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## Preston Baseball Club Community Update

### Relocation to New Baseball Diamond and Club Rooms

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#### **Background**

After twenty years calling our current baseball diamond and facilities located at La Trobe University our home, the Preston Baseball Club will soon be relocating to a new home.

The last fixtured game of the 2021/2022 VSBL Season this coming Sunday 13 March 2022 will be the Clubs last home game at our current location.

The Club will be formally farewelling the diamond and facilities at the end of the game, with the first game of the 2022/2023 VSBL Season to be played at the Clubs new home.

In August 2021 a working group consisting of a representative from Preston Baseball Club, La Trobe University Baseball Club, Baseball Australia, La Trobe University, Charles La Trobe College, and designers have worked collaboratively to develop and agree plans for the new home of the Preston Pirates Baseball Club. The team worked within a number of standard State Government project protocols including a confidentiality agreement which has limited the information the club has been able to share about the new facilities to date.

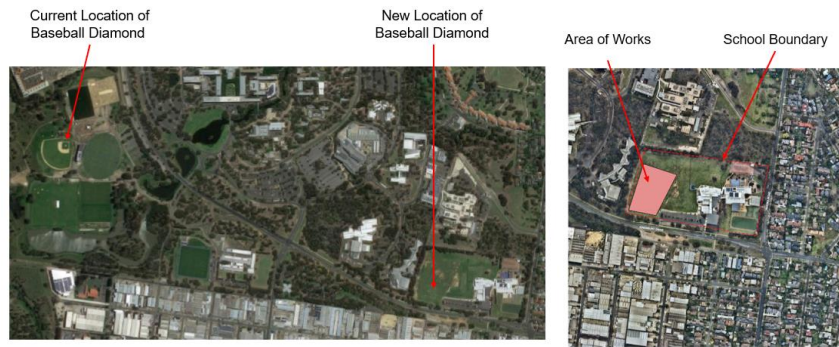
Through this consultation process, the Preston Baseball Club has contributed feedback and design ideas; many of which have been incorporated into the final design.

#### **A New Home for Preston Baseball Club and La Trobe University Baseball Club**

With a formal announcement due shortly by the Victorian State Government, signs of construction now underway and our last game fast approaching, the Club is now able to share this update.

Construction of a new baseball diamond and club rooms to replace the current La Trobe University baseball diamond commences shortly with works to be completed by July 2022.

The new multi-purpose all synthetic baseball diamond and soccer pitch will be located just down the road from the current baseball diamond on vacant land at the Charles La Trobe College site on Kingsbury Drive.



Construction fencing along with signage were recently installed at the location of the Preston Pirates new home.



## Design of Multi-Purpose

When completed the new home of the Preston Pirates Baseball Club will be at the newest baseball diamond and club rooms in Australia. The design is based on all synthetic multi-purpose designs from the USA used by Minor League Baseball teams and Minor League Soccer clubs.

## Further Design Detail

A formal announcement by the State Government on the broader La Trobe University Sports Park project is expected in the coming days. Further details on the design and planning will be available for Preston Baseball Club Community following the announcement.

This development and relocation is an exciting and positive opportunity for the Preston Pirates Baseball Club to establish a new home with a purpose built baseball diamond and club room facilities as the Club enters it's 112 year and builds upon its long history for future generations.

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