

# KEW RECREATION CENTRE

Expression of Interest - Ongoing Bookings



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# 1. Introduction

YMCA Victoria is seeking Expressions of Interest (EOI) from clubs and associations regarding future potential regular bookings of indoor court, pool (aquatic lane hire) and rooms at the City of Boroondara's new Kew Recreation Centre (KRC).

The EOI process is being conducted to ensure a fair and transparent process for potential user groups to register their interest in facility hire while the new KRC is under construction. The intent of the facility is to accommodate a variety of activities within the community based on demand and across a range of sports and recreation activities for people of all abilities.

Importantly, the EOI process is specifically for groups to express their interest in ongoing bookings only. Ongoing bookings are those that occur at regular intervals throughout each month over a period of at least a year. Guiding principles have been developed by Council and the YMCA, based on the [Boroondara Community Plan](#), to ensure the EOI process for court, pool and room usage meets the vision for the facility.

For groups seeking a one-off or short-term booking, these options will be made available closer to the facility re-opening in 2023.

## Timeline

Process	Date
Applications open	18 July 2022
Applications close	21 November 2022
Outcome of assessment	28 November - 2 December 2022
Hire agreements executed	5 December 2022

## 2. Strategic alignment

The Boroondara Community Plan 2021-31 (the Plan) sets out the 10 year vision for the City of Boroondara based on the aspirations and priorities the community told us were important. The Plan balances the needs of the Boroondara community today, while recognising the challenges, opportunities and changes to come over the next decade. Developed through a deliberative engagement process with the community, the Plan builds on what already makes Boroondara a great place to live, work, study and recreate. It paints a picture of what the community values most in the City of Boroondara and demonstrates how Council will practically bring the community's vision to life, for the benefit of all community members. The Plan incorporates the 10-year Community Vision of a sustainable and inclusive community, the Council Plan 2021-25 and the Municipal Public Health and Wellbeing Plan 2021-25.

Seven key health priorities are listed in the Plan:

- Improving mental wellbeing health and social connection
- Tackling climate change and its impact on health
- Preventing all forms of violence
- Reducing harmful alcohol use
- Increasing healthy eating
- Increasing active living

Four strategies are especially relevant to this EOI:

- 1.1 Neighbourhoods and community spaces facilitate social connections and belonging by providing, maintaining and activating places for people to meet, organise activities and celebrate events.
- 1.2 Health and wellbeing is improved through delivering, facilitating and advocating for services and programs that are accessible and affordable.
- 1.4 Facilities and sports precincts encourage equal access through social planning, delivery, asset maintenance and renewal activities.
- 1.5 Life-long learning is supported by delivering and working with our community and partners to meet the broad range of interests within the community.





## 2. Strategic alignment (Cont.)

The aim is also to reach traditionally under-represented communities such as:

- Older adults
- People with disability
- People with chronic health conditions or special needs
- Children and youth
- People from low income or disadvantaged backgrounds
- The CALD community
- People who are socially isolated
- People who have traditionally been non-users of the facilities
- LGBTQIA+ community

Our programming is being developed to reflect Council plans, strategies and policies, and respond to Boroondara's changing demographics, community needs and participation trends. The EOI applicant's demonstrated alignment with the aforementioned priorities and target markets will be a key factor in the decision making process.

The Sport and Recreation Strategy is available to [download](#).



