

Community Engagement Report



Fair Access to Sport

Project Overview

What is your project?

To create a Frankston Fair Access Policy and an Action Plan that addresses and removes the known gender barriers around accessing and using community sports infrastructure.

What strategies or plans does it connect to?

The Policy has been developed in line with and consideration of various Guidelines, Plans, Strategies and Policies that are listed in section 9. *Related Documents* of the Policy.

Why are we engaging with the community on it now?

All Victorian Councils are required to have a Fair Access Policy in place by 1 July 2024, under the State Government's Fair Access Roadmap. Therefore, we engaged with the general community, various priority groups and stakeholders to seek their feedback of the Policy and proposed actions before finalisation and endorsement by Council.

Quick Engagement Stats

Overview Report: Showing that:

- 35 responses to the survey in total.
- There was 552 views to the page

Survey summary: of the 35 respondents:

- 11.8% identified as living with a disability, 32.4% of people identified as part of the LGBTQIA+ community, however no responses from those that identified as Aboriginal and /or Torres Strait Islander.
- Majority of respondents (61.8%) identified as women
- Most respondents are 'current users' (60.0%), and there's a good mix of how they currently participate.
- The highest priority from respondents:
 - o for Council is to provide education and training opportunities that support inclusion and diversity
 - o for clubs is to ensure that social events are inclusive and welcoming
- The barriers to participation were varied, however the most common barrier selected was Time Constraints (42.9%)
- We received 83 responses from the 5 open ended question with lots of constructive responses on proposed actions.

Community Consultation Process

How did you let people know the engagement was happening?

The Draft Policy and Action Plan were open for feedback from the community from 10 October to 12 November 2023 in which it was published and open on our Engage Frankston site.

How did you engage with the community?

We engaged with sports clubs and the community via numerous meetings, forums, events, newsletters, mailing lists and socials media, including: sport club forums, a Tennis Forum, AFLW Round 9 Pre Game Function, Frankston's Disability Access and Inclusion Committee meeting and posters and emails to various priority group mailing lists.

Summary of outcomes

We have incorporated an intersectional lens more clearly by strengthening wording to greater reflect diversity.

In our final version of the Action Plan, we have utilised action priority questions to help Council determine timelines and measurable outcomes.

Was there a strong level of agreement or different views expressed?

Community were more supportive for incentivising clubs to work towards Fair Access, rather than penalising clubs who were not.

Recommendations and Next Steps

- The Recreation team are utilising the findings of the engagement to update the Policy and Action Plan and are consulting with internal departments prior to finalising.
- Further updates will be provided to sporting clubs, with education opportunities made available closer to policy endorsement.
- Preparation of final Policy and Action Plan for Council endorsement in June.