

# State Basketball Centre Redevelopment

Installing the final roof truss in the gymnastics area

**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 new build will be completed later this year.**

## 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.

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

- Final roof truss for the entire project has been installed.
- Internal cladding and insulation in the basketball courts is being installed.
- Northern carpark is now ready for use and is fully landscaped.
- Structural steel installation for the high performance training area and administration spaces is now complete.
- All primary framing for the gymnastics area is now complete.
- Roof installation on the basketball courts is near complete.

## Did you know?

- Each roof truss weighs approximately 8 tonnes and is painted orange as a reference to the colour of a traditional basketball?
- 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 51 women and 19 indigenous employees across various 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 Victorian 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?

Local Jobs First promotes employment growth by expanding opportunities for small and medium-sized enterprises to compete for Victorian government contracts and ensures job opportunities are provided for apprentices, trainees, and cadets on high value Victorian Government construction projects.



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## Meet Matt Hayden, Project Manager, Development Victoria



Matt Hayden (far left) with other Development Victoria representatives (L-R): Hannah Clement, Group Head Civic Infrastructure; Julie Browning, Executive Director, Corporate Affairs; and Geoff Junkeer, Project Director, Civic Infrastructure

### What do you like about working at Development Victoria?

Playing a role in delivering some of Victoria's most significant projects on behalf of the community is extremely satisfying, and the variety of these projects is a big part of what makes working at Development Victoria so enjoyable. The added bonus is that I also get to interact with great people!

### What do you enjoy about being a project manager?

One aspect is the satisfaction of seeing something that has undergone years of planning coming to fruition in the built form, and playing a role in influencing the end outcome – which is basically a culmination of small decisions over many years. The role also allows me to connect, learn from, and develop relationships with our project partners (each with their own expertise and unique skillset) through delivery of the project, where we are all working towards a common objective.

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

One highlight has been seeing the evolution of the expansive structure. In particular, the fabrication of the trusses evolving from a concept design to off-site manufacture in the warehouse, to painting, delivery and installation on site. The structure is so impressive, and I think it's great that this will remain on display as a prominent feature.

I am most excited about putting the new courts through vigorous testing in the lead up to completion – someone needs to make sure the ball bounces well and the rings are ready to go! Plus, I'm looking forward to enjoying a coffee in the new café overlooking the Town Square.

### How did you start in the construction sector?

I was a big fan of the TV show, 'The Block', when I was younger (including lining up for ridiculous hours to inspect the completed properties), which I credit for my interest in construction and design. Based on that interest, I studied Construction Management. Architectural and interior design is also something that I am still passionate about and whenever I travel I make sure I always visit architecturally significant locations.

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