



Drouin Recreation Reserve Oval Redevelopment

Fact Sheet 3 February 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

In January, the drainage gravel layer was finalised, irrigation system commissioned, and the spreading of the rootzone sand layer commenced and was completed.

Turf harvesting is expected to commence from 10 February and it will be washed to avoid soil contamination and assist in achieving the required water infiltration rates. Laying turf on-site will commence shortly after washing and with approximately 2,500m² of turf being laid per day, it's expected to take a week and a half to cover the 17,343m² surface.

Once all the turf is laid, Evergreen is contracted for an establishment and maintenance period to ensure the turf settles in and is ready for handover to Council's maintenance team. This period will also be used to complete outstanding work outside of the oval including asphaltting, concrete footpath, fencing, and installation of new bench seating.

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
January/February 2025	Ancillary work including footpath	In progress
February 2025	Turf laying	On track
February 2025 onwards	Turf establishment period and contractor maintenance	On track
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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