



LEFT: Pouring the slab for the new amenities building

ABOVE: Landscaping taking shape at the Australian Equine and Livestock Events Centre

NORTHERN INLAND CENTRE OF SPORTING EXCELLENCE

Project Update No. 4 – October 2018 from Project Manager Mark Gardiner

As the Project Manager for the Northern Inland Centre of Sporting Excellence Project, it gives me great pleasure to update you on progress.

Following excellent design and procurement work by the project team over the last few months, construction is now ramping up in several areas across the precinct.

EQUINE ARENAS

While the new arenas at the Australian Equine and Livestock Events Centre continue to 'bed in', the construction of a new amenities building and landscaping is now underway. The building will provide toilets close to the new arenas and a multipurpose space which can be used for catering or administration during events.

Landscaped spectator areas will include a pathway linking the new building to the main stadium. Work will include an irrigation system using recycled water to maintain turf, as well as further developing the in-ground services in this area to cater for the new facilities and make provision for the future.



ABOVE: The steel frames for the Sports Dome extension going into place.



ABOVE: Extension taking shape.



ABOVE: Concrete being poured for the Sports Dome extension.

SPORTS DOME EXTENSION

The Sports Dome extension has sprung out of the ground over the last few weeks, with the steel frame and precast concrete wall panels now largely in place.

The coming months will see roofing and wall cladding as well as concrete floors completed before the contractor gets stuck in to the internal building fitout.

The two outdoor netball courts which are out of play due to the construction will be ready for use in time for the winter 2019 season.

CYCLING AND ATHLETICS

The tender for construction of the new cycling and athletics facilities – the largest part of the Centre of Sporting Excellence project – has been run and won. Council endorsed David Payne Constructions Pty Ltd as the successful tenderer and construction is expected to start on site later this month.

The contracted work will include the new all-weather synthetic athletics facility, asphalt velodrome and criterium track as well as footpaths, power and lighting throughout the precinct.

David Payne Constructions Pty Ltd, based in Dubbo, has a track record of delivering multi-million dollar projects for government and the private sector.

While the new facilities are being built to top standards suitable to host regional and state championships, they will also be available for use by the local community.

ROADS, CAR PARKS AND WATERMAINS

The roads and car parks continue to progress in the design and procurement phase, with a tender planned for the coming months for the Jack Smyth Drive Upgrade. The road and car park additions will improve access throughout the precinct, providing additional bus stop areas on Jack Smyth Drive and improved footpath links between the existing and new facilities.

A total of 1.3km of new 250mm diameter watermain has now been installed to provide irrigation for the current and future facilities throughout the precinct, using recycled water in a great example of sustainability.



WHAT'S NEXT

Much of the AELEC building and landscaping work will be completed around Christmas time, with a new car park and access road to follow shortly thereafter in the new year.

The Sports Dome extension is expected to be largely completed by Christmas and the Jack Smyth Drive upgrade then due to get underway. The new cycling and athletics facilities are due for completion in September 2019, by which time it is planned to have all roads, car parks and footpaths also completed (weather permitting).

- an outdoor velodrome and criterium track;
- an outdoor equestrian arena, warm-up arena, carpark and amenities at the AELEC;
- a synthetic athletics facility;
- the sports dome extension; and
- road upgrades and car parking.

For more information about the project, see our website www.tamworth.nsw.gov.au/centre-of-excellence

FIRST PHASE OVERVIEW

The Australian Government is providing \$8.5 million, the NSW Government is contributing \$4.25 million, including \$3.25 million from the Restart NSW Regional Tourism Infrastructure program, and a further \$4.45 million is being provided by Tamworth Regional Council (\$2 million financial and \$2.45 million in-kind) toward the delivery of the Centre of Sporting Excellence.

This first phase of the Centre, with a budget of \$17.2 million, comprises:

Regards,

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The fifth project update will be issued in February 2019. If you would like to be added to the distribution list, please email **trc@tamworth.nsw.gov.au** and ask to be added to our Centre of Sporting Excellence distribution list. For all other enquiries, please do not hesitate to contact me, Centre of Sporting Excellence Project Manager, Mark Gardiner, on 6767 5003.