



# Reid Oval

Warrnambool's premier sporting facility

## A message from the Reid Oval Project Chair

The Reid Oval Redevelopment has celebrated a major milestone with the final plans for the pavilion now confirmed.

After we released the preliminary plans in March (along with the virtual flythrough. So cool!) we worked with stakeholders and the designers to make the final adjustments and incorporate as much feedback as possible.

Since then we have been out to tender and we're now working our way through the evaluation process for a state-of-the-art pavilion, oval upgrade and all the elements to this great project.

The contract will be awarded based on a "select tender process" which seeks submissions from selected contractors that are pre-registered with the Department of Treasury and Finance.

This process will save us at least six weeks and also means that companies who are part of the process are suitably experienced and have the resources and skills to get the job done.

Regardless of which company secures the tender, Council will be encouraging them to use as many local businesses as possible to help them carry out the works.

In other news, the Warrnambool and District Umpires Association has informed us that they wish to remain in their existing building for the time being.

While we'd love to have them in the new facility, we appreciate that they have strong ties to their existing building and are grateful for their contribution to the project. There are now female friendly change facilities for use on the site and that's a great outcome.

Like you, I've been looking forward to the day when the facilities at Reid Oval better reflect the importance this ground has to the city and the special place it has in the hearts of so many.

I can't wait for construction begin on our city's premier sporting ground!

Cr Sue Cassidy



Santa Ana Couch destined for Reid Oval, pictured here at the turf farm in South Australia



## Final plans confirmed

The final floor plans and the architectural drawings for the Reid Oval pavilion are both available to view online.

While some aspects have been changed slightly, the virtual flythrough released in March still offers a great view of what the pavilion will look like too.

View the plans and the flythrough at [www.warrnambool.vic.gov.au/reidoval](http://www.warrnambool.vic.gov.au/reidoval)

The new facility will meet AFL and Cricket Regional Standards.

The Reid Oval Redevelopment is supported by the Victorian Government.



## First class grass

Did you know that Reid Oval is getting the same grass that some of Australia's best footballers and cricketers play on?

While the pavilion is a very important aspect of the Reid Oval Redevelopment, the playing surface is crucial.

The turf that will eventually constitute the hallowed ground of Warrnambool's number one sporting facility is currently being grown at a specialised turf farm in South Australia.

The grass is progressing very well. After doing a lot of its growing earlier this year, it will come out of its winter dormancy in about September or October once the weather warms up.

The variety is Santa Ana Couch, one of the most popular couch grass varieties for sports grounds.

Some high-profile sportsgrounds that use Santa Ana include Adelaide Oval, Junction Oval and Ikon Park. Here's some shots of the turf taken before it entered its winter dormancy.

While these photos were taken a few months ago, and the grass looks great, it's very important that it isn't transported to Warrnambool until the root system is ready.

So that means despite the disruptions to the 2020 sporting season, the timing for the installation of the turf can't be brought forwards. The construction project provides for the optimum installation time being November/December.



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## 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).