculated as follows: a senior pitch is calculated as 100%. A Junior Pitch is 85% of a senior pitch and a MiniRoos pitch is 50% of a senior pitch
Compliant	Meets the current Building Code of Australia and Football Facility Guidelines
Education venues	An Education venue includes a Secondary School, Primary School, and University that has a senior, junior or MiniRoos pitch within the grounds. The pitches may not be accessible to clubs or the general community
Effective population	The core age group of the population that is most likely to play football. This is five to forty four years of age. This age group has been used to project future participation, rather than the total population
FFV zone	Zones identified for competition purposes as shown in Appendix 1 on page 42 – ‘Zones and Regions Used in this Strategy’
Carrying capacity	Carrying capacity is based on hours per week usage for senior, junior and MiniRoos players per pitch and average hours of weekly usage. Assumed 26 hours per week
Cost of use	The cost of use is the cost of maintenance and replacement for the life of surface, expressed per hour of use
Hierarchy	The hierarchy of the venue is the catchment of the facility expressed as local, district or regional.
Dedicated pitch	A pitch used for football that is not used by another sports code, in the same or the alternative season
State government region	Region as shown in the Introduction. Assessments for the project were grouped as FFV Metropolitan Regions, Victorian Government country and metropolitan regions
Total football associations	Registered players from FFV and estimations for Victorian Churches Football Association, Bayside Football Association, Vic Soccer and Melbourne Chinese Soccer Association
Current participation (State)	Refers to potential total football participation projected from state-wide participation rates included social, school, unaffiliated and registered players
Gender neutral /unisex change rooms	The term ‘gender neutral’ refers to change rooms that may also be referred as ‘unisex’ or ‘female friendly’
Venue audits	Audits were completed between August and December 2016

## Appendix 1. Continued - Definitions: zones and regions used in this strategy

FFV metropolitan zones and country regions have been used in the facility analysis. Metropolitan regions have only been used for high level summaries and mapping.

FFV Metro Zones	Local Government Area
Metro Western	Brimbank, Hobsons Bay, Melton, Wyndham
Metro North West	Hume, Moonee Valley, Moreland
Metro Northern	Banyule, Darebin, Whittlesea
Metro North East	Boroondara, Manningham, Nillumbik, Whitehorse
Metro Eastern	Cardinia, Knox, Maroondah, Monash, Yarra Ranges
Metro South East	Bayside, Glen Eira, Kingston
Metro Southern	Casey, Frankston, Greater Dandenong, Mornington Peninsula
Metro Central	Maribyrnong, Melbourne, Port Phillip, Stonnington, Yarra
Metro Regions	
Inner Melbourne	Maribyrnong, Melbourne, Port Phillip, Stonnington, Yarra
Middle Melbourne	Banyule, Bayside, Brimbank, Boroondara, Darebin, Glen Eira, Hobsons Bay, Kingston, Manningham, Monash, Moonee Valley, Moreland, Whitehorse
Outer Melbourne	Cardinia, Casey, Frankston, Greater Dandenong, Hume, Knox, Maroondah, Melton, Mornington Peninsula, Nillumbik, Whittlesea, Wyndham, Yarra Ranges
Country Regions	
Barwon South	Colac, Corangamite, Glenelg, Greater Geelong, Moyne, Queenscliffe, Southern Grampians, Surf Coast, Warrnambool
Gippsland	Bass Coast, Baw Baw, East Gippsland, Latrobe, South Gippsland, Wellington
Grampians	Ararat, Ballarat, Golden Plains, Hepburn, Hindmarsh, Horsham, Moorabool, Northern Grampians, Pyrenees, West Wimmera, Yarriambiack
Hume	Alpine, Benalla, Greater Shepparton, Indigo, Mansfield, Mitchell, Moira, Murrindindi, Strathbogie, Towong, Wangaratta, Wodonga
Loddon Mallee	Buloke, Campaspe, Central Goldfield, Gannawarra, Greater Bendigo, Loddon, Macedon Ranges, Mildura, Mount Alexander, Swan Hill



## Appendix 2. Assumptions; pitch numbers and capacity

### Pitch audit

*While this Strategy is being released in 2018, it is worth noting that @leisure Planners completed the significant state-wide facility audit through 2016. FFV acknowledges that there have been a number of upgrades, improvements and indeed some new pitches added during this period that do impact the overall accuracy of the data from 2016 listed as current.*

### Pitch numbers

The number of projected pitches has been calculated by LGA, region and zone using estimated participation rates based on current FFV player registrations, the 2026 projected population and an average pitch capacity (26 hours per week).

