

Sport and Recreation Victoria

Community Sports Infrastructure 2024 Outcomes Statement



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Overview

Providing high-quality, accessible community sports infrastructure* is a key aim of the Victorian Government and is integral to the health and wellbeing of Victorians.

To achieve this, Sport and Recreation Victoria (SRV) partners with Local Government Authorities, Alpine Resorts Victoria and various sport and recreation clubs and organisations to upgrade and develop community sports infrastructure across Victoria.

This helps fulfil the [Active Victoria 2022 to 2026](#) strategic priority to encourage and facilitate sport and active recreation participation for all.

Over the past decade, SRV, along with other State Government departments and agencies, have invested more than \$2.3 billion into community sports infrastructure.

A landmark report undertaken by KMPG (2020) on SRV's behalf estimated the annual contribution of Victoria's community sports infrastructure to the economy to be at least \$704 billion.

While this information is important to understand the aggregate benefit of community sports infrastructure, it's also critical that we measure and better understand outcomes at a project level and share this with our investment partners – to shape future policy, planning, and priorities.

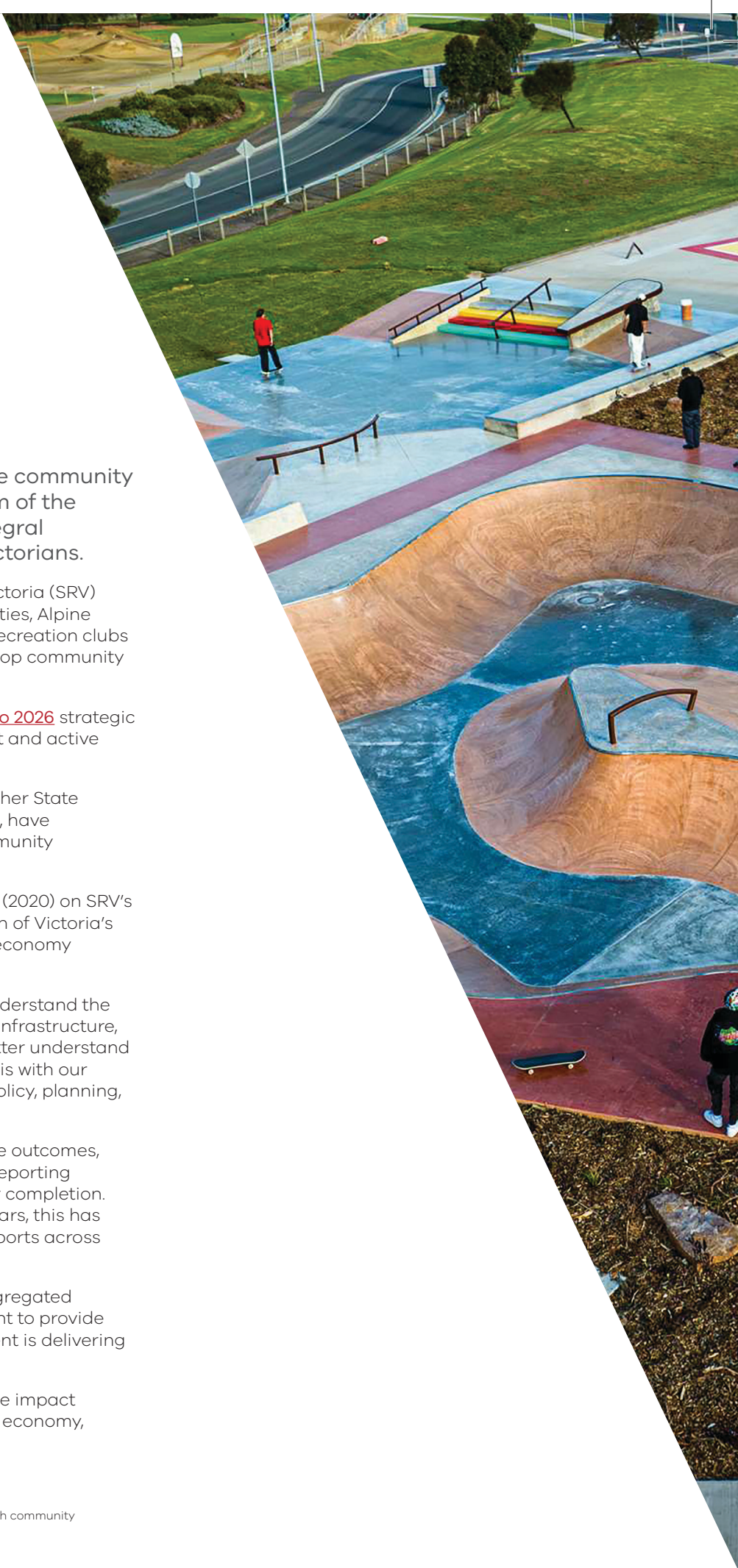
To measure and better understand these outcomes, SRV introduced mandatory Outcomes Reporting for every funded project, 12 months after completion. For the 2022-23 and 2023-24 financial years, this has resulted in 337 completed Outcomes Reports across 11 different funding programs.

