



Bendigo Stadium

Community Information Session

March 2025

In partnership with





ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

Development Victoria respectfully acknowledges the Traditional Custodians of Country throughout Victoria, including the Dja Dja Wurrung as Traditional Owners of the lands on which we are delivering this project. We recognise their continuing cultural heritage and connection to Country, and pay our respect to their Elders, past and present.

Agenda

6:00 Engagement Guidelines

6:05 Meet the Project Team

Project Overview

6:30 Session Concludes



Information Session Guidelines

To ensure our session runs smoothly and is enjoyable for all, we invite you to observe the following engagement guidelines:



Information sharing



Q&A



Recording



Respectful engagement



All voices heard



Further information and feedback

Meet the Project Team



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Regional Sports Infrastructure Program

The Victorian Government is delivering 16 new and upgraded sports facilities across six key Victorian regions.

Development Victoria is the delivery organisation for a number of these projects.

Local councils will deliver the remaining projects.

Development Victoria Projects

Ballarat – Ballarat Major Events Precinct upgrades.

Bendigo – Bendigo Showgrounds and Bendigo Stadium upgrades.

Geelong – New sports facilities at Armstrong Creek and Waurin Ponds, and upgrades to the Stead Park hockey facilities.

Gippsland – Upgrades to Gippsland Sports and Entertainment Park, and Morwell Gun Club.



At Development Victoria, we create places for people

We're a government agency partnering with industry leaders and local communities to transform ambitious ideas into reality.

And together, we deliver places that make a genuine difference to the people of Victoria.



Development Victoria's Regional Portfolio

In recent years, Development Victoria has significantly increased our regional portfolio, delivering projects of state significance, including the Ballarat GovHub, Galkangu – Bendigo GovHub, and the Geelong Arts Centre.

We are in the process of delivering Junction Place Wodonga, the new 12 Apostles Visitor Centre and Nyaal Banyul Geelong Convention and Event Centre.

In coming years, we will be delivering eight sporting infrastructure projects across regional Victoria, providing much needed new and upgraded sporting facilities to support increased sports participation and visitor opportunities across Victoria's regions.

As population numbers across regional Victoria continue to grow, we are also investigating opportunities to deliver more regional housing across the state, including approximately 160 new homes in Bendigo, in support of the Victorian Government's Housing Statement.



Our Vision

Our vision for the site is to contribute to the building of vibrant, resilient regional communities by creating inclusive opportunities for sports, recreation and entertainment, while boosting local economies.

We aim to enhance community wellbeing and connectedness through sustainable infrastructure that supports long-term health and prosperity. Our proposed concept design for Bendigo Stadium is an opportunity to achieve this vision, by reinforcing the site's status as a recreational hub for the community and enhancing the capacity for community participation and activity.

The Bendigo Stadium project is defined by its goal of enhancing and improving the existing facilities with improved community sport and recreation amenities supported by delivery partners and key stakeholders.

Through ongoing conversations with DJAARA, we are exploring opportunities to create spaces which incorporate Dja Dja Wurrung culture, stories and connection to Country within these upgrades.

Development Victoria and Sport and Recreation Victoria have been working closely with the City of Greater Bendigo and Bendigo Stadium Limited to ensure the upgrades cater to the local community and deliver what is needed for the region.



Project Objectives

- **Improve the health of communities** – Particularly those which are disadvantaged, by creating accessible and inclusive opportunities for participation in sport and active recreation.
- **Improve the capacity of local Councils and venue operators to hold more events** - Relevant to the scale of the facility.
- **Provide a positive impact on the local economy** - Through the planning, building and operation of community sports infrastructure.
- **Respond to the need to plan, build and operate community sport and active recreation infrastructure** - That can reduce operational costs and environmental impacts while increasing building resilience.



Project Overview

We are looking forward to delivering the Bendigo Stadium project as part of the Regional Sports Infrastructure Program.

A design team has been engaged and we are continuing to progress the designs for the project.

The project* will include:

- New two court annex
- Refurbishment of Courts 9 and 10 (existing courts)
- Upgrades to the existing stadium including accessibility upgrades to main entrance, back-up generator, main switchboard, and installation of solar
- Compliant lighting to the outdoor netball courts, and
- Car park improvements.

