



# Reid Oval

*Warrnambool's premier sporting facility*

## Lights, oval, action!

In another big milestone for the Reid Oval Redevelopment, the oval's lights will be tested and aligned on Tuesday December 14.

Specialised staff will adjust the lights in the 30m towers and map out a grid during the day, before the oval is lit up at night and a light meter gathers data from all areas of the playing surface.

At the beginning of the project, a minimum lighting standard of 200 lux was established to allow for night football matches, but with the lighting infrastructure we have been able to install, 300 lux and night cricket matches became possible.

The lights are energy efficient LEDs, and they have the potential to be dimmed when 300 lux isn't necessary, further saving on energy costs.

And because we are using LEDs, and the poles are 30m high, glare will be less of an issue, which is especially important if you're trying to take a catch down at long on.

## Perimeter path is in

A footpath around the entire perimeter of the oval has been built.

The path provides much better accessibility for spectators, who now have a flat, smooth surface to make getting around the ground much easier.

If you haven't heard too many mentions of the path before, that's because it was initially included in plans as an optional upgrade, and its inclusion always depended on the project avoiding any budget over-runs.

Concrete is expensive. A 500m footpath around the ground is fantastic, but care had to be taken to ensure that the main elements of the project (the playing surface, the lights and the fully accessible pavilion) were able to be fully covered by the budget.

Pleasingly, despite an especially rocky subsurface and plenty of bouncers delivered by COVID-19, the project has remained on time and on budget.

## First cricket fixtures confirmed

One of the objectives of the Reid Oval redevelopment is to create a regional sporting facility that Warrnambool can be proud of.

So it's fitting that the first match on the new ground will be part of Under 17 Boys Country Week on January 5.

The first women's match at the facility that now caters equally for males and females is on January 9.

The first game under lights, the WDCA Men's T20 final, will also be held on January 9.

The Nestles Cricket Club Division 1 side make their highly anticipated return to Reid Oval on January 15.

### **Here's the list of some early January fixtures:**

Wednesday 5th Jan	U17 boys country week
Friday 7th Jan	U17 country week final
Saturday 8th Jan	WDCA T20 semi finals
Sunday 9th Jan	Women's rep game WDCA v HDCA
Sunday 9th Jan	WDCA Men's T20 final under lights
Saturday 15th Jan	Nestles vs North Warrnambool Eels

## Second social space

Council is planning on making the second social space available to hire, casually, primarily to clubs that don't have their own club rooms or social facilities.

The Reid Oval social space, which can seat up to 80 people, includes commercial kitchen facilities which provide an exciting opportunity for clubs to conduct committee meetings, AGMs, social events and other club activities.

On the topic of social spaces, all social club room kitchen equipment, tables and chairs were all purchased locally through Thomas Catering and Tobin Office National.