



Reid Oval

Warrnambool's premier sporting facility

Reid Oval Redevelopment and COVID-19

The project team are set up to work remotely with the architects and we'll continue to be in touch with our stakeholders via phone and email in order to progress through the Detailed Design. It is not anticipated there will be any delay in this next stage of the project due to the COVID-19 Pandemic.

Project Update

The Reid Oval Redevelopment remains on budget, with Council endorsing a shift to "Building Concept 2" at its March meeting.

The main advantage of moving to a two level pavilion, (aside from keeping the project on schedule) is the inclusion of raised coaches' boxes, media rooms and space for timekeepers.

The change also allows for some elevated terraced seating for spectators.

On top of this, the two social spaces in this concept can be opened up to create one larger space. This provides more flexibility for clubs, but also for wider south west community.

The Project Control Group has also endorsed the schematic design, which means the project can move beyond concepts and work on detailed designs can be done.

Moving away from the pavilion, the new cricket net enclosure is currently being designed. It will be suitable for multi-purpose activities, and in-net fielding drills.

The turf for the playing surface is currently being grown. The farm is providing regular updates, and we look forward to completing an in-person inspection when possible.

Next Steps

Detailed design can now start. The Project Control Group will work with the designers and all stakeholders to determine exactly how the pavilion will be fitted out.

Club and stakeholder contributions will need to be finalised soon. Documentation to confirm these contributions will be completed by May 2020 in line with the Project Funding Agreements with the State Government.

Stakeholder Consultation

Following the release of the new Concept 1 plans (prior to the shift to Concept 2), Council officers met with the four Reid Oval User Groups: Warrnambool Football Netball Club, East Warrnambool Football Netball Club, Nestles Cricket Club and the Warrnambool and District Football Umpires Association.

You can read a list of the questions raised, along with their answers, below.

Will social rooms be of equal size?

Yes. Both social rooms will be 85m²

Can the perimeter fence on the Cramer St side be adjusted to allow East Warrnambool Football Netball Club direct access to the gym?

This is outside the scope of the project, the perimeter line will not be changed.

Can a structure be built to prevent access to the site from the Warrnambool Football Netball Club social rooms on East Warrnambool Football Netball Club game days?

This is outside the scope of the project, and can be further investigated when the club is confirmed to come out of recess.

Will there be vehicle access to rear of the East Warrnambool Football Netball Club storerooms that does not require driving around the cricket nets?

Yes, this will be included in the project. As the surface is currently soft landscaping and grass, work may be required to upgrade to a suitable constructed surface. This will be investigated further.

A bar booth located on the other side of the Warrnambool Football Netball Club social rooms to the new pavilion will not suit East Warrnambool Football Netball Club.

This has been identified as the most suitable location for a bar booth, as a space was not possible to be included within the new pavilion layout. If EWFNC are not able to utilise this, it is suggested that the club erect another temporary structure on game days closer to their social rooms.

Can the bench seating for spectators around the oval fence in some areas be retained?

Investigations and costing will be completed, and if possible, bench seating will be retained.

Do the trainers' rooms need to be located at the front of the change rooms?

Ambulance Victoria have indicated that this is the preferred location for ease and speed of access and improved patient care in an emergency, as the levels of the site prevent rear access to the change rooms.

Can a small shed be included close to the nets for storage of the bowling machine?

Yes, this will be included in the project.

Can there be power to the cricket nets for the bowling machine?

Yes, this will be included in the project.

Will there be a phone line that runs between coaches' boxes and the interchange benches?

Yes. Each coaches' box will have a dedicated phone line direct to an interchange bench.

Questions?

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