

Balfe Park upgrade

Flood rectification works commencing in 2026



Merri-bek
City Council

Balfe Park is an important shared space for sport and recreation in Brunswick. Residents, pets and sports clubs use the open green space to exercise, rest or gather.

To help the park better support current and future use, we will begin **upgrade works in August 2026**. These improvements will make the ground safer, more durable and better drained.

The upgrades will include

- Reshaping the ground surface to improve drainage and useability.
- Adding a new sand and drainage layer to increase overall usage hours
- Install a new irrigation system and pump station.
- Retaining the existing perimeter fencing
- Extending 6-metre-high netting behind the goals
- Laying new "Santa Ana" turf.
- Adding a concrete edge strip to protect the playing surface
- Install a 1.5m wide sand path with timber edging.

How will this impact you?

Upgrade works will begin in August 2026. During this time,

- **Sports field:** The sports field will be closed off, with no access to the public from August 2026 – June 2027.
- **Access paths:** There will be some disruptions to access parts of the path around the ground between August 2026 – June 2027. Temporary pedestrian detours will be in place.
- **Playground and open space:** The front playground and recreation area. It will stay open for use for the duration of construction.

The next page includes a map showing areas of the park that will be closed and those that will remain accessible during construction.

Nearby open spaces available include,

- Methven Park
- Fisher Reserve
- The Merri Creek
- Fleming Park
- Janet Millman Reserve

More information

For detailed information on the works and access to the open space please visit www.conversations.merri-bek.vic.gov.au/balfe-park or scan the QR code.

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-  **Playground and Open Space**
To remain open to public for the duration of the works
-  **Sports Field**
No Access August 2026 to June 2027
-  **Gravel Circuit Path**
Limited disruption to access between August 2026 – June 2027. Temporary pedestrian detour routes will be in place.
-  **Gravel Circuit Path**
No access between August 2026 – June 2027. No change to laneway access. Pedestrian detour will be in place.
-  **Open Space Access Points**
Will remain open during construction.



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