



# Wangaratta Sports & Aquatics Centre Expansion

Rural City of Wangaratta

Stakeholder Newsletter

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# Introduction

Welcome to the fifth 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

Southern Cross Developers (SCD) are progressing well with the completion and opening of the Gym on 1st June, Show Court structure is nearing completion and 80% cladded. This week SCD completed the concrete footings and slab for court No 5 as well.



Show Court No 1 structure and Court No 5 footings prior to pouring of 243m<sup>3</sup> of concrete.



With the completion of the Gym space, SCD are now focused on completing the under grandstand works and show court No 1.



Show Court No 1. New East Grandstand formwork

This week, SCD will complete the first of three concrete pours of the new grandstand within Court No 1, the remaining concrete pours will follow shortly. Internal wall framing is underway along with the external low level brick work. Once the new grandstand is complete, internal walls are to be constructed and lined, steel work painted and then the floor will be prepped for the new courts.

The timber flooring and battens for all three courts is now in dry storage in Wangaratta.

Court No 1, steelwork is 98% complete, the final works consisting of the installation of the basketball back board beams will be completed within two weeks.

Fabrication of courts 4 & 5 steel portal frame is well underway in Wodonga, it is anticipated that first truck load of steel will arrive onsite within the next two weeks, erection of the frame will commence immediately on court 5.

## 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 to continue to make good progress on the overall construction program which has the project estimated to be completed in late October - early November 2023.

# Construction Program

Upcoming weeks

**Note – WSAC will be completely closed to the public and user groups on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> August from 11:30 am to 5:30 pm. This is complete new main electrical Switchboard upgrades for the expansion works.**

Show court No 1.

- Steel work will be completed in two weeks.
- Brickwork will be completed within two weeks.
- External cladding will be completed along with the integration with the gym cladding.
- Eastern Grandstand concreting will continue.
- Internal stud walls will be completed.
- Internal painting will commence.
- Plaster work will commence.
- Mechanical and fire exhaust plant will be installed.

Courts 4 & 5.

- Court 4, footings and slab will commence.
- Court 4, steel work fabrication will commence within the factory.
- Court 5, steel work will arrive onsite.



New Court No 5, concrete pour on 25<sup>th</sup> July 2023

## 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

Court No 1 with Court No 5 top right (17<sup>th</sup> July 2023)



Court No 5 final finish (28<sup>th</sup> July 2023)







WSAC will have a total of 98 kW of solar panels feeding power into the facility.



Future Amenities Area at the rear of the new Grandstand.