

Preventing all forms of violence

Case Study: Fair Access Policy

Background

The **Fair Access Policy Roadmap**, released by the Office for Women in Sport in partnership with Sport and Recreation Victoria and VicHealth, aims to develop a state-wide foundation to improve the access to, and use of, community sports infrastructure for women and girls. Six Fair Access Principles have been developed to guide local governments and other public land management groups seeking more in-depth support throughout this journey. The roadmap features three key phases: education, readiness and progress. It is designed for local governments, sport and recreation organisations and other groups which manage publicly owned community sports infrastructure.

The Fair Access Targets are as follows:

From 1 July 2024 - Victorian government funding criteria for community sport infrastructure to require gender equitable access and use policies.

By 1 October 2024 - All local governments in Victoria have gender equitable access and use policies in place for community sports infrastructure.

By 1 July 2027 - More women and girls report equitable access to community sports infrastructure and improved experiences participating in community sport.

Project Description

In preparation for compliance with the roadmap, officers from Engaged Communities, Recreation Services, Property Services and Facilities Management, and People and Culture have worked through the methodology of the development of this policy. Through this research and consultation, it was determined that a City of Ballarat Fair Access Policy be developed including the identification of relevant plans, strategies, and policies and an initial assessment of the need and priority for gender impact assessments to be completed for these documents.

A draft City of Ballarat Fair Access Policy and community engagement plan has been developed including an inward facing action plan to support the implementation of the policy.

Outcomes

- Working group support and collaboration
- Development of draft Fair Access Policy
- Development of a Fair Access Policy community engagement plan
- Development of internal facing Fair Access Policy Action Plan.