



Wangaratta Sports & Aquatics Centre Expansion

Rural City of Wangaratta

Stakeholder Newsletter

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Introduction

Welcome to the fourth 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

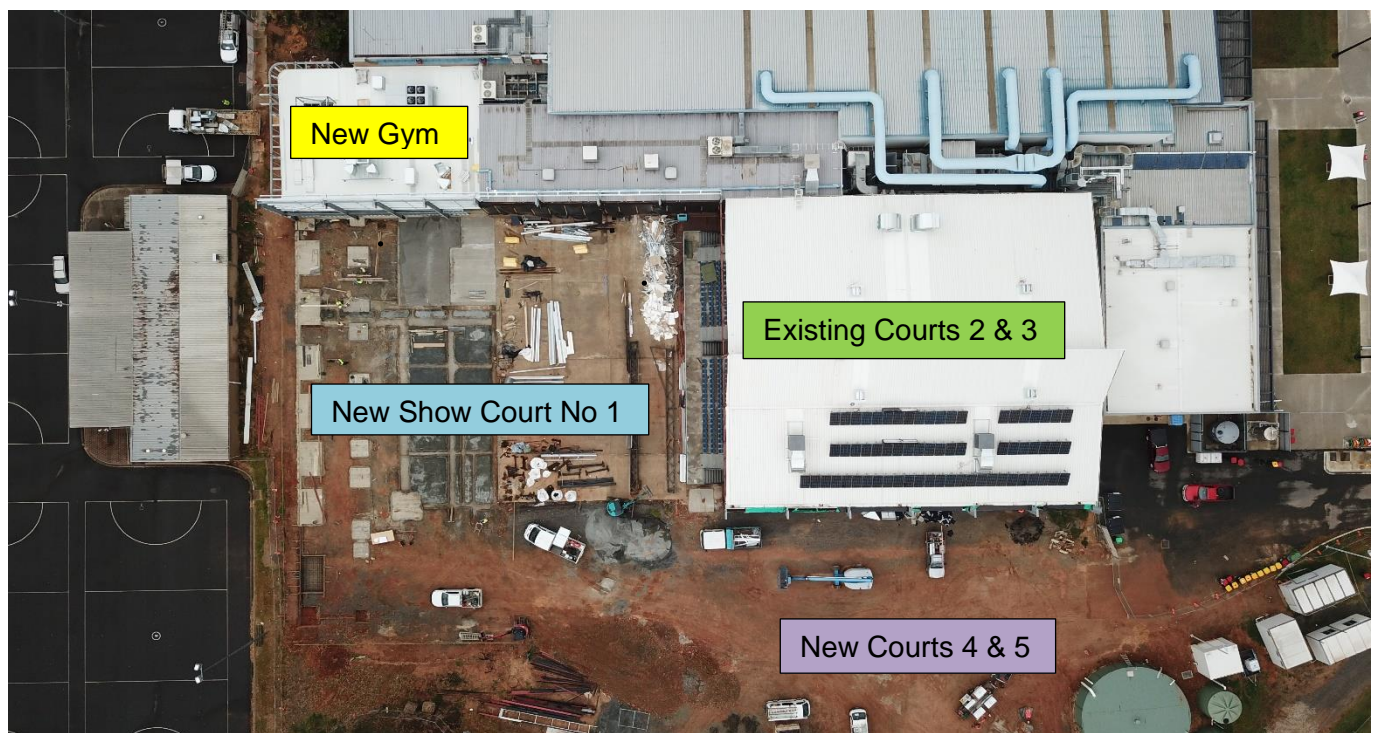
Background

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 multipurpose courts, upgrade the show court to competition level and provide additional seating for a total capacity of 900 people. The addition of two multipurpose courts (netball/basketball/volleyball) will take 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 a variety of general uses.

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 on site on 8 August 2022.

The mild summer has worked in favour of SCD, they are on track and the demolition works are now complete for the entire project area.



Overall site layout March 2023

SCD are well underway with the construction of the new gym space with the completion of steel frame, the roofing walls, placement of the air conditioning system, and the rough-in of electrical, data and plumbing. This week will see the completion of the fire check plaster ceiling and walls, the electrician and mechanical contractors will then install the lighting and mechanical ductwork to the gym space.



New Gym Plaster Installation

Show court No 1, concrete subfloor and footings are now complete, the first load of steel frame arrived on site on 4 April, and erection of the frame has commenced and will be completed after the Easter break, see below.

A second load of steel trusses will arrive onsite this week then be assembled and erected, once the steel frame is completed, roofing and wall cladding will be ordered and installed.

The existing structure stored onsite has been modified and will be reassembled this week and attached to the column extensions which have been installed, ensuring that show court 1 will meet the height clearance guidelines of all sports.



North Wall of Show court No 1.

SCD plumbing contractors are nearing completion of all the underground services such as sewer, water, fire, and civil drainage systems.

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.

The recent fine weather has allowed SCD make good progress on the overall construction program which has the project estimated to be completed in late October - early November 2023.

Construction Program

The gym construction program is on track for an opening in early May with the new equipment arriving on 19 April for installation on 22 April.

Show court No 1. Steel work will be completed in two weeks with cladding to be completed shortly after.

Courts 4 & 5 footings will commence in 2 - 3 weeks.

Upcoming works:

- Gym plastering will be completed
- Gym mechanical will be commissioned
- Gym electrical fit-out will commence
- Gym floor coverings will be installed
- Gym painting will commence
- Gym equipment will arrive on site 19 April
- Court 1, existing steel portal frame will be re-installed
- Court 1, new steel work will arrive on site
- Court 1, brick and block work will commence
- Courts 4 & 5, footings will commence
- Courts 4 & 5, steel work fabrication will commence within the factory

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 members and visitors need and expect, and that it takes advantage of the latest technological developments. The new equipment is expected to be installed by 22 April 2023. Commissioning and staff training will take place following Anzac Day.

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 with your request.

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

Other Images

Court No 1 new steel trusses at the factory (5th April 2023)



Court No 1 steel work erection (6th April 2023)

