

Allard Park

Sports Field Upgrade Project- Update



Merri-bek
City Council

We would like to provide you with an update on the Allard Park sports field upgrade.

Allard Park Oval will remain closed until late 2026 or early 2027 due to unexpected ground issues found during construction.

While all standard checks were completed before work began, it was discovered that the soil was not strong enough to support the new playing surface. If this was not fixed, the ground could become uneven, unsafe and not drain properly. These works were necessary to ensure the oval is safe and performs well into the future.

These repairs have delayed the project, and the new grass will now be laid in late March or early April. The grass will need time to establish strong roots before winter. Opening the oval too early could damage the surface, so it must remain closed until it is ready. The turf will be regularly tested, and the oval will reopen as soon as it is safe for use.

During this time, you can use nearby parks and open spaces such as Jones Park, Roberts Reserve and Gillon Oval.

We expect Allard Park to reopen in late 2026 or early 2027 and will keep the community informed of any changes.

We apologise for the inconvenience and thank you for your patience and understanding.



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