

VCMP Project Update – Moving Towards Hold Point 3

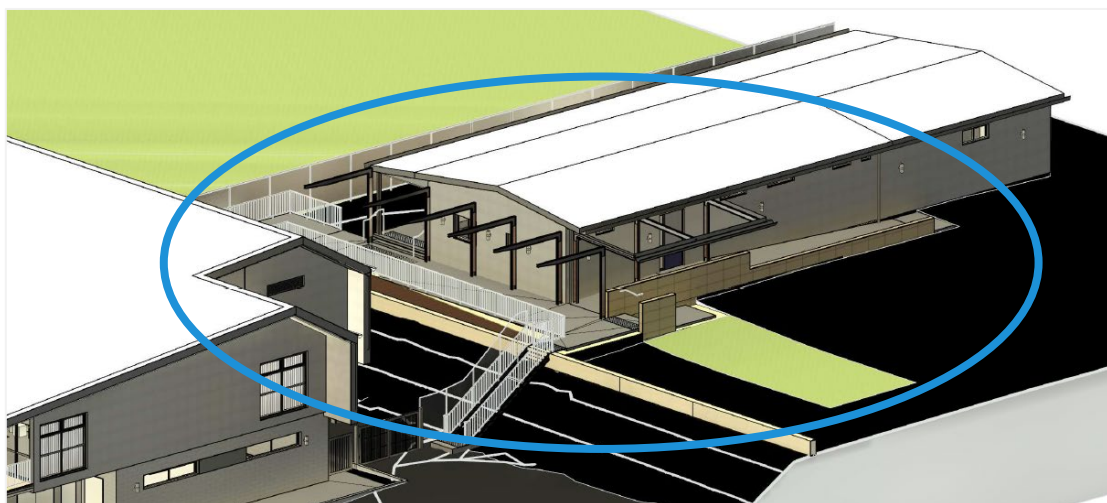
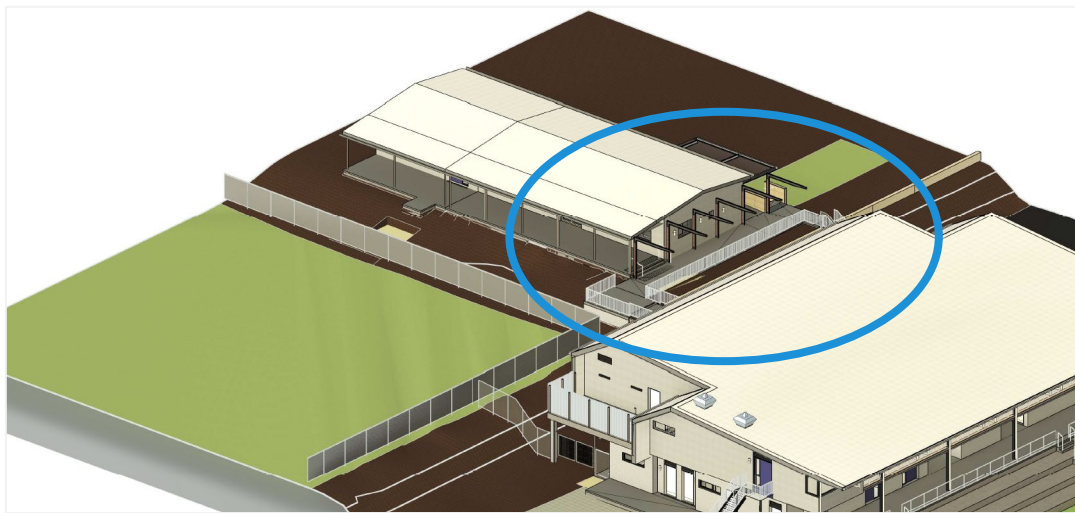
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Since the last update that we shared on the VC Mitchell Park Project, we've continued the transition of moving from Hold Point 2 to Hold Point 3.

An official presentation to Council and to the Project Consultation Group (PCG) was made, covering the entire design and delving into the financials as well. There was a recent meeting with the PCG, Commissioner, the project Superintendent, and a representative from Perkins Builders. At this meeting, discussions surrounding the following took place:

- Disability Discrimination Act (DDA) Compliance has been met to a higher standard, with a new architectural style corridor entryway providing a second ramp that provides even better access to Pavilion 2 (various perspective images provided below);



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- Following several constructive and positive discussions with the Department of Local Government, Sporting and Cultural Industries (DLGSC) for additional funding (like many other similar projects across the state), the Shire is expecting a final result in the near future;
- Feedback from the PCG has been consistent and unified by the end of all meetings, with everyone in attendance focusing on building the best space for everyone in the community alongside our valued sports clubs (those who require more accessibility, options for families, business networking and function/meeting spaces, potential opportunities for community-led art installations, etc.), and;
- Discussion and check-ins are consistently taking place with the PCG members individually as well, with proposals in the pipeline for permanent, weather-proof storage and shelter options for the Hockey Club.

At this current point in time, the design details are focused primarily on the front-facing assets, and we are still seeking feedback from our PCG members and those around us. Some quotes from the PCG members and others who were in attendance at our latest PCG meeting are as follows:

Representative from Perkins Builders, Gavin Bell
<i>Perkins are pleased to work in partnership with the Shire and all the stakeholders to bring this exciting project to fruition. Seeing the dedication and commitment of everyone involved has reinforced how important these new facilities will be for the whole community.</i>
Commissioner of the Shire of Donnybrook Balingup, Gail McGowan
<i>Progress made to date had been impressive, and I thank all involved for their considered and constructive input. I anticipate we will be ready to move from the design phase to the very significant construction contract very shortly.</i>
Director Operations, Ross (Rosco) Marshall
<i>I am very grateful to the project stakeholders that have helped steer the project through the design phase. The consultation meetings and resultant stakeholder advice has been very constructive, efficient and meaningful to help deliver a fit for purpose and value for money outcome.</i>



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