

Reid Oval

Warrnambool's premier sporting facility

Finishing touches for the pavilion

The state-of-the-art pavilion is all but finished, with inspections from relevant authorities and some furniture still to come. While the date for the official opening is still to be set, the new facilities will be ready for use ahead of the football season. Concreting and landscaping work between the pavilion and the main car park is also continuing, along with the perimeter fence.



Standing areas ready for grass seed

The earthworks around the oval are finished, with a grader smoothing the embankments ahead of grass seeding. The best time of year to grow grass seed is Autumn, so this will be done in the coming weeks. Grass seed takes time to grow, so some areas will remain fenced off but the area between the new refreshments booth at the southern end of the existing grandstand, through to the new pavilion, will have instant grass laid so it is ready for foot traffic.

At the same time as the earthworks, the main scoreboard was moved so that the new light tower doesn't obscure its view from the pavilion.



Grass goes in at training oval

Following the installation of the drainage and irrigation system, grass has been laid at the training ground at the northern end of the facility. The technique used is called “sprigging” where grass sods are broken down and mixed into a top layer of sand.

This method allows the same grass species to be used as on the main oval, but is significantly cheaper than turf.

The grass species is Santa Ana Couch – the same grass you’ll find at venues such as Adelaide Oval and Ikon Park.

Depending on the autumn weather, the training ground is expected to be ready for use some time during the football season.



Cricket nets

The cricket nets are all but finished. The nets feature retractable soft netting in between the pitches which can be pulled out of the way to create one large space. The wicket crease line marking is still to be done.



Sections of concrete to be re-laid

Due to inconsistencies with the concrete mix used, some recently laid sections of concrete near the pavilion are being re-laid. This is being done at no cost to Council. Some have questioned whether this was due to the angle of the ramp, but we can assure everyone that all ramp gradients have been designed in accordance with the latest all-abilities access regulations.