The participation rates used are based on the number of registered FFV players by LGA, 2016.

Three scenarios for desirable pitches have been calculated (based on 1. 2016 FFV participation rates, 2. 2% growth in participation rate per annum and 3. 5% growth in participation rate per annum). The 2% growth scenario is the minimum anticipated growth rate per annum.

Projected pitch numbers are for natural grass pitches

### Artificial pitches

For every artificial turf pitch provided the number of pitches desirable will reduce by half assuming that access to artificial turf is not restricted by hire costs or local user agreements. The projections for this plan are based on 26 hours' use per week for natural grass fields and double this for artificial turf pitches.

### Pitch capacity

It is widely accepted that a well-constructed and maintained natural grass pitch should be able to cater for approximately 20-26 hours of use by teams each week where appropriate lighting is provided.

Where the usage (by 20-30 adult players) exceeds 26 hours of use per week on a regular basis, there is an increased likelihood of a pitch being damaged to the point of needing renovation.

Overuse of pitches, especially during periods of wet weather, can result in faster degradation and have caused pitches to be closed for remediation during the season.

The projected number of pitches desirable to meet demand are listed in the Appendices. These are presented and mapped by region, zone and LGA.

Clubs and Councils need to work closely together to ensure that the best possible playing conditions for any grass field are maintained throughout the season. Particular care must be taken not to overuse a field during wet weather, and careful use of high-wear areas, such as penalty areas and the centre circle, should be monitored at all times with training drills confined to other, low-wear areas.

More than 8 to 10 senior teams per pitch is deemed to be high use and will likely have a detrimental impact on the playability of grass, depending upon the season, pitch drainage and amount of rainfall.

### Findings

To meet the projected 2026 FFV demand (based on 2016 participation rates 1.1% ) another 199 FSE pitches are desirable across the metro zones compared to 61 in the country regions.

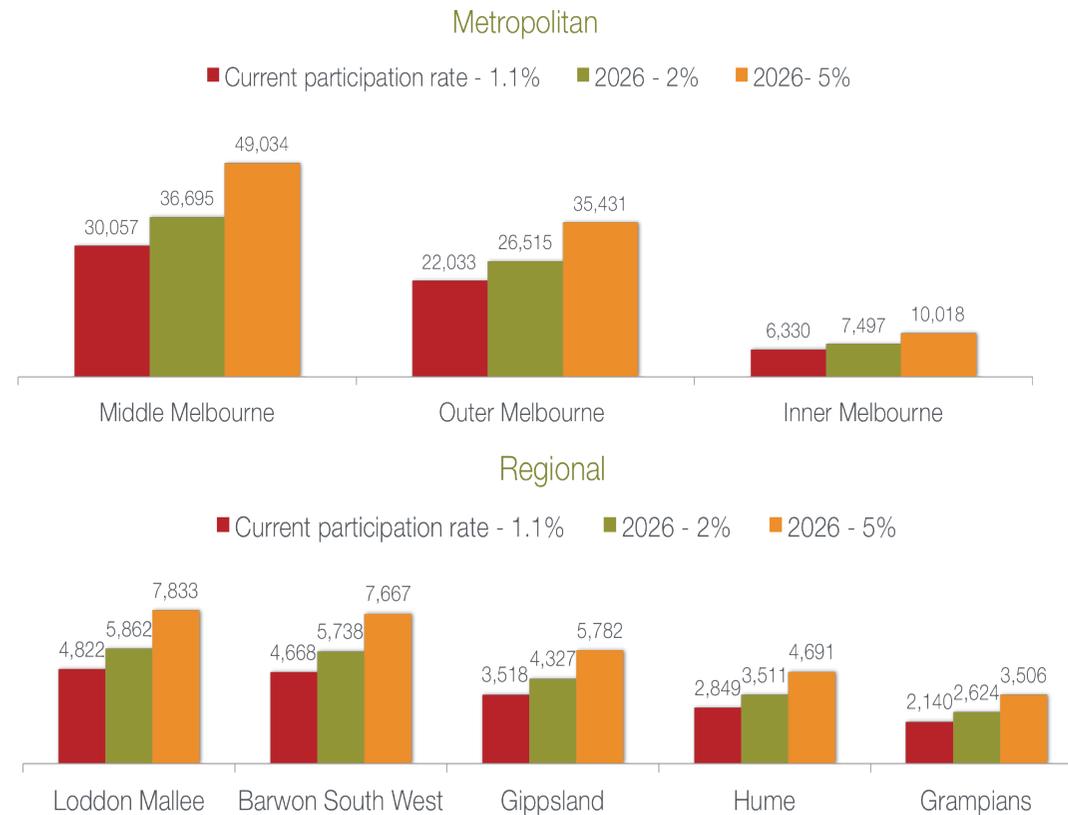
With a 2% increase in the participation rate, the number of pitches desirable will rise to 240 in metro and 75 in country regions, and at 5% growth, accounting for population growth, the number of pitches desirable in the metro region will be 320 and 100 in country regions.

It should be noted that in addition to the FFV registered players, by 2026 other football associations throughout Victoria are likely to add a further 7,000 players playing competitive matches.

## Appendix 3. Projected FFV registered players metropolitan and regional – 2026

### Summary of projections

- The total FFV registered players projected based on the current participation rate (1.1%) and 2026 population projections are 76,417
- Assuming a growth of 2% in participation rate and 2026 population projections, the total FFV registered players projected is 92,769\*
- Assuming a growth of 5% in participation rate and 2026 population projections the total FFV registered players projected is 123,961\*\*



\*2% reflects, 2% compound growth per annum based on minimal growth scenario.

\*\*5% reflects, 5% compound growth per annum based on high growth scenario.

## Appendix 4. Estimated additional full size equivalent (FSE) pitches desirable by 2026, by region

Country Region	Current FSE Pitches	FSE Pitches Desirable by Region 2026
Barwon South West	48	29*
Gippsland	48	21
Grampians	28	18*
Hume	54	17*
Loddon Mallee	39	27*
Metro Zone	Current FSE Pitches	FSE Pitches Desirable by Zone 2026
Western Metro	102	53
North West Metro	68	38
North East Metro	80	38
South East Metro	70	36
Central Metro	80	40
Northern Metro	79	37
Eastern Metro	85	34
Southern Metro	113	44
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>894</b>	<b>432</b>



Calculation based on projected number of pitches from 2016 FFV Registrations

Total FSE Pitches have been rounded to the nearest whole number

Projected number of pitches refer to grass only. One artificial pitch will have the carrying capacity of two grass pitches.

\*The Regions do not require an additional pitches based on 5%, however some municipalities do not have any pitches. It is FFV's aim to grow the game in these regions and aim for a pitch in each

## Appendix 4. Continued - Estimated additional full size equivalent (FSE) pitches desirable, by LGA

LGA	FFV**
Greater Geelong	21
Brimbank	19
Boroondara	18
Bayside	18
Monash	17
Moreland	16
Whittlesea	15
Casey	15
Greater Dandenong	15
Melbourne	14
Hume	13
Wyndham	13
Darebin	12
Greater Bendigo	12
Manningham	12
Glen Eira	11
Banyule	10
Hobsons Bay	10
Latrobe	10

LGA	FFV**
Melton	10
Yarra	10
Moonee Valley	9
Ballarat	9
Frankston	9
Kingston	8
Port Phillip	8
Maribyrnong	6
Yarra Ranges	6
Maroondah	5
Mornington Peninsula	5
Whitehorse	5
Wodonga	5
Mildura	4
Greater Shepparton	4
Bass Coast	3
Baw Baw	3
Cardinia	3
Knox	3
Macedon Ranges	3

LGA	FFV**
Nillumbik	3
South Gippsland	3
Stonnington	3
Surf Coast	3
Campaspe	2
Golden Plains	2
Moira	2
Mount Alexander	2
Warrnambool	2
Alpine	1
East Gippsland	1
Hepburn	1
Mitchell	1
Moorabool	1
Swan Hill	1
Wangaratta	1
Wellington	1
Southern Grampians	1
Colac Otway	1

LGA	FFV**
Ararat	1*
Buloke	1*
Gannawarra	1*
Hindmarsh	1*
Loddon	1*
Moyne	1*
Northern Grampians	1*
Pyrenees	1*
Towong	1*
West Wimmera	1*
Yarriambiack	1*
Queenscliffe	1*
Benalla	0
Central Goldfields	0
Corangamite	0
Glenelg	0
Horsham	0
Indigo	0
Mansfield	0
Murrindindi	0
Strathbogie	0

