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General FAQs

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- **When does the site selection survey close?**
 - The site selection survey will be open until 31 January. In late February, further consultation is planned to begin asking the community about what they would like to see included in the concept design for the stadium.
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- **Why is Council considering moving the stadium to a new location?**
 - The existing Benalla Indoor Recreation Centre (BIRC) has been assessed and reviewed as part of this exercise. Apart from existing issues with flooding and compliance, the available site area is not considered large enough for either an expanded and updated compliant facility, or the associated carparking requirements.
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- **When will Council consult with the community on the redevelopment project?**
 - Council is committed to ongoing community consultation. At all stages of the project through to construction, Council will work closely with the community to select the site and design the stadium to meet community needs. Community consultation activities will include surveys, workshops, pop-in sessions and a variety of other opportunities.
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- **Will there be shared facilities?**
 - It is possible to have shared facilities, as the goal is to provide a multi-sport indoor recreational facility, that caters to multiple users.
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- **How long before the stadium will be ready for the community to use?**
 - Approximately two and half to three years.
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- **When will the location be decided?**
 - The results of the survey and site consultation activities will be presented to Council mid to late February for a final decision on the stadium site.



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- **Is \$15 million enough to build a new stadium?**

This depends on the final brief that is agreed to by Council and the community – for example, the number of indoor courts and other amenities that are to be offered. Council is committed to seeking additional funding, or staging the project, if required. Benchmarking against similar projects has been completed and can be found in the document library on this page.

- **Who are Brand Architects and how are they involved?**

- Brand Architects is a Melbourne based practice focused on the delivery of innovative, environmentally and socially responsible community and educational projects.

Their experience covers a broad range of public infrastructure including education, children's services, sports and recreation, health, aged care, transport, cultural and community buildings.

Brand Architects were successful in winning the Benalla Indoor Recreation Centre Redevelopment project through a selection process undertaken by Council.

- **What is a Concept Design?**

- The Concept Design is the first step in designing a new building. It's like sketching out the basic idea of what the building will look like and how it will function. This involves talking to different people involved in the project such as council, architects, engineers, sporting groups and community, to understand what they want from the building. Once everyone agrees on the basic plan and how much it will cost, the project moves on to the next step, which is designing the building in more detail.
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- **What is a Detailed Design?**

- The Detailed Design phase builds on and develops the approved Concept Design. It's where all the specifics of the building get figured out, like what materials will be used, how everything will fit together, and how much it will cost. This is the phase prior to the documents being prepared for public tender or pricing by builders.



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ACKERLY AVENUE FAQs

- **What will happen to the BIRC if a new stadium is built elsewhere?**
 - Council will work with the Committee of Management, user groups and the community to maintain the BIRC and discuss how the facility is used in the future.
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- **Will there be an impact on the neighbouring sports clubs?**
 - Council will work closely with the Tennis and Croquet Club and All Blacks Football Netball Club as the project progresses. Council is committed to supporting both clubs in both scenarios of the BIRC staying or being relocated.

CHURCHILL RESERVE FAQs

- **How will building a new stadium at Churchill impact future development at the site?**
 - The Churchill Recreation Reserve site is already a sporting and recreation precinct with a range of recreational activities catered for. Before constructing a new facility on this site, a masterplan for the whole site would need to be considered, to ensure a balance that retains open recreation space against buildings, carparks and other existing sporting activities.
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- **If selected, will Churchill be accessible to the community during construction?**
 - Parts of the site, containing the dog park, hockey pitch and netball courts could likely remain accessible during construction, but the rest of the reserve would likely be inaccessible.
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- **Are there issues with the ground at Churchill that will prevent any new development?**
 - An extensive geotechnical site investigation has been undertaken at the Churchill site, as well as research into historic documents regarding previous usage of the site.

The geotechnical report has been presented to the project structural engineer for review and feedback and they have advised that there are reliable options available to construct a facility on this site, however they have recommended further localised investigation specifically in the



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proposed building location, should it be decided to proceed with this site as the new location for the multi-sport stadium.

- **Will there be shared facilities?**

- It is possible to have shared facilities, as the goal is to provide a multi-sport indoor recreational facility, that caters to multiple users.

- **How will car parking be managed?**

- Depending on the agreed scope of the new facility, car parking requirements will be assessed based on estimated participants. The design will allow for staging of car parking requirements, so that this can be added in stages over time, should on-going demand require.

- **If the stadium is built at Churchill what will happen to the existing Churchill user groups?**

- Council has already engaged in preliminary discussions with representatives from the Churchill Reserve Committee of Management and will continue to have open discussions on how the redevelopment can be most beneficial to all users of the reserve.

BARKLY STREET FAQs

- **Who owns the Barkly Street Site?**

- This site is owned by the Department of Education & Training (State Govt of Victoria).

What will happen to the Barkly Street site if it is not selected?

- If not selected, Council will begin an additional community consultation process to explore other community focussed opportunities for Barkly Street. Council recognises the importance of the Barkly Street to our community. Future redevelopment will take into consideration existing infrastructure and community aspirations.