



Wangaratta & Aquatics Centre Expansion

Rural City of Wangaratta
Stakeholder Newsletter

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Introduction

Welcome to the first Wangaratta Sports & Aquatic Centre (WSAC) Expansion Project newsletter issued by the Rural City of Wangaratta. This Newsletter aims to provide updates to the public, local business, community groups, schools and transport groups on the progress throughout the construction phase of the project.

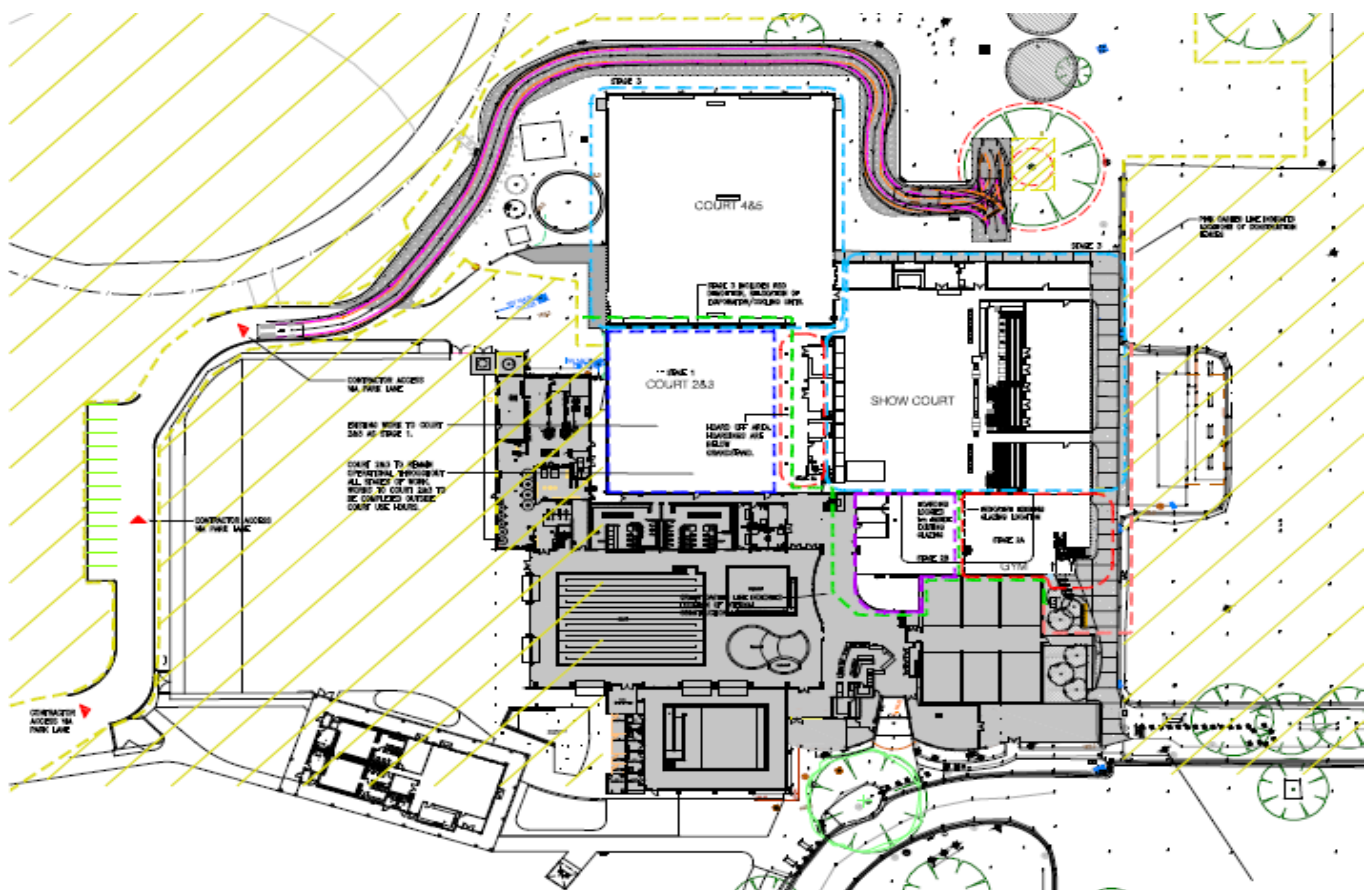
The Project

Background

Council secured \$5.46 million through the State Government’s Community Sports Infrastructure Stimulus Fund to redevelop and expand the Indoor Stadium to include two new courts, upgrade the Show Court to competition level and provide additional seating for a total capacity of 900 people. An additional two multi-purpose courts (Netball, Basketball and Volleyball) will be added taking the total number of courts to five. The gymnasium will be extended and will include a functional fitness training studio suitable for small group personal training, special population groups, specific sports training, and the general public.

Construction

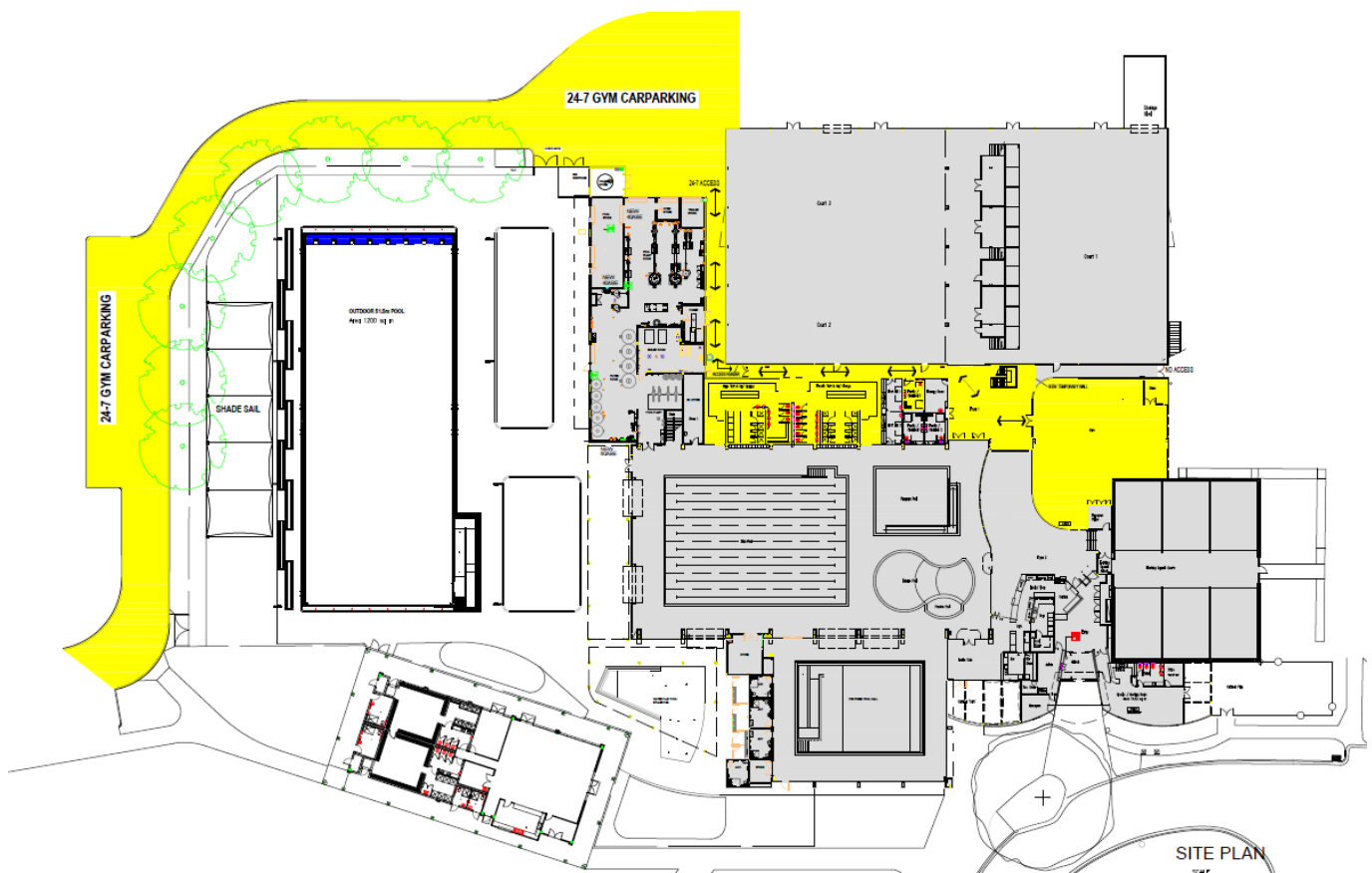
The contract for the Wangaratta Sports & Aquatic Centre Expansion Project was awarded to Southern Cross Developers (SCD) at the 28 June 2022 Council meeting. Works will commence on site with the erection of the site construction compound fence on 8 August 2022. Builder’s access will be off Park Lane, through the car park via a new access road shown in pink on the image below.



24/7 Access

Southern Cross Developers (SCD) obtained site possession from 8 August 2022. SCD commenced installing the construction fence around the site first thing on 9 August which blocks off 24/7 access to the gym from the netball side of WSAC.

Below is a site map showing the new 24/7 access which is now in place. All new access will be from Park Lane side of the WSAC.



24/7 Access Plan

Construction Program

While it can be challenging to keep the facilities open and safe for the general public and staff during builds of this scale, we will endeavour to continue access where possible and inform stakeholders of necessary closures. The project is estimated to be completed late-October to early-November 2023.

As with any current major construction project, timelines may be impacted by protracted periods of poor weather, or delays in obtaining construction materials given current worldwide global supply chain challenges. We will do everything we can to stay on schedule and will keep stakeholders advised of any major delays.

The construction program will be broken down in more detail in the forthcoming newsletter.

Consultation

Drop-in information sessions were held in April and November 2021 during the Design Stage of the project with a number of community members and groups attending to review building options for the site.

Further feedback was received from direct contact with the community and via social media channels. Individual consultation sessions have been held with community groups and stakeholders to identify individual needs and feedback on the development of the facility.

Ongoing consultation with stakeholders will continue until completion of the building.

Contact

If you would like an electronic copy sent directly to your email address, please email council@wangeratta.vic.gov.au with your request.

Newsletters will be sent out on a regular basis throughout the construction phase of the project or on an as required basis.