These Outcomes Reports have been aggregated to produce the 2024 Outcomes Statement to provide valuable insight into how SRV's investment is delivering our strategic and investment priorities.

This Outcomes Statement summarises the impact on participation, activities, inclusion, the economy, and the environment.

* Note: community sports infrastructure encompasses both community sport and active recreation infrastructure.

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Participation Outcomes

Across the reporting period, participation increased by **42.9%** or **70,269 new participants** at funded facilities, within the first 12 months.

Sport



163,140 people used funded sports facilities, including **22,079 new participants**.



Projects in **Regional Victoria** experienced a **17%** participation increase, compared to **15%** in **Metropolitan Melbourne**.



Junior girls' sport participation increased the most among all cohorts, **rising by 19%** to 40,204 participants.



Junior boys' sport participation recorded 87,390 participants, the **highest number** of all cohorts.

Active Recreation



70,647 people used funded active recreation facilities, including **48,190 new participants**, an **increase of 215%**.



More women (51%) than men (49%) participated at funded active recreation facilities.



Adult women recorded the **highest increase** in active recreation participation at **227% (12,467 new participants)**, mostly using aquatic recreation facilities.

Case study

Local Government Authority
Glen Eira City Council

Project Name
Duncan MacKinnon Reserve Community Fitness Facility

Funding Program
Community Sports Infrastructure Stimulus Program

Project Scope
Installation of outdoor training equipment at Duncan MacKinnon Reserve.

Outcomes
The facility is catering for up to 100 participants for at least 90 hours per week. Enhanced accessibility and a range of equipment have boosted participation, especially for people with diverse abilities.

Activities Supported

Across the reporting period, **34** different sport and active recreation activities were supported through funded projects.



On average, each funded facility **supported 3 different sport and active recreation activities**, demonstrating flexible, multi-use benefits.



74.5% (251) of funded facilities were shared, supporting multiple sport and/or active recreation activities.



28.5% (96) of funded facilities delivered both **sport** and **active recreation** participation opportunities.



Funded facilities supported **16,199 participation hours per week** for more than 550 user groups.

Case study

Local Government Authority
Mitchell Shire Council

Project Name
Harley Hammond Reserve Netball/
Tennis Amenities and Courts

Funding Program
Community Support Fund

Project Scope
Construction of a pavilion to meet the needs for netball/tennis users and the reconstruction of 2 netball/tennis courts and installation of competition standard lighting for netball.

Outcomes
Junior netball has increased its weekly usage from 14 to 22 hours, welcoming more boys and girls. Netball membership has also grown, adding 2 new teams in the 2023 season. With courts now line-marked for tennis, 2 additional night competitions now run annually over 34 weeks.



