

Batting cage at Greenwich Reserve

Williamstown Baseball Club will receive a new baseball batting cage at its home base of Greenwich Bay, thanks to funding from Hobsons Bay City Council, the Victorian Government and the baseball club itself.

The approved, double width hitting facility will allow training to be extended past dusk.

The new cage will consist of a 25m long x 8m wide x 3.5m high chain mesh cage with a 7.6m x 4m storage shed to be built inside the chain mesh cage at the southern end of Greenwich Reserve (as marked yellow in the diagram below). The cage will have a Colorbond steel roof with internal LED lighting to allow batting practice after dusk.

The existing batting cage (as marked red in the diagram below) will be removed with the area to be re-instated as open space.

The works are anticipated to take 12 weeks, weather permitting, and are scheduled to begin after the summer season at the end of March.

For further information, please turn over to see the FAQs or contact Lauren Dick, Acting Sports Planning & Projects Officer on 9932 1000 or email projects@hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au



Image 1: New cage (yellow), removed old cage (red)



Image 2: example image of new cage structure



Questions and answers

Q. Why is a new batting cage required?

A. The Williamstown Baseball Club has operated in Williamstown since 1911. The club has grown to have six junior teams, four senior teams and one Masters side with both male and female players representing the club at various ages.

All players train at Greenwich Reserve on a junior diamond and a senior diamond. Live hitting occurs on these diamonds as the old single hitting cage cannot cope with the increased numbers.

The proposed double width hitting facility will allow hitting training to be extended past dusk and minimise balls going on to the field.

Q. Have all tenant clubs been consulted on the project?

A. Yes. Discussions have been held with all tenant clubs.

Q. Will park users be affected while works are being undertaken?

A. No, a temporary fence will surround the works zone, regular park access will be maintained.

Q. What will happen to the old batting cage structure?

A. The old structure will be removed as part of the project and the area re-instated to grass.

Q. Has a planning permit been obtained for the project?

A. Yes, the club has received a planning permit from the Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning, which involved direct consultation with residents directly overlooking the baseball fields who were all supportive of the project.

Q. Who is funding this project?

A. The club received \$20,000 from Council through the 2019/20 Pitch your Idea budget submission process and \$20,000 from the Victorian Government's Stronger Communities Grant Program. The remainder is being funded by the Williamstown Baseball Club.

Q. What is the proposed colour of the structure?

A. The external chain mesh cage is to be black to match the existing chain mesh fencing. The Colorbond roof will be Dulux Windspray as required by the planning permit and the external walls of the store will be Woodland Grey to match the accessory colour of the adjacent structures.

Q. When will the batting cage be used?

A. The facility will be used at club training sessions after school/work hours (Monday to Friday) and for pre-game training on weekends.

