



# Wangaratta Sports & Aquatics Centre Expansion

Rural City of Wangaratta

Stakeholder Newsletter

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# Introduction

Welcome to the third Wangaratta Sports & Aquatic Centre (WSAC) Expansion Project newsletter issued by Rural City of Wangaratta. This newsletter aims to provide updates to the public, local businesses, community groups, and schools 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. Two additional 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, specific sports training, and the general public.

## Construction Works

The contract for the Wangaratta Sports & Aquatic Centre Expansion Project was awarded to Southern Cross Developers (SCD) at the 28 June 2022 Council meeting with works commencing onsite on 8th August.

Whilst the recent inclement weather has affected some elements of the initial construction program, SCD have made very good progress with the completion of the demolition works to the eastern wall of the gym and show court No 1.



Show Court Demolition 24<sup>th</sup> Nov 2022



SCD completed the removal of show court 1 steel roof structure, and the northern and eastern wall frames on 20<sup>th</sup> November. This allows the steel fabricator to commence the raising of the roof frame to meet the current sport guidelines for all indoor sports. The existing structure will be stored onsite, modified and then reassembled once the column extensions have been installed, thus ensuring that show court 1 will meet all sport types height clearance guidelines.

SCD plumbing contractors are now installing sewer, water and civil drainage systems on site, and stormwater tanks will be relocated within the month, providing approximately 381 kL of rainwater retention to irrigation.



New sewer main installation (Oct 2022)



The under-grandstand Basketball storerooms and office space are progressing well with the installation of the wall frames, and rough-in of power, data, security, mechanical and fire services. Over the next week, the plastering team will complete the ceilings and walls in preparation for painting. Doors and windows will be installed shortly with handover potentially in Feb-March 2023.



Under-grandstand office plaster works 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2022

## Overall 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 to provide access where possible and inform stakeholders of any necessary closures.

Even with the recent wet weather, at this stage it has not affected the overall construction program which has the project estimated to be completed late October to early November 2023.

Given current worldwide global supply chain challenges, there also could be delays in obtaining construction materials. We will do everything we can to stay on schedule and will keep stakeholders advised of any alterations to our timelines.

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

## Construction Program

Whilst the overall construction program has not been delayed due to the recent unseasonal wet weather, the gym construction program is now experiencing some delays to the original completion and opening date of early 2023. SCD is doing everything possible to minimise this delay, but unfortunately, SCD cannot control the weather, we will keep everyone up to date in newsletter No 4.

Upcoming works:

- Plastering will be completed under-grandstand by 25<sup>th</sup> November 2022.
- Court 1, existing steel portal frame will be dismantled, and column extensions installed.
- Gym stormwater works will continue.
- New gym footings and formwork will commence.
- Underground services roughing will continue.
- Irrigation system and tank relocation will commence.
- New gutter and stormwater system to be installed to the north wall of courts 2 & 3.

## Gym Equipment Upgrade

In conjunction with expanding the gym and setting up a new functional fitness area, Council will be upgrading all gym and cardio equipment. Novofit has been awarded the contract for the replacement and upgrade of the gym equipment.

Novofit will ensure the new equipment provides plenty of variety, has the features that our customers need and expect, and takes advantage of the latest technological developments. The new equipment is expected to be installed in early 2023.

The Project and WSAC team have been working closely with Novofit to ensure that all floor connection points are located to match Novofit's equipment layout.

## Consultation

The RCoW Project team will continue to keep stakeholders, users and community members updated, through social media, meetings and newsletters during the entire construction phase of this exciting project.

## Contact

If you would like an electronic copy of this newsletter sent directly to your email address, please email [council@wangeratta.vic.gov.au](mailto: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 as required.



## Other Images



Internal view of Court 1 (4<sup>th</sup> November 2022)



Reclaimed Roof Sheetting (2<sup>nd</sup> November 2022)