



Drouin Recreation Reserve Oval Redevelopment

Fact Sheet 7 March 2025

Background

At a 2024 Council meeting, a motion was moved to include the redevelopment of Drouin Recreation Reserve's oval in Council's Capital Works Program. In July 2024, Council was successful in receiving funding from the Victorian State Government as part of Round 1 of the Regional Community Sports Infrastructure Fund.

The redevelopment works include new stormwater drainage, new irrigation, perched water table design, and TifTuf natural turf. Also forming part of the redevelopment work are ancillaries such as new boundary fencing, footpath around the whole oval, spectator bench seating, and coaches' shelters.

As a result of a competitive tender process, Evergreen Turf Group Pty Ltd was successful in securing the contract and commenced works on-site in September 2024.

Project Funding

The total funding breakdown for the oval redevelopment:

Sport and Recreation Victoria	\$1,000,000
Baw Baw Shire Council	\$2,320,207
Total project budget	\$3,320,207

Project Update

All turf on the oval was laid in February and Evergreen have commenced with their 12-week maintenance period which involves fertilising, mowing, rolling, topdressing, and spraying for weeds, pests & disease.

At the end of Evergreen's maintenance period in mid-May, the turf will be tested for root depth, surface hardness, water infiltration rate, and surface traction. The turf must meet criteria set out in the design specifications to ensure its establishment is on track and ready for Council's maintenance team to continue monitoring the establishment of turf.

As the turf will not have had a full growing season to settle in, it's expected that oval usage will need to be limited in 2025. Further details will be provided on allowable usage which will be dependent on upcoming weather conditions and the testing in mid-May.

Outside of the oval, works are underway to adjust levels of the gravel road to tie into the new footpath and preparation for asphalt reinstatement is in progress. Fencing, installation of bench seats, and landscaping around the new tank will also be completed during the maintenance period.

Timeframe

Estimated project works timeline:

Date	Task	Status
August 2024	Award tender	Complete
September 2024	Contractor establishment on-site	Complete
September 2024	Demolition works	Complete
September 2024	Top-soil stripping and material export	Complete
October 2024	Electrical conduit relocation	Complete
October 2024	Cut and fill earthworks and material export	Complete
October/November 2024	Surrounding stormwater drainage pipes and pits	Complete
October/November 2024	New water storage tank	Complete
October/November 2024	Final subgrade trim to design level	Complete
November 2024	Concrete cricket wicket slab	Complete
November/December 2024	Concrete edge strip and kerb	Complete
November/December 2024	Irrigation works	Complete
December 2024	Field of play stormwater drainage	Complete
December 2024	Drainage gravel layer	Complete
January 2025	New coaches' shelters	Complete
January 2025	Rootzone sand layer	Complete
February 2025	Turf laying	Complete
January - March 2025	Ancillary work including footpath, asphaltting, and fencing	In progress
February 2025 onwards	Turf establishment period and contractor maintenance	In progress
Mid-2025	Oval testing and project completion	On track

The above dates are estimates only and subject to change. The timeframe will be updated monthly as the project progresses.

Fact Sheet Updates

Fact sheets will be provided monthly to the project stakeholders including members of Drouin Recreation Reserve.

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