

## WHAT'S NEXT

The all-weather synthetic surface for the athletics track is scheduled to be applied in early May. It is a three-layer process with a total thickness of about 14 millimetres.

The final major component for the AELEC as part of the Centre of Sporting Excellence's first stage is a new 140-space car park. As a result of a revised design, it is more than double the number of spaces originally planned. Work started the first week of April and is expected to be completed in June.

All works as part of stage one are on schedule for completion in September 2019.

## 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.

For more information about the project, see our website [www.tamworth.nsw.gov.au/centre-of-excellence](http://www.tamworth.nsw.gov.au/centre-of-excellence)

Regards,



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The sixth project update will be issued in about July 2019. If you would like to receive one, please email [trc@tamworth.nsw.gov.au](mailto: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 on 6767 5003



ABOVE: The new amenities building at the AELEC has already been used for a number of major events.



ABOVE: Construction underway on the new AELEC car park.



ABOVE: The specialised flooring being applied inside the Sports Dome in late December 2018.



LEFT: A structure which will become home to Tamworth Cycle Club.

ABOVE: A burst of green at the athletics track (top) and cycling facilities while construction continues.

## NORTHERN INLAND CENTRE OF SPORTING EXCELLENCE

### Project Update No. 5 – May 2019 from Project Manager Mark Gardiner

As the Project Manager for the Northern Inland Centre of Sporting Excellence, it's exciting to share the latest news about the first stage of the project now about six months until completion.

### CYCLING AND ATHLETICS

The new cycling and athletics facilities are taking shape fast, following completion of earthworks, construction of stormwater drainage and installation of in-ground services. The big visual change is the installation of turf in the centre of the athletics track and the asphaltting of the velodrome.

A total of 7,500 square metres of turf was unrolled and laid over a day-and-a-half at the end of March. It is

getting some extra care to ensure it is well established before winter arrives using the precinct's recycled water irrigation system. The turf area is where events such as shot put and javelin will be staged. Outside the main straight of the track, there is also provision for four sandpits for long jump and triple jump.

Key structures - the future rooms of Tamworth Cycle Club, athletics control building adjacent to the track's finishing line and public amenities buildings - have risen from the ground. The concrete slab for an athletics storage shed has also been poured. The athletics control building and the cycle club building have been enhanced from the original plans.

Work is continuing on kerb work and laying the base for the criterium track which will be sealed with an asphalt surface.





ABOVE: Jack Smyth Drive upgraded to a dual carriageway with wide centre median.



ABOVE: Asphaltting nearing completion at the velodrome.

BELOW: Provision for jump pits adjacent to the track.

## SPORTS DOME EXTENSION

Apart from some minor finishing off internally, the Sports Dome extension is now complete and Tamworth Netball Association has started to move into its new and improved control office. There are also extensive storage areas and a new centralised data control room which will service the entire Tamworth Regional Sports and Entertainment Precinct. The data control room is now being fitted out with computer equipment to support upgraded security systems throughout the precinct, free public Wi-Fi and increased internet capacity.

Along with the additional indoor court, the new netball season in May will see the outdoor courts No. 7 and No. 8 back in use. They were out of play last season due to construction work. Netball players and spectators will also benefit from the use of a new sealed carpark adjacent to the outdoor courts and accessed from Jack Smyth Drive. At the start of April the bitumen seal was applied and bollards were installed.

## EQUESTRIAN ARENAS

The new multi-purpose building at the Australian Equine and Livestock Events Centre was completed in January 2019 and

tried out straight away with major events. This new building provides public amenities close to the new arenas and the existing campdraft arena while also providing a multipurpose space which can be used for catering or event management. A footpath links the new areas to the main stadium.

An extensive irrigation system using recycled water has made it easy to establish the turf and landscaped spectator areas.

## ROADS AND CAR PARKS

Good progress is being made on the Jack Smyth Drive Upgrade. It is being transformed from a single narrow carriageway to two full-width carriageways separated by a wide median - a benefit for nearby residents as well as visitors to the precinct. Street lighting will be installed in the median before landscaping is completed by the end of June.