\*\*Based on 2016 FFV Registrations with 5% growth

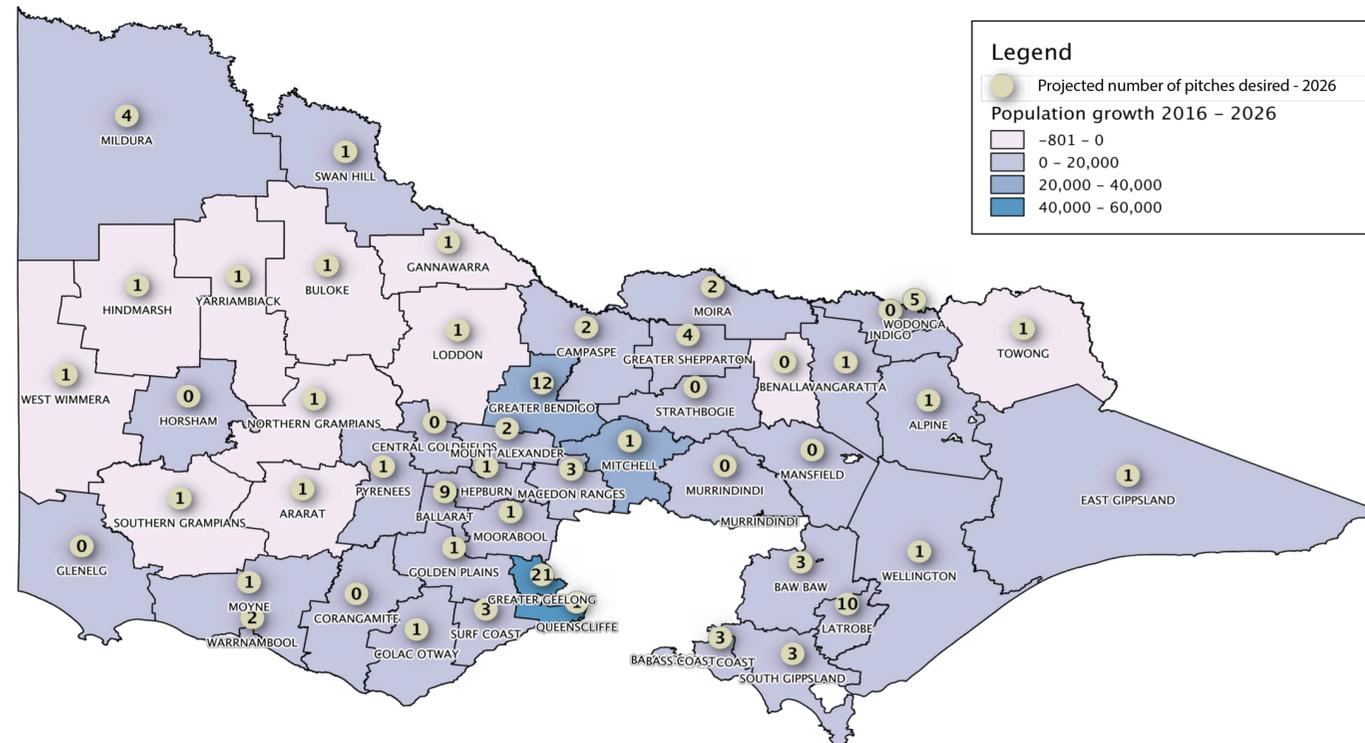
\*The LGA does not require an additional pitch based on 5% growth, however the municipality currently does not have any pitches.

It is FFVs aim to grow the game in these regions and to provide at least one pitch in each LGA.

