



Sports Infrastructure

Request of Government

We are seeking

- Masterplan implementation - Lewis Park
- Clubroom upgrades - Lewis Park Pavilion, Wantirna Reserve, Milpera Reserve
- Sports field lighting - Eildon Park, Miller Park, Dobson Park
- Ground upgrades - Carrington Park, Kings Park, Knox Gardens Reserve, Fairpark Reserve



Background

Many sporting facilities in Knox lack the fundamental requirements to unlock the benefits of a physically active community. For sporting clubs to prosper and become safer, inclusive and more accessible, Council seeks funding for multiple upgrades.

Lewis Park

Lewis Park sits at the heart of Knox Central and represents a significant opportunity to deliver a vibrant, modern community space that meets the needs of a growing and changing population. The proposed renewal project encompasses landscape and amenity improvements including a new playground, skate park, barbecue facilities, shelters, and landscaping, as well as the much-needed refurbishment of a pavilion that is tired and no longer fit for purpose.

Concept work has already been completed, and the pavilion refurbishment is estimated to cost approximately \$8 million. However, despite its importance to the Knox Central precinct, the project has faced significant delays over many years due to cost pressures, meaning the community has waited far too long for this essential infrastructure.

Knox City Council calls on both the state and federal governments to partner in delivering this investment. A funding contribution from either or both levels of government would unlock this project and ensure that Lewis Park fulfils its potential as a thriving community hub at the centre of one of Melbourne's most significant urban renewal precincts.

Clubrooms, lighting and ground upgrades

Knox's sporting facilities are struggling to keep pace with the demands of a growing and active community. Many facilities no longer meet contemporary standards, falling short of the fundamental requirements for safety and inclusion. Inadequate lighting limits when facilities can be used, poor drainage and irrigation reduce the availability of playing surfaces, and ageing infrastructure is unable to withstand the increasing intensity of use that comes with growing participation.

These are not minor inconveniences. As more Knox residents embrace active lifestyles, the pressure on sporting infrastructure continues to mount. A range of targeted upgrades has been identified and rigorously prioritised by Council, including lighting improvements to enable night games and enhance safety, and

sports ground upgrades to improve drainage, irrigation, and turf quality to extend playing hours and support heavier usage.

The Knox community deserves facilities that are safe, inclusive, and fit for the future. Knox City Council calls on the state and federal governments to partner in funding these essential upgrades, ensuring that every resident has access to the quality sporting infrastructure they need to stay active, connected, and thriving.

We are seeking funding right across Knox, as indicated on the map below:

- **Clubrooms** Lewis Park Pavilion, Wantirna Reserve, Milpera Reserve
- **Sports field lighting** Eildon Park, Miller Park, Dobson Park
- **Ground upgrades** Carrington Park, Kings Park (Oval 1), Knox Gardens Reserve (Oval 1), Fairpark Reserve (Oval 1)

Our proposed solution

Knox City Council is seeking a funding contribution from the state and federal governments toward the total \$29 million investment required to deliver these critical sporting infrastructure upgrades.

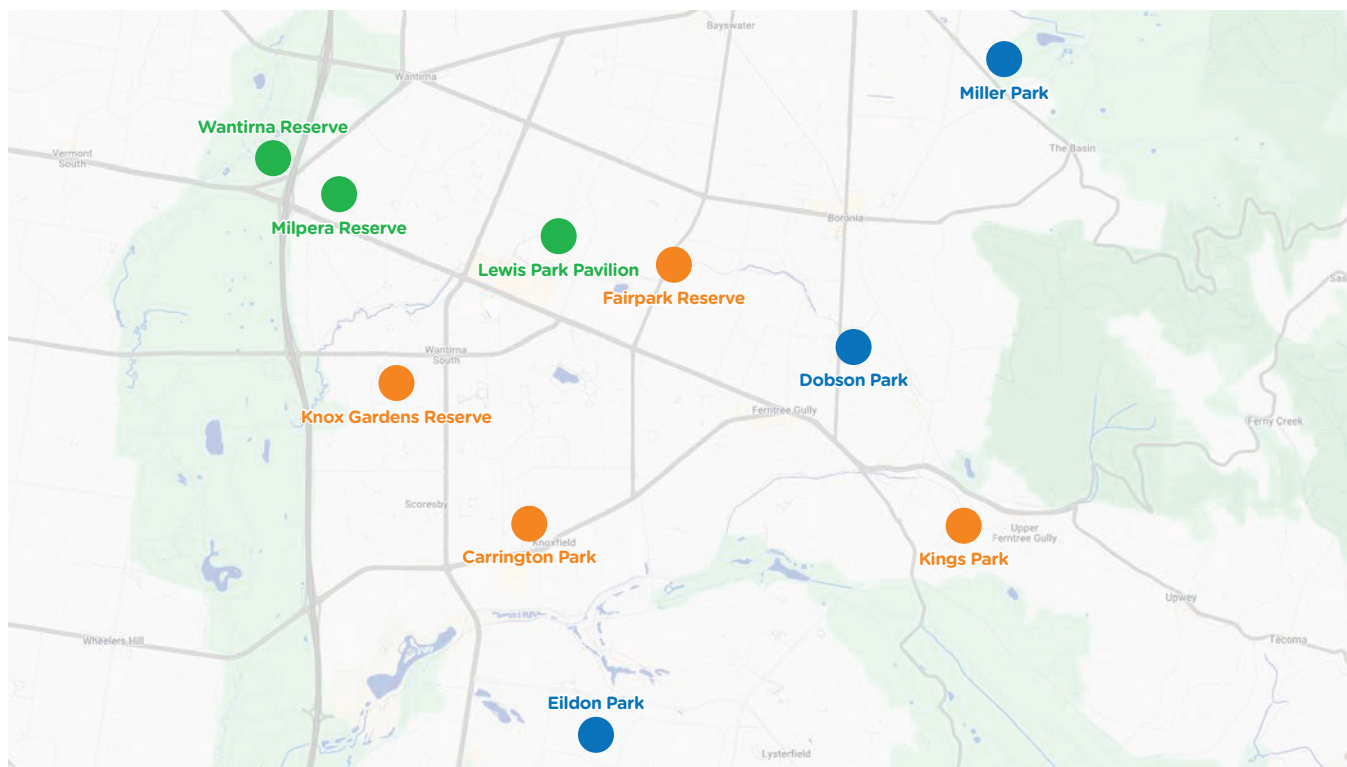
Council is committed to co-investing in these projects and stands ready to partner with government to ensure they are delivered for the Knox community.

A shared investment approach reflects the responsibility of all levels of government to provide safe, inclusive, and modern sporting facilities that meet the needs of a growing and active population.

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