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State Basketball Centre Redevelopment



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The State Basketball Centre Redevelopment is well and truly underway. It will establish the State Basketball Centre in Knox as the home of basketball in Victoria, from grass roots to elite competitions. It is anticipated that the redevelopment will be completed in late 2023.

What we are delivering

The Victorian Government, in partnership with Knox City Council, is delivering an expanded State Basketball Centre to make it one of Australia's premier basketball facilities. It will include:

- 12 new indoor courts
- new high-performance training and administration facilities for basketball, including WNBL and NBL teams
- new administration facilities to support sports organisations and clubs
- a regional gymnastics facility
- a new café
- a town square
- car parking upgrades and landscaping.

ADCO has been appointed the Head Contractor for the redevelopment. Once completed, the centre is set to be the long-term home for Knox Basketball Inc and its 11,000-strong members. It is estimated the centre will host up to two million visitors a year, incorporating elite level basketball, major events, local competitions and community programming.

Project update

- Asphalt has been laid for the northern carpark as well as kerb and channels. Light poles have also been installed and landscaping has begun.
- Concrete ground slab (concrete placed in a trench to support the building) for the Town Square is now complete.
- Concrete ground slab for the basketball courts is now complete.
- Roof installation on the basketball courts continues.
- Structural steel installation for the High Performance building is complete
- Structural steel installation for the gymnastics facility has commenced.

Did you know?

- The total area for the new build of the State Basketball Centre is a huge 20,000 square metres.
- The State Basketball Centre will have created more than 500 jobs by its completion, expected in 2023.
- The project includes 1250 tonnes of structural steel.
- The project has engaged 30 women and 11 Indigenous employees across various management and trade roles.

Achievements to date: The State Basketball Centre continues to meet its targets set out in the Local Jobs First Policy, including:

- Having 90% of materials used from local suppliers, including the structural steel which has been fabricated in Campbellfield.
- Reaching 81,803 cumulative hours of labour hours for trainees, cadets and apprentices.

What is Local Jobs First?

The Victorian Industry Participation Policy

Promotes employment growth by expanding opportunities for small and medium-sized enterprises to compete for Victorian government contracts.

Major Projects Skills Guarantee

An industry policy designed to ensure job opportunities are provided for apprentices, trainees and cadets on high-value Victorian Government construction projects.



Find out more at
<https://localjobsfirst.vic.gov.au/>

Meet construction team Project Manager, Nadia Peens



How did you start in the construction sector?

In high school, I really liked Maths, Science and technical subjects such as woodwork, technical drawing and metalwork. When I was considering a career that I was passionate about, it was clear that an Engineering degree would be great. I began as a Junior Structural Design Engineer for a small roof truss design company, but as I spent more time on construction sites, I realised that I would like to manage all aspects of a project - from start to finish.

What do you enjoy about being a project manager?

It is quite satisfying to start with something on paper and see it materialise in real life. I get to meet and work with many types of people, learn every day from experts and see a structure develop from nothing. My biggest pleasure is delivering a project to a client and seeing their gratitude and excitement to start occupying their new facility.

What has been the highlight of the State Basketball Centre project? What are you most excited about?

The highlight for me on the State Basketball Centre project was when we lifted the first big truss for the basketball courts, from there every piece of steel being erected is an accomplishment. I am most excited to see the first basketball match being played on the new courts.

What is something that people would be surprised to know about you? Any hidden talents or funny interests/claims to fame?

I like solving puzzles and building Lego. I spend a lot of my free time building Lego Technics, they are usually the construction type machines like trucks, excavators etc. I also have small to-scale construction plant models displayed around my home.

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