The projected number of pitches refer to grass only. One artificial pitch will have the carrying capacity of two grass pitches. Based on a carrying capacity of 26hr/pitch and the projected population

## Appendix 5. Maps

Map 1: Regional population growth by LGA and additional pitches desirable by 2026

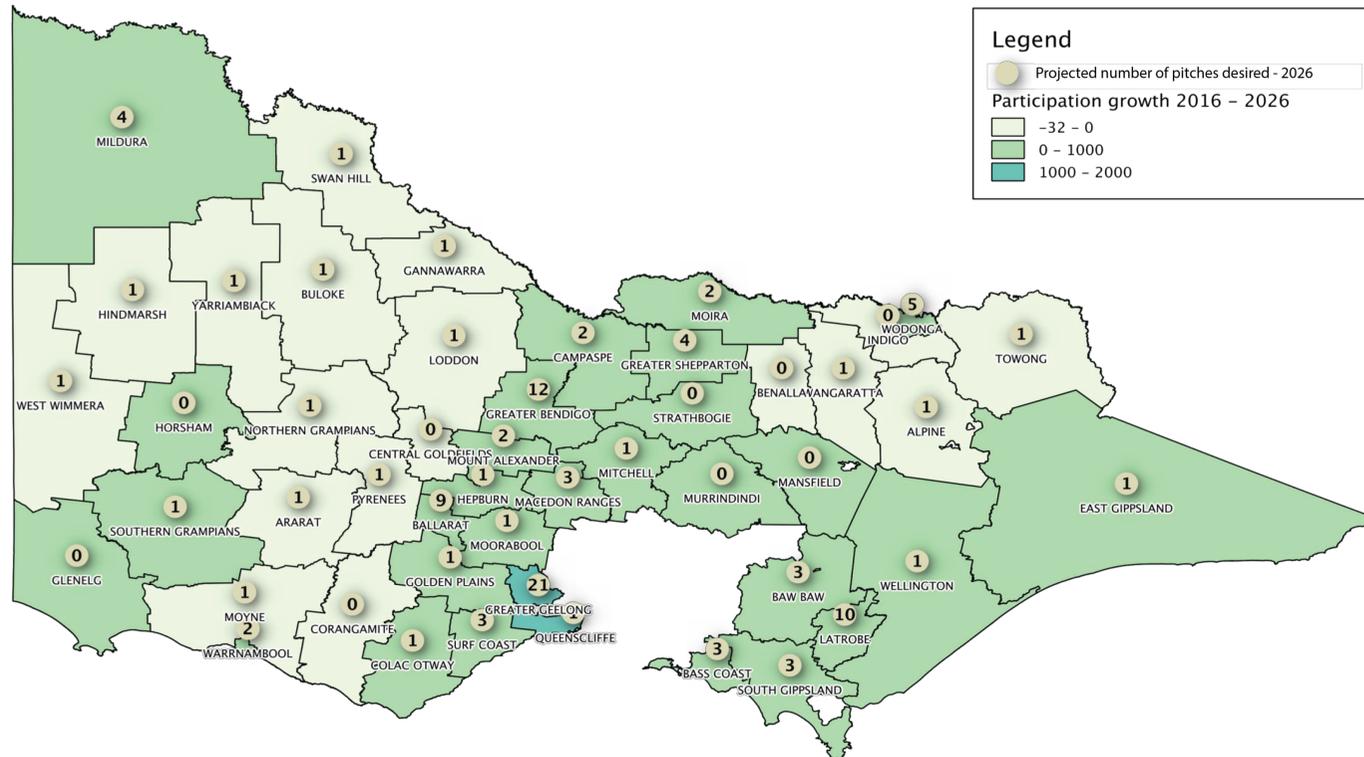


The map shows pitches desirable based on projected registered players + 5%.

Projected number of pitches refer to grass only. One artificial pitch will have the carrying capacity of two grass pitches.

LGA's including Ararat, Buloke, Gannawarra, Hindmarsh, Loddon, Moyne, Northern Grampians, Pyrenees, Towong, West Wimmera, Yarriambiack and Queenscliffe do not require an additional pitch based on 5%, however the municipalities do not have any pitches. It is FFV's aim to grow the game in these regions and aim for a pitch in each.

Map 2: Regional Victoria participation growth by LGA and additional pitches desirable by 2026

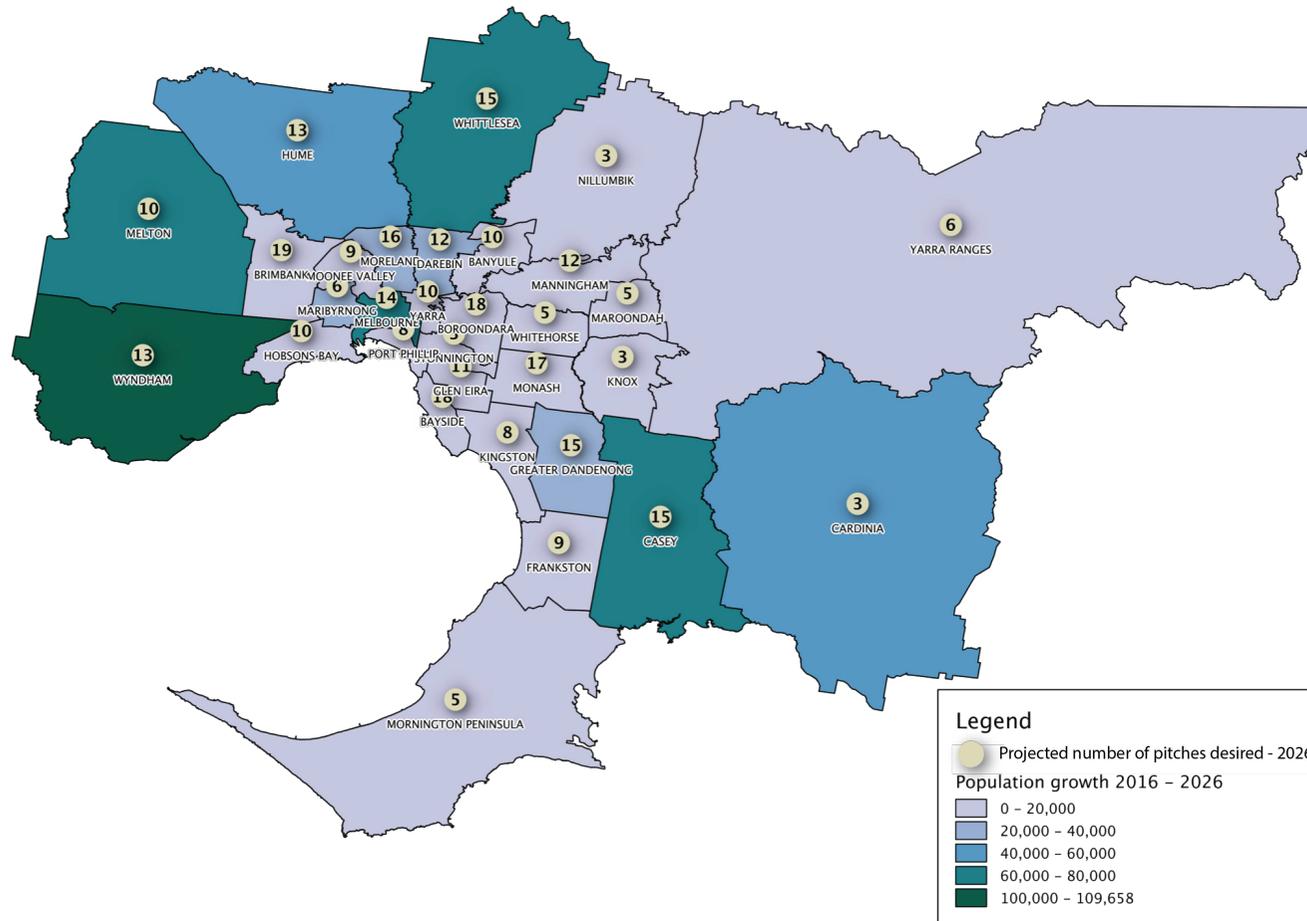


Pitches desirable based on projected registered players + 5%

Projected number of pitches refer to grass only. One artificial pitch will have the carrying capacity of two grass pitches.