### 3. The new facility

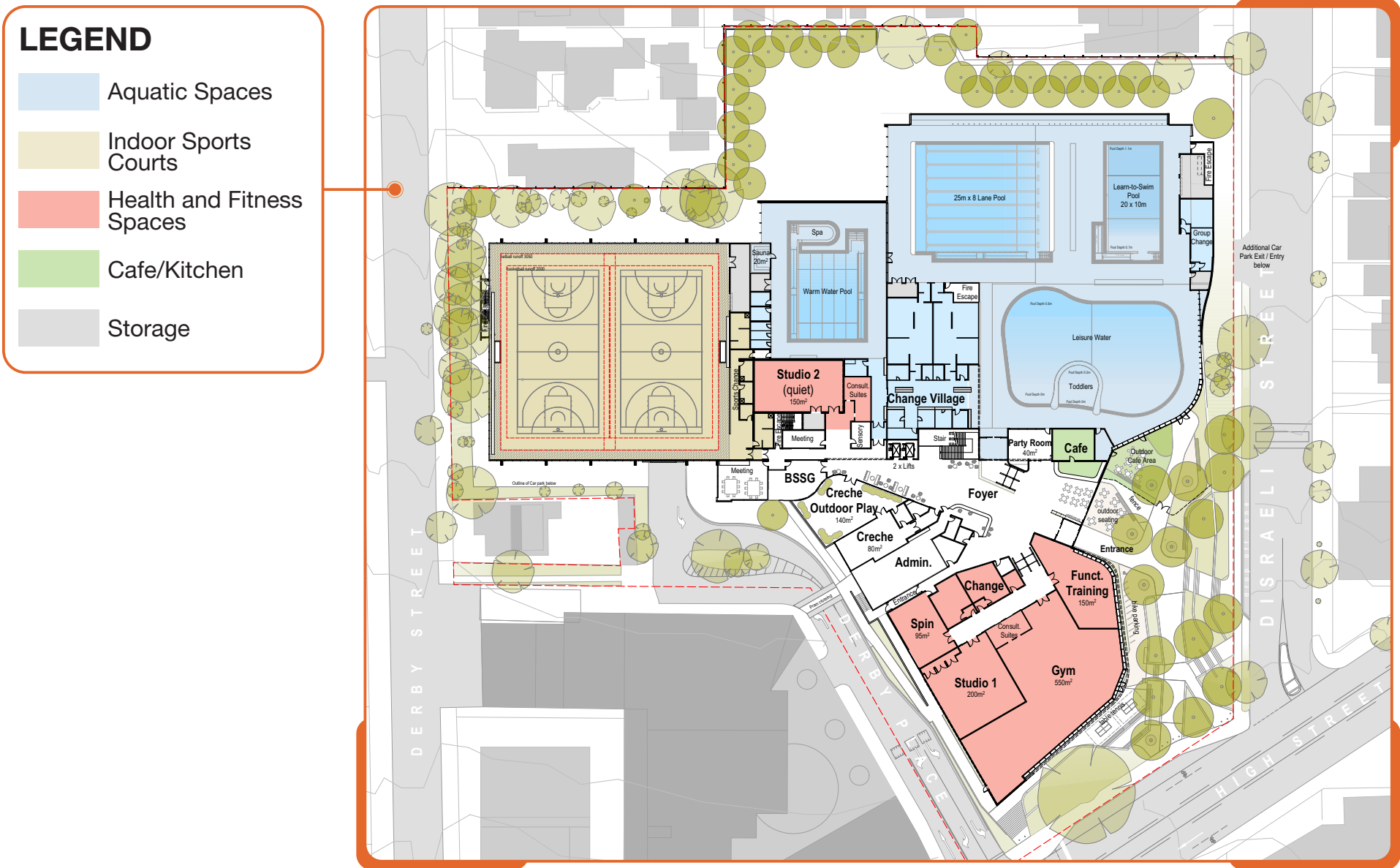
The new Kew Recreation Centre is currently being developed at 383 High Street, Kew. This facility will see the development of a state-of-the-art community venue to improve and maintain health and wellbeing, play team sports, connect with others and meet specialised health needs. The facility is currently managed by YMCA Victoria who are conducting this EOI process in conjunction with Council.

Demolition of the old facility was completed in November 2020 and the construction phase is well underway. Construction of the facility is expected to be completed by mid-2023. The facility will cater to the high demand for quality health, wellbeing and community facilities within the Boroondara municipality. The new facility will include:

- Two indoor sports courts
- Dedicated Learn to Swim pool
- 25m pool
- Secluded warm water pool for gentle exercise and rehabilitation
- Spa and sauna
- Aqua play area
- Meeting / training room
- Party room
- Crèche
- Sensory room
- Consulting and Allied Health suites
- Divided health and fitness areas for both 'noisy' and 'quiet' group exercise classes
- Gym
- Four studios
- Café and kitchen
- Front of house spaces including bike parking and drop off zone
- Undercover parking with direct access to the facility



# 4. Floor plan



## 5. Available areas for booking

### Court 1

Basketball, Netball, Futsal, Volleyball and Badminton markings. Available for training and competition for a wide variety of sports including those listed above as well as Table Tennis and Gymnastics.

### Court 2

Basketball, Netball, Futsal, Volleyball and Badminton markings. Available for training and competition for a wide variety of sports including those listed above as well as Table Tennis and Gymnastics.

### 25m pool

Available for squad training on a per lane basis. Please note maximum of four lanes can be occupied by hire groups at any one time.

### Meeting room

Has a total size of 16m<sup>2</sup> and can accommodate 4 people, inclusive of TV, table and chairs.

