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## About the Sports Park project

La Trobe University's Sports Park development in Bundoora is a world-class facility for teaching, research, community participation and elite sport.

Stage 3 of the project is now underway and will see the Sports Park facility become the national base for Football Australia's national women's programs, including the Home of the Matildas, and the State Centres for Football Victoria and Rugby Victoria.

Community and local sporting clubs will also benefit from access to community sporting programs and world-class sports facilities.

The project will be completed in August 2023.

### Supported by



Australian Government

## The project at a glance



Stage 3 will support **600+ jobs** during construction and contribute **\$25.2 million Gross Value Add** to the Victorian economy



Once complete, the facility will host **1,000 visitors** per week and **3,000+ visitors** during major events



Our community will enjoy **open and landscaped spaces** for community gathering



Stage 1 and 2 are now open for community use with facilities for **football, AFL, cricket, baseball**, and a **six-court multi-purpose indoor stadium**

### Project partners



## Why we need to remove trees and vegetation

Stage 3 of La Trobe's Sports Park will span 15 hectares and will include separate Centres of Excellence for Football Victoria and Rugby Victoria, with community access to open spaces including a green corridor, pathways for walking and cycling, public amenity facilities and parking.

To enable safe construction and to build these facilities, removal of some trees and vegetation is required.

## Minimising the impact on vegetation and site safety

Minimising the impact on vegetation has been a priority during the design phase of the project.

An arborist assessment was conducted of all trees on site and the designs were altered to retain 75% of trees that were deemed to have high retention value, in addition to another 50 trees to be preserved.

Tree protection zones have been installed around these trees to ensure no impact from construction works.

Measures are also in place to prevent water run-off and erosion during construction, including directing water flow to on-site basins for project usage, installing dual silt barrier fences, and filtering water to remove suspended solids.

Construction fencing has been installed around the site to help contain the works and keep the area safe. As a result, there is restricted access along the eastern boundary of Darebin Creek during the works.



Artist impression of green, open spaces to be created as part of the project.



## We're replanting and landscaping

As part of the project, indigenous plant species have been salvaged by La Trobe's Nangak Tamboree Wildlife Sanctuary nursery and are being retained as 'seed orchards' for plant propagation. Some of the plants produced will be among the 10,000 new trees and shrubs of local provenance that will be planted as part of an open and landscaped green corridor at the Sports Park, which the community will be able to use and enjoy.

## Process for assessing trees, vegetation and wildlife

Prior to and during land excavation, a qualified zoologist undertakes pre-clearance checks on every tree, including those required to be removed. They inspect spaces including underneath rocks, logs and timber for any fauna. If native fauna species are found, they are captured and relocated to the nearest suitable habitat.

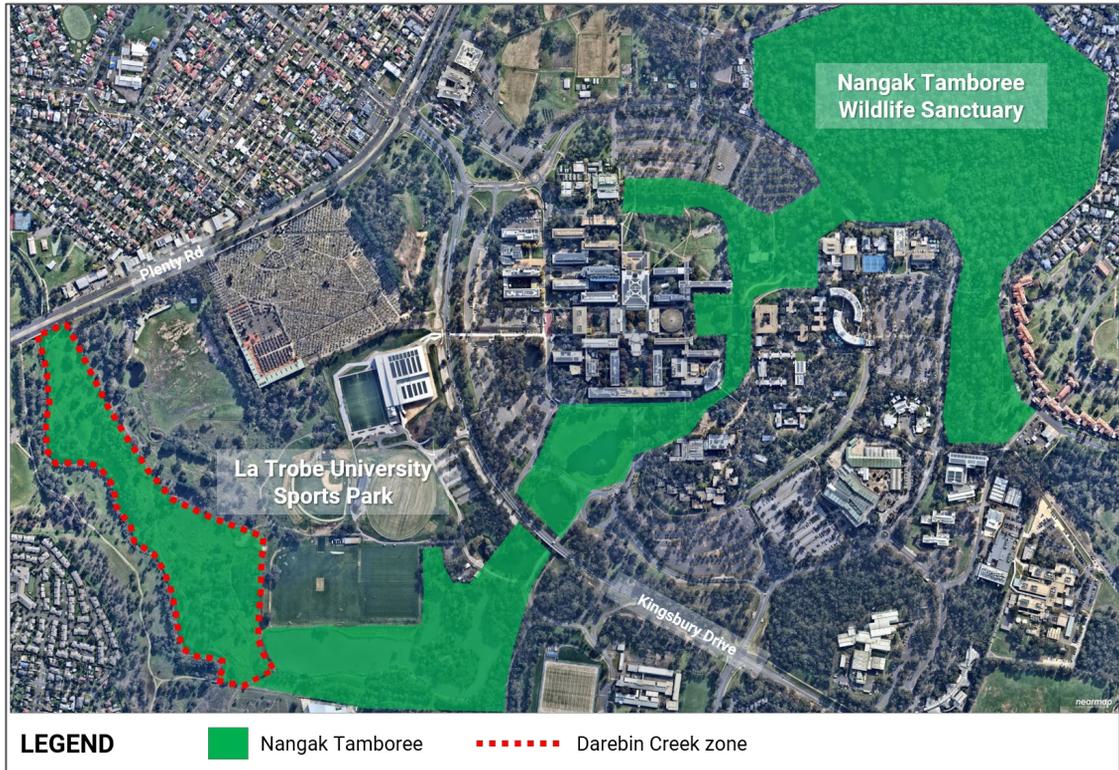
Trees that are removed will either be re-purposed or mulched for use on-site, utilised as habitat logs across the campus – including the Nangak Tamboree Wildlife Sanctuary – or donated to local councils for community use.

Habitat logs in the Nangak Tamboree Wildlife Sanctuary



# Protecting and revegetating Nangak Tamboree – the biodiverse waterway on the doorstep of the Sports Park

La Trobe University is working with Darebin Creek Management Committee, the Wurundjeri Woivurrung Cultural Heritage Aboriginal Corporation and Melbourne Water on phase one of a long-term project to revegetate the bio-diverse waterway – known as Nangak Tamboree – which connects with Darebin Creek in the south, runs through the Melbourne Campus to the Nangak Tamboree Wildlife Sanctuary, and streams further through the north.



Phase one of the revegetation project commenced in February 2021 along Darebin Creek and involves regenerating indigenous plant species, managing weed infestation through Wurundjeri Woivurrung fire practice, manual weed removal, and revegetating 92,000 m<sup>2</sup> with indigenous plant species.

## Protecting endangered species

La Trobe University has also been working the Federal Department of Agriculture, Water and the Environment to salvage the endangered Matted Flax-lily (right) in the Sports Park project area for propagation and then re-establishment in a dedicated and protected area in the Nangak Tamboree. All known patches were sampled to retain the diversity within the local gene pool.



**Nangak Tamboree (nan-nyack tam-bor-ee) means respecting/sharing/looking after the waterway in Woivurrung language of the Wurundjeri people.**



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