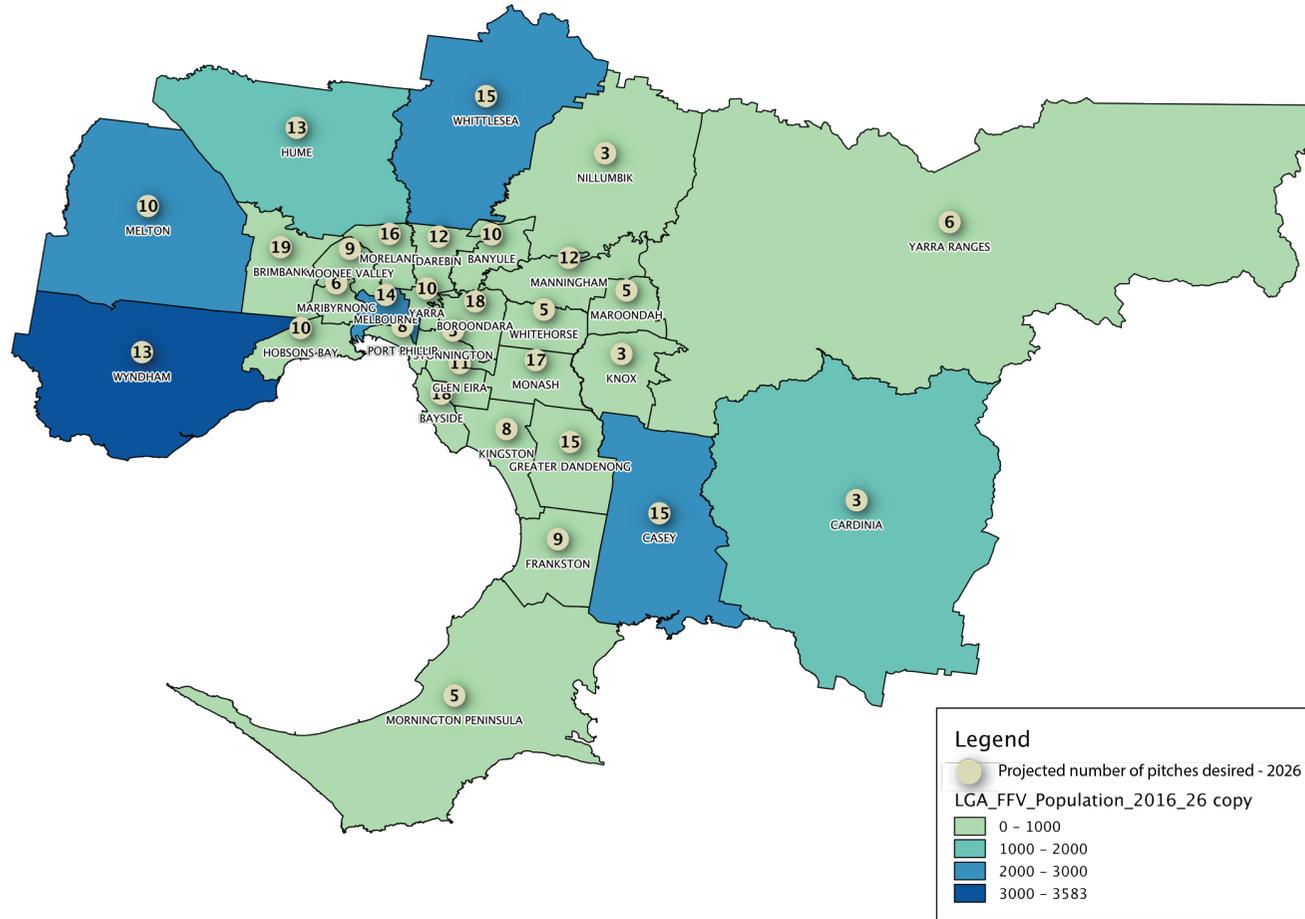
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Map 3: Metropolitan population growth by LGA and additional pitches desirable by 2026



Pitches desirable based on projected registered players + 5%  
 Projected number of pitches refer to grass only. One artificial pitch will have the carrying capacity of two grass pitches.

Map 4: Metropolitan participation growth by LGA and additional pitches desirable by 2026



Pitches desirable based on projected registered players + 5%  
 Projected number of pitches refer to grass only. One artificial pitch will have the carrying capacity of two grass pitches.

## Appendix 6. Supplementary data

Pitches by region, type, players and population – Metro zone

Pitches by region, type, players and population – Country region



## Supplementary Data: Pitches by region, type, players and population – Metro zone

Metro zones – Current	Facilities 2016			Registered players / clubs				Population ratios (aged 5 to 44 years)		
	Current FSE pitches	No. of Senior artificial turf pitches	Proportion of floodlit pitches	2016 FFV	2016 FFV female	Change in FFV since 2009	Total 2016 FFV clubs	Proportion of total population	Ratio: current FSE pitches / 1,000 persons	Ratio: current clubs / 1,000 persons
Metro Western	102	12	79%	8,053	1,193	65%	38	59.40%	0.27	0.1
Metro North West	68	4	76%	5,905	647	41%	31	58.60%	0.23	0.11
Metro Northern	79	12	73%	5,277	971	50%	29	56.00%	0.26	0.09
Metro North East	80	4	59%	6,382	1,195	27%	23	52.00%	0.29	0.08
Metro Eastern	85	7	72%	5,367	992	34%	27	53.40%	0.23	0.07
Metro South East	70	2	63%	6,890	1,329	27%	18	51.90%	0.34	0.09
Metro Southern	113	0	61%	7,011	1,037	33%	40	54.60%	0.28	0.1
Metro Central	80	4	64%	4,999	1,245	47%	28	64.50%	0.23	0.08
<b>Total</b>	<b>677</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>68% (Av)</b>	<b>49,884</b>	<b>8,609</b>	<b>41% (Av)</b>	<b>234</b>	<b>56% (Av)</b>	<b>2.13</b>	<b>0.72</b>

