

Shorten RecWest Community Forum 5



Wednesday 01 April 2026

Forum Summary



The session covered key topics, including:

- Project updates
- Project schedule
- Construction methodology
- Design progression
- Communications
- Next steps

What we heard

The forum provided an opportunity for attendees to ask questions and learn more about the project and its potential impacts.

This update highlights the key topics raised during the session.

What is the status of the construction works?

Stage 1 construction works are now complete.

Shorten Reserve has been covered with imported soil, which will remain in place for 12 months. The purpose of this soil is to compress the former quarry fill, ensuring the surface is fit for future use and not subject to the subsidence it has experienced previously.

RecWest has been fully demolished. During this process, items from the centre's past were uncovered, including the former pool pictured below.



What are the next steps?

Stage 2 design and construction works have been awarded to Ireland Brown Contractors, who successfully completed Stage 1.

The remaining detailed design work will continue before Stage 2 construction begins.

Council is working with community stakeholders to finalise the design of both RecWest and the Shorten Reserve pavilion.

Construction works are anticipated to recommence in June, with the project on track for completion in December 2027.

Will the community have an opportunity to comment on the playground and plaza design?

We have a draft concept design for the Playground and Plaza connecting RecWest and Shorten Reserve.

This concept builds on the endorsed Master Plan from 2024, and we are

inviting you to share your thoughts to help shape this space.

Visit the project webpage before 26 April to provide feedback.

When is the next community information session?

Wednesday 1 July 2026 from 6:00pm at Town Hall, Footscray

Further information

Scan the QR code or visit Council's website for more information about the project:

