



Phillip District Enclosed Oval

REPORT ON WHAT WE HEARD

The ACT Government is upgrading Phillip District Enclosed Oval to continue improving sporting facilities for Canberrans in the Woden Valley.

This project will see an investment of \$7.5 million in sport and recreational facilities within the Woden Valley. As our city grows, we are committed to delivering more sporting facilities to help Canberrans stay active, healthy and engaged in the sports they love. The Phillip District Enclosed Oval is located on the corner of Ainsworth Street and Albermarle Place.

The project scope will include:

- the construction of a new (stand-alone) pavilion that will include a community area, a kiosk, changerooms, general-purpose rooms, amenities and associated functional areas (i.e. storage)
- the refurbishment of the existing Michael O'Connor grandstand
- the installation of new LED sportsground lighting to support night-time match play use
- the construction of new maintenance facilities (i.e. storage shed)
- general oval upgrades

Upon completion of the works, all changerooms will be fully compliant with the ACT Government's Female Friendly Changeroom requirements.

Design development and construction is being undertaken in consultation with key sporting user groups such as the Royals Rugby Union Football Club, Canberra Region Rugby League, Woden Valley Rams Rugby League Club, Weston Creek Molonglo Cricket Club and Cricket ACT.

THE CONVERSATION

The ACT Government will be seeking a Technical Amendment to the Territory Plan to adjust the site boundary in the southwest corner of the site, allowing the necessary space required to locate the new pavilion. The government sought feedback via the YourSay website from the local community from Tuesday, 26 October 2021 to Thursday, 16 December 2021 regarding the realignment of the site boundary.

The community was invited to provide comments via email.

WHO WE ENGAGED

Consultation and engagement directly targeted nearby residents who were notified of the engagement through a letterbox drop. 3200 letters were sent to residents in Phillip and Garran. The letter provided a link to the YourSay website encouraging any comment or feedback on the project. A presentation to the Woden Valley Community Council was provided on 6 October 2021.



Key insights from the community

Support for the planned upgrades

1. Most survey respondents supported the project and the planned boundary realignment.
2. There was comment regarding the removal of any trees as a result of the boundary realignment and the need to offset this through a planting program.
3. Overall people were happy with the plans to upgrade the facility and considered that maintenance on the existing Michael O'Connor grandstand should not significantly alter the look and feel of the facility.

Need for quality sporting infrastructure across the ACT.

4. Respondents commented that the upgrade should consider a combination of elite and community level participation.

Meeting the recreational needs of the community

5. Some respondents were concerned about the loss of the nearby Garran Neighbourhood Oval which is currently being used as a COVID-19 Surge Centre. The proposed works at Phillip District Oval are not being undertaken to replace the Garran Neighbourhood Oval. The Surge Centre is a temporary facility that has been an important part of the ACT's COVID-19 response plan. The facility will be removed, and Garran Oval remediated once the COVID-19 public health emergency has passed.



WHAT'S NEXT?

Feedback received will be used to help inform the Technical Amendment to the Territory Plan.

In coming months, a Technical Amendment to the Territory Plan will be publicly released by the Environment, Planning and Sustainable Development Directorate to progress the site realignment. Throughout 2022, preliminary designs will be developed for further consultation.

Further enquiries can be made via email: sportandrecreation@act.gov.au

Key Timings

February 2021: Funding for design of Phillip District Enclosed Oval announced in the Budget

May 2021: Design Tender announced

October 2021: Engagement begins with the community on the upgrades to Phillip District Enclosed Oval

November 2021: Community asked to provide feedback on the site boundary realignment and the proposed upgrades.

January 2022: What We Heard report to be released

Early 2022: Technical Amendment to the Territory Plan to be lodged

Early 2022: Design development and project consultation.

Mid 2022: Development Application to be submitted for the community sports pavilion.



THANK YOU FOR YOUR FEEDBACK

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made to the Woden
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