

Stribling Reserve Basketball Stadium Closure due to mould

12 February 2024

Surf Coast Shire Council has closed Lorne's Stribling Reserve basketball stadium due to mould underneath a section of floorboards.

Basketball stadium

- Mould treatment specialists were on site on Monday 12 February sealing the stadium space and removing sports equipment. Both the stadium and equipment will be cleaned and treated to remove mould.
- Following cleaning, sports equipment has been stored temporarily in containers on-site. This equipment is available for use by the school.
- Specialists have found moisture under the floor and are considering treatment options.
- Factors contributing to the moisture might include tree litter blocking pipes and pits, and rain runoff from the site driveway. Inadequate ventilation is also a factor in mould growth.

Stribling Reserve Pavilion

- Stribling Reserve Pavilion is not impacted and remains open to users.

Health advice

- We have liaised with the Barwon South West Public Health Unit in relation to potential health risks associated with mould exposure.
- Health authorities advise that most people are unlikely to be affected by exposure to mould.
- For some people exposure to mould spores can lead to temporary symptoms such as nasal congestion, sneezing, coughing, and wheezing. They can also increase the risk of respiratory infections.
- There is a higher risk for people with allergy to mould, or who have asthma or lung disease, chronic illnesses such as diabetes, or weakened immune systems.
- Any stadium users with respiratory or related concerns should consult a GP.
- Council is liaising with the Lorne P-12 College, members of the Stribling Reserve Community Asset Committee, and Stribling Reserve user groups.

More information

- We will provide further updates as we work through the next steps. We will send another newsletter to users and update our webpage at surfcoast.vic.gov.au/StriblingStadium
- General information on mould can be found via: betterhealth.vic.gov.au/health/conditionsandtreatments/mould-and-your-health

