

# State Basketball Centre Redevelopment

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**The State Basketball Centre redevelopment is taking shape! Once complete, it will service everyone from local players to Australian representative athletes while transforming the broader precinct into the premier sports park for Melbourne's South East.**

## What we are delivering

The project is a partnership between the Victorian Government and Knox City Council who are working closely with State Sports Centres Trust, Basketball Victoria and Knox Gymnastics.

Once completed, the \$132 million project - including \$27 million from Knox City Council - will be one of Australia's premier basketball facilities and 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, gymnastics, major events, local competitions and community programming.

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.

## Project update

- External cladding is being installed.
- External roadworks and landscaping is progressing.
- The roof installation is now complete.
- The Town Square oculus (a circular opening in the roof) framing has been installed.
- Timber flooring for the basketball courts is being installed.
- Internal fit outs are progressing.

### Did you know?

- Once the basketball court floors are installed, we would have used over 10,500 square metres of maple timber?
- There are three foam pits in the gymnastics area?
- The roofing panels are produced by a company called Ortech who are based in Bendigo?

## Achievements to date

The State Basketball Centre continues to progress towards the targets set out in the Local Jobs First Policy, including having 90% of materials used from Victorian suppliers, including:

- the centre's structural steel which has been fabricated in Campbellfield
- the roof/ceiling system panels from Ortech, based in Bendigo
- the timber used for the new basketball courts being supplied and installed by ACE Flooring, based in Sunbury.

### 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 Ortech Industries Pty Ltd



### Who is Ortech?

We are a 100% Australian-owned company established in 1985 and based in Bendigo. We specialise in the manufacturing and marketing of a sustainable building product, Durra Panel, which has been used in the roof/ceiling system panels at the State Basketball Centre.

### Why use Durra Panel?

We're so proud of this product. It's produced using a unique process that converts a natural and renewable resource, wheat or rice straw fibres, into durable construction panels that will last upwards of 70 years. It offers great performance features such as thermal properties, acoustic control, and is fire resistant. And the beauty of the product is that when it comes to the end of its useful life, it can be kept out of landfill and fully recycled or returned to the earth to contribute to future growth.

### What have been the unique design challenges of the State Basketball Centre?

It's a challenging job! The curved shape of the roof and the sheer scale of it was one challenge. But of course, like many others, we were faced with challenge of working under COVID-19 lockdown restrictions. Luckily, we have a strong track record of working with Development Victoria and ADCO, as well as with CCS who installed the Durra Panels - so we know everyone is working towards the same goal and high standards.

### How does Ortech support the Bendigo community?

We work with local Victorian farmers to supply us with the straw used to make Durra Panel and we are one of Bendigo's main employers. Generations of local families have worked with us, and at the moment, our current factory manager started with us as a work experience student, working alongside his father!

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