

# Reid Oval

Warrnambool's premier sporting facility

## Cricket Victoria stumps up \$200,000

Cricket Victoria has announced a \$200,000 investment into the Reid Oval Redevelopment in partnership with Warrnambool City Council.

The investment is part of the Australian Cricket Infrastructure Fund, which provides almost \$4.7 million annually to fund improved community cricket infrastructure, in partnership with all levels of government, schools and other partners.

The fund's investment in Reid Oval is significant and is the second largest financial contribution to community infrastructure after the Junction Oval.

We certainly welcome this contribution from Cricket Victoria as we move to rejuvenate the premier sporting facility in our region.

## Meet Melanie and Paula

If you haven't already met them, we'd like to introduce you to Melanie Starr and Paula Gardiner.

If you saw our most recent newsletter (here's the link) then you'd know that Melanie will be your first port of call for any questions you have about the redevelopment, while Paula has been tasked with overseeing the construction side of things.

While she's holding a footy in the photo, some of you might know Melanie from her long netball career – she's currently the coach of Cobden. She has worked on a range of sport and recreation projects with Councils across the state and has moved to Warrnambool from Hamilton where she was the recreation manager at Southern Grampians Shire.

Like Melanie, Paula is also no stranger to the netball court. She's here via Colac where she worked on the major redevelopment of Central Reserve. This is one of the latest in a long line of major civil engineering projects she's been involved in.

## 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.

Melanie Starr and Paula Gardiner





## First stakeholder workshop on August 27

Our first stakeholder workshop will be held on Tuesday August 27 with representatives from user groups, leagues, associations and state sporting bodies all invited to attend.

The purpose of the meeting is to provide stakeholders with an update on what work has been done already and how the various stages will progress over the next couple of years.

It is also a great time to raise any questions about the project and what it means for each club and association. We understand that there will be plenty of questions about what an upgraded Reid Oval will look like, and these will be covered once a design firm has been appointed. Once this happens, we will have our first design workshop with the designers, with stakeholders encouraged to attend.

## Quantity Surveyor Appointed

After a competitive tender process, Zinc Cost Management has been appointed as the Quantity Surveyor for the Reid Oval Redevelopment.

Quantity surveyors specialise in determining the costs

of complicated construction projects like the Reid Oval Redevelopment, offering advice at each stage of the process to help ensure the best possible outcome is delivered at the best possible price.

## Design firm to be chosen soon

The tender period for a design firm has now closed, with 18 submissions received.

Following shortlisting, reference checking and interviews, the tender evaluation report is expected to be presented to Council at its September 2 meeting to make the final decision.

Once a firm has been appointed, one of the first items on their agenda is to meet with stakeholders to help determine how each aspect of the project will look and function.

## Get to know Council's business support unit

Council's business support unit is here to help take aspects of running a successful business and apply them to your club.

They host regular workshops on a range of topics from marketing, to planning and social media, and all sporting clubs are welcome to attend.

Visit [www.warrnambool.vic.gov.au/business-workshops](http://www.warrnambool.vic.gov.au/business-workshops)

Council, club and association representatives celebrate Cricket Victoria's funding announcement



## Questions?

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