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# Community Update

## Leopold Tennis Courts

Last month I was delighted to visit the new local playground that has been completed at the Leopold Memorial Reserve as part of the Leopold Tennis Pavilion Development project.

The existing playground was deconstructed to accommodate the new tennis courts and donated to the Rotary Overseas Recycled Playgrounds program, a program that has now sent over two hundred playgrounds overseas to developing countries. The former Leopold Recreation Reserve Playground is set to head over to Angeles in the Philippines to be reinstalled by their local Rotary and Lions Clubs.

The works are continuing on the new Leopold Tennis Pavilion Development project with the demolition of the old pavilion taking place just before the end of last year, making way for the new, upgraded facility to be built.

I am proud the Victorian Government's Local Community Sport and Recreation Projects fund was able to contribute \$1 million to ensure the upgrade was made possible alongside \$720,000 from the City of Greater Geelong.

The upgraded facility will feature an accessible car bay, accessible public toilets, female-friendly club amenities including showers, internal and external storage, a social space and a kiosk and kitchen area. I'm excited to see this project progress, and look forward to a completed facility where locals of all ages can get active, involved in local sport and socialise with other community members.

## Women's Pain Inquiry

For too long, women's pain has been dismissed or ignored. It's time women's health had the attention and focus it deserves. The Victorian Inquiry into Women's Pain provides an opportunity for individuals, clinicians and organisations to share their experiences and knowledge on women and girls' pain, care, service and treatment in the Victorian health system.

The information received from the Inquiry will form recommendations to inform improved models of care and service delivery for Victorian girls and women experiencing pain in the future.

Written submissions are open until July 31st, 2024. To find out more about the inquiry or to make a submission visit: [www.health.vic.gov.au/inquiry-into-womens-pain](http://www.health.vic.gov.au/inquiry-into-womens-pain)

## Geelong Women's Pain Inquiry Forum

To continue the discussion, I will be hosting a forum for the Victorian Women's Pain Inquiry along with Member for Geelong Christine Couzens and Member for Lara Ella George.

The forum will include a panel of experts in women's health, followed by a Q&A session as well as guest speaker Kat Theophanous, Chair of the Inquiry and State Member for Northcote.

This forum has been created as an opportunity for the conversation to be continued in person, and for any questions to be raised regarding the Inquiry.

To find out more about the forum or book your ticket visit: <https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1193800>