Facility Standards

Of the funded facilities across the reporting period, **142 projects** supported participants through **new or upgraded pavilions and change rooms** suitable for women and girls.



101 projects increased the capacity of fields of play through **new or upgraded sports lighting**.



99.4% of sports facilities (319) met the standards of their respective sport.



94 projects increased usage time through **94 new or improved outdoor sports courts**.



100% of aquatic facilities and indoor stadiums (15) reported implementing at least one Healthy Choices initiative, as per funding requirements.



Case study

Local Government Authority
Nillumbik Shire Council

Project Name
Diamond Valley Sport and Fitness
Centre Redevelopment

Funding Program
Local Sports Grants initiative

Project Scope
Construction of 4 new indoor multi-sport courts including one with seating for 500 spectators, upgraded change spaces/amenities, new double-storey administration building, kiosk, café, first aid and storage.

Outcomes
Additional courts have expanded sports programming and community access, including for people with a disability. A 24-hour gym supports flexible participation, while upgraded ancillary facilities enables NBL1 games to be hosted. Participation rose by 27.5% (1545 participants), with Senior Women showing the greatest increase at 35.8% (307 participants). This growth was supported by the implementation of four gender equity initiatives.

Addressing Barriers

Across the reporting period, funded facilities included a range of initiatives to increase participation, particularly in disadvantaged communities and for people who participate less.

Diversity and Inclusion



54.6% (184) of funded facilities reported benefiting socio-economically disadvantaged cohorts.



36.5% (123) of funded projects reported providing direct benefits to people with a disability.



29.4% (99) of funded facilities were delivered in Victoria's most disadvantaged suburbs¹.



33.2% (112) of funded projects reported directly benefiting LGBTQ+ people.



40.9% (138) of funded facilities reported benefiting CALD communities.



30.9% (104) of projects reported directly benefiting Aboriginal Victorians.



30.9% (104) of funded projects reported benefiting older adults (60+ years).

Gender Equity



74.7% (252) of funded facilities increased women and girls' participation in sport and active recreation.



67 women and girls' funded facilities increased participation by **12.2%** (3,375 new participants).



94.6% of funded facilities reported implementing at least one gender equity initiative, the most common being 'equality through scheduling' at **65.3%** (220).

Universal Design



97.3% (328) of funded facilities reported implementing one or more Universal Design principles, with an average of **4.6 out of 7** principles being applied.



The most commonly applied Universal Design principle was 'equitable use', applied to **91.4%** of funded facilities.

1. ABS Census 2021, SEIFA IRSD Decile 1 and 2.

Economy and Environment

Across the reporting period, investment grew the Victorian economy by supporting planning, construction, management and operational employment, along with supply chain benefits. Our investment also seeks to minimise impacts on the environment.

Jobs and Partnerships



1,170 full time jobs were supported to deliver funded facilities worth more than **\$538 million**.



Funded facilities in **Metropolitan Melbourne** (180) generated economic activity worth more than **\$394 million**.



Funded facilities in **Regional Victoria** (157) generated economic activity worth more than **\$144 million**.

Sustainability



94.9% of funded facilities implemented one or more environmentally sustainable design initiatives, the most common being upgrades to reduce operational costs such as **LED lighting, recycling and energy efficiency measures**.



Case study

Local Government Authority
City of Greater Geelong

Project Name
Geelong West Oval Pavilion

Funding Program
Local Sports Grants initiative

Project Scope
Construction of a new, 2-storey multi-purpose community facility to meet AFL Regional Facility Guidelines.

Outcomes
The pavilion has created more inclusive participation opportunities, especially for women and girls with participation growing by 47.5% (114 participants). This has fostered a safer and more welcoming environment. Sustainability was also a key outcome with six environmentally sustainable design features applied to the pavilion including a rainwater harvesting tank, and solar panels to offset between 50-70% of the annual energy use of the pavilion, along with 2 electric vehicle charging stations.



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