

Reid Oval

Warrnambool's premier sporting facility



A message from the chair

I hope you are as excited as I am that work to upgrade Reid Oval has finally been given the green light.

Reid Oval is the spiritual home of sport in our region, and I'm sure you agree, it is definitely due for a major upgrade. The Reid Oval redevelopment is one of Council's top infrastructure priorities, and our top health and wellbeing project.

Warrnambool is not just a city, it is the capital of the Great South Coast, acting as the service centre for a population of 120,000. While our healthcare facilities, retail and professional services reflect this, the same cannot currently be said of our premier sporting oval.

This is going to change.

While you represent sporting clubs that might have long rivalries on the field, when it comes to recognising the need to upgrade Reid Oval, I think everyone is on the same team.

Council, clubs, sporting associations, state sporting bodies and the Victorian Government have all agreed that Reid Oval deserves this upgrade.

Like any project of this magnitude, there will be disruptions, but the finished product will be worth it.

I am looking forward to working on the generation-defining project, together.

Sue Cassidy

Reid Oval Project Control Group Chair

What we get

- Upgrade the playing surface on Reid Oval to a regional standard for AFL and cricket
- Upgrade lighting to allow night fixtures to be played
- Modern player and umpire facilities that cater equally for male and female players and umpires
- Improved spectator amenities
- Better cricket training facilities

Project timeline

- ✓ Finalise project funding agreements
June/July 2019
- ✓ Engage project management staff
July 2019
- ↓ Appoint independent Quantity Surveyor
August 2019
- ↓ Appoint design consultant team
September 2019
- ↓ Commence project design
October 2019
- ↓ Project design process
October 2019 to June 2020
- ↓ Tender for construction
July 2020 to September 2020
- ↓ Project construction
September 2020 to April 2022*
- Facility re-opens for public use
May 2022

*Tender respondents have been encouraged to submit an early works proposal to allow for components such as the oval and lighting works to commence ahead of the above schedule.

Hampden Football Netball League Grand Final



The funding

The Victorian Government has committed \$7 million. The funding agreement has been signed with Council, and \$2 million of the \$7 million has been received. The rest of the money will be released as the project progresses and milestones are achieved.

The funding agreement for Council's \$3 million loan from the Victorian Government is currently being finalised with the Treasury Corporation of Victoria. This is a low-interest loan provided via the Community Sports Infrastructure Loans Scheme.

Applications for funding have been submitted to the Australian Football Facilities Fund, and the Australian Cricket Infrastructure Fund, and we are awaiting their decisions.

The detailed designs

Now that initial funding has been released, work is now under way to engage the design team to complete detailed plans for the entire project.

The design brief is currently being advertised. Once the design team has been appointed, conversations around facility design will occur.

An advertisement for "quantity surveyor services" is also in progress. A quantity surveyor provides advice and assesses the cost of the project at all stages of the design and they are engaged independently from the design team. This is an important role because it provides independent verification of project costs throughout each stage of the project.

Project staff appointed

Paula Gardiner has been appointed as the Reid Oval Project Manager, while Melanie Starr has been appointed as the Reid Oval Project Officer.

Paula Gardiner is a qualified Civil Engineer and has been working in the local government sector for more than 15 years. As well as working on the major Central Oval redevelopment in Colac, Paula has managed a wide variety of projects ranging from road network upgrades, streetscape improvements, community facilities and importantly, sporting facilities.

Melanie is a sport and recreation professional with more than 15 years' experience. She has worked for nine councils across Victoria on a number of projects, and was most recently the Recreation Manager at the Southern Grampians Shire. She is also a board member of the South West Academy of Sport and a Netball Australia certified Intermediate Coach.

Melanie will be your "go-to person" for most project enquiries, while Paula will be on hand to answer any technical questions about the construction side of the project.

They're both looking forward to meeting and working with all of you.

Stakeholder workshops commencing in August

This is the most exciting project to happen in Warrnambool's sporting community in decades, and we are sure you will have lots of questions.

A series of workshops with user groups are currently being planned and will commence in August. The purpose of these sessions will be to discuss:

- A partnership agreement
- Project stages and timing
- User group contributions to the project
- Relocations
- Project scope and design
- Other user group questions

As soon as the dates, times and venues are confirmed, we will let you know.

Questions?

If there's anything you'd like clarified, please get in touch on 5559 4800 or reidoval@warrnambool.vic.gov.au.