All Metro zones - Future	Population			Projected registered players 2026			Projected number of pitches (FSE) desirable 2026		
	Total population increase by 2026	% change in effective population 5 to 44 years	Projected State participation 2026	Current participation rate 1.1%*	2016* + 2%	2016* + 5%	Current participation rate 1.1%*	+ 2% *	+ 5%*
Metro Western	33.50%	32.50%	26,169	10,204	12,250	16,369	33	40	53
Metro North West	20.90%	21.00%	17,738	7,142	8,633	11,536	24	29	38
Metro Northern	20.90%	20.00%	20,554	6,558	7,749	10,354	24	28	37
Metro North East	8.70%	7.00%	16,719	6,771	8,399	11,224	23	28	38
Metro Eastern	13.10%	12.00%	23,852	5,892	7,161	9,569	21	25	34
Metro South East	11.40%	9.80%	13,112	7,386	9,170	12,253	22	27	36
Metro Southern	16.70%	16.40%	26,801	8,138	9,849	13,160	27	33	44
Metro Central	25.90%	23.40%	17,993	6,330	7,497	10,018	25	30	40
<b>Total</b>	<b>19% (Av)</b>	<b>18% (Av)</b>	<b>162,938</b>	<b>58,421</b>	<b>70,708</b>	<b>94,483</b>	<b>199</b>	<b>240</b>	<b>320</b>

\*Applied to projected population by LGA 2026

FSE = Full Size Equivalent

State participation based on Ausplay data

## Supplementary Data: Pitches by region, type, players and population – Country regions

Country regions – Current	Facilities 2016			Registered players / clubs				Population ratios (aged 5 to 44 years)		
	Current FSE pitches	No. of Senior artificial turf pitches	Proportion of floodlit pitches	2016 FFV	2016 FFV female	Change in FFV since 2009	Total 2016 FFV clubs	Proportion of total population	Ratio: current FSE pitches / 1,000 persons	Ratio: current clubs / 1,000 persons
Barwon South West	48	2	75%	4,094	883	35%	23	49.5%	0.12	0.12
Gippsland	48	0	56%	3,243	844	60%	23	45.6%	0.19	0.19
Grampians	28	2	46%	1,869	380	42%	13	49.5%	0.11	0.11
Hume	54	1	56%	2,583	542	-39%	20	48.2%	0.15	0.15
Loddon Mallee	39	3	67%	4,308	784	-1%	19	47.4%	0.12	0.12
<b>Total</b>	<b>217</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>61%</b>	<b>16,097</b>	<b>3,433</b>	<b>19% (Av)</b>	<b>98</b>	<b>48% (Av)</b>	<b>0.69</b>	<b>0.69</b>

Country regions - Future	Population			Projected registered players 2026			Projected number of pitches (FSE) desirable 2026		
	Total population increase by 2026	% change in effective population 5 to 44 years	Projected State participation 2026	Current participation rate 1.1%*	2016* + 2%	2016* + 5%	Current participation rate 1.1%*	+ 2% *	+ 5%*
Barwon South West	14.8%	12.1%	13,559	4,668	5,738	7,667	16	20	27
Gippsland	12.4%	11.2%	9,157	3,518	4,327	5,782	13	16	21
Grampians	13.7%	11.8%	8,253	2,140	2,624	3,506	8	9	12
Hume	15.4%	14.3%	9,997	2,849	3,511	4,691	9	12	16
Loddon Mallee	11.2%	9.2%	10,996	4,822	5,862	7,833	15	18	24
<b>Total</b>	<b>14% (Av)</b>	<b>12% (Av)</b>	<b>51,962</b>	<b>17,997</b>	<b>22,062</b>	<b>29,479</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>100</b>

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