### Opening hours

The proposed facility opening hours:

Monday - Friday from 6am - 9:30pm

Saturday from 6am - 8pm

Sunday from 8am - 8pm

### Booking hours

The facility has pre-existing programming run by the YMCA, so spaces during specific times listed below are not available for ongoing booking requests:

**Stadium:** Fridays 4pm - 6pm

**Stadium (School Holidays):** Monday - Friday 7:30am - 6:30pm

**25m Pool (reduced lane availability during these times):**

Monday - Friday 6am - 8am, 3:30pm - 8pm and Saturday - Sunday 8am - 2pm

**Meeting Room:** Monday - Friday 9am - 5:30pm

### Area charges

(prices are subject to change in line with annual fees and charges review)

Stadium Hire	Cost (per hour)
Community Off Peak	\$49.30
Community Peak	\$63.25
Commercial Off Peak	\$61.60
Commercial Peak	\$79.15
Badminton	\$20.70

Pool Hire	Cost (per lane, per hour)
Community	\$54.10
Commercial	\$68.30

Room Hire	Cost (per hour)
Meeting Room	\$39.60

Note: **Community User** means a not-for profit organisation, school, sporting club or user, and **Commercial User** means a Profit based organisation, club or user.



## 6. Expression of interest (EOI) process

### EOI application process

- Applications open on 18 July 2022
- Applications must be submitted via the following [link](#)
- Applications close on 21 November 2022
- Applications will be reviewed and assessed by a panel without preference or bias.
- Applicants will be contacted and notified of the outcome of their application.

For more information about the EOI for Kew Recreation Centre please contact Paul McPherson, Manager – Kew Recreation Centre at [Paul.McPherson@ymca.org.au](mailto:Paul.McPherson@ymca.org.au)

### Decision process

The EOI process is structured to be fair and aims to provide maximum benefit for the local community. Allocation decisions will be based on applicants' demonstrated alignment with the essential and desirable assessment criteria.



## Assessment criteria

Category	Assessment Criteria	Details	Possible Score
Essential	<p>Groups must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Have public liability insurance for a minimum of 20 million dollars</li> <li>• Be a registered legal entity (such as an incorporated association)</li> <li>• Accept and adhere to Boroondara Leisure Aquatic Facility hire agreement, terms and conditions</li> <li>• Not have any outstanding debts owed to the City of Boroondara or YMCA Victoria (unless a payment plan is in place and being adhered to)</li> <li>• Adhere to YMCA safeguarding children and young people policy and procedure</li> </ul>	Groups must meet all the listed criteria to be considered in the decision process.	N/A
One	<p>Groups supporting non-traditional cohorts will be prioritised if they increase access and inclusion for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples</li> <li>• Culturally and Linguistically Diverse (CALD) groups</li> <li>• People who identify as females</li> <li>• People with disability, chronic health conditions or special needs</li> <li>• Older adults</li> <li>• Children and youth</li> <li>• People from low income or disadvantaged backgrounds</li> <li>• People who are socially isolated</li> <li>• The LGBTQIA+ community</li> </ul>	Assessment will be based on how the booking will engage underrepresented groups.	20

## 6. Expression of interest (EOI) process (Cont.)

Category	Assessment Criteria	Details	Possible Score
Two	<p>Priority will be given to groups based within the Boroondara municipality, with proximity to the facility that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Have historical tenure at Boroondara facilities and history of compliance with the facility agreement</li> </ul>	Assessment will be based on total percentage of Boroondara based participants, council records and provided information.	20
Three	<p>Community Impact:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Community groups will be considered over commercial groups</li> <li>Traditionally underrepresented activities and groups will be prioritised to ensure the facility maintains a diverse portfolio supporting people of all abilities</li> <li>A focus on grass roots participation</li> </ul>	Assessment will be based on types of groups and numbers of people utilising the facility. Priority will be given to groups with a larger and more diverse community impact.	20
Four	<p>Evidence of planning for the future:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Proven financial liability will be looked upon favourably</li> </ul>	Assessment will be based on business and operating plans.	15
Five	<p>Groups will be prioritised if they can demonstrate:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Demand for their particular sport or activity</li> <li>Lack of capacity to meet demand within current Boroondara programs/services</li> <li>Establishment of new program booking over moving existing bookings from within Boroondara facilities</li> </ul>	Assessment will be based on how the bookings meet demand of new and underrepresented sport or activity.	15
Six	Groups will be prioritised if they can demonstrate how their program incorporates environmentally sustainable practices	Assessment will be based on how the booking will contribute to the environmentally sustainable of the facility.	10

## 7. Hire agreement

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All successful applicants must enter into a legally binding annual hire agreement. The service agreement will outline the terms and conditions.

## 8. Appendix 1: EOI application form

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Online applications must be submitted via the following [link](#).