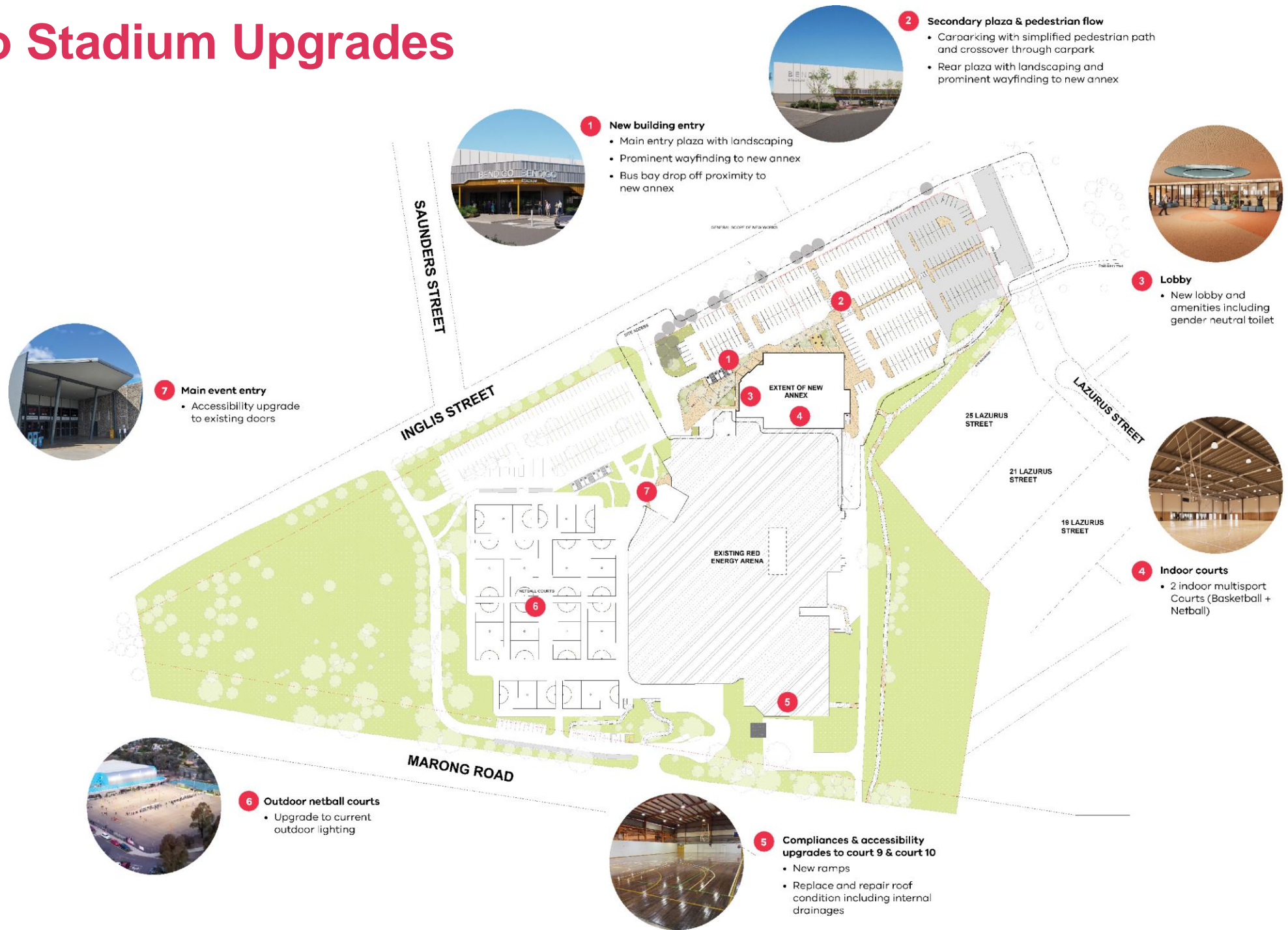
The project will boost local jobs and businesses and support the continued growth of the Bendigo region for years to come.

Works on this exciting project are set to commence in September 2025.

***Subject to planning approval and the outcome of a procurement process**



Bendigo Stadium Upgrades



Sustainability

The design of the Project will be developed in line with best practice sustainable design strategies and compliance against the National Construction Code (NCC) 2022. These considerations include:

Energy - Solar panels, generator and high efficiency building services.

Indoor Environmental Quality - A daylight factor for a large proportion of floor area, ventilation to be controlled by CO2 sensors, appropriate external shading, low emission VOC paints, sealants, adhesives carpets and low formaldehyde content in engineered wood.

Transport - Bicycle parking spaces.

Waste - Recycling facilities as conveniently located as those for general waste (e.g. where a general waste bin is provided, a recycling bin shall also be provided).

Water - Rainwater tank to collect rainwater from the roof for re-use, high WELS rated water fittings and appliances, and reduction of potable water consumption.

Urban Ecology - Native vegetation to landscaped areas.



Local Jobs First

We support Victorian businesses and workers by ensuring that small and medium size enterprises are given a full and fair opportunity to compete for both large and small government contracts.

Local Bendigo and Regional Suppliers have been prioritised within the design.

Suppliers can register with ICN for opportunities to supply goods and services to the project.

For more information on how to register visit the [ICN Gateway](#) or scan the QR code below.



Planning and Feedback

Planning Approval

- The Minister for Planning has been asked to consider the project as a State Project under Clause 52.30 of the Greater Bendigo Planning Scheme.
- The planning application has been submitted to the Department of Transport and Planning with approval on track for mid 2025.

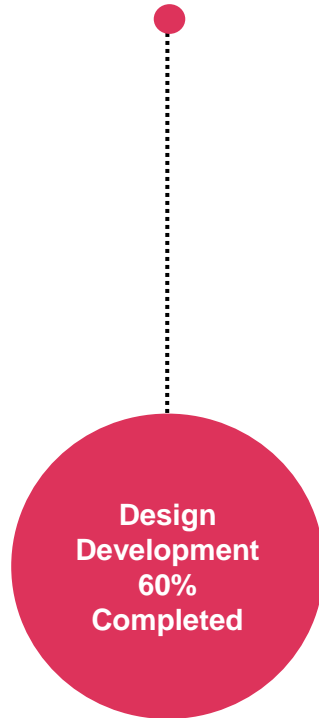
Opportunities for Feedback

- Community Information Sessions will be held in March 2025 including this session, and a drop-in session at Bendigo Stadium on Friday 14 March from 4:30pm to 6pm.
- Written submissions can be made on the Engage Victoria website at engage.vic.gov.au/bendigo-stadium-upgrades which will be open until Thursday 3 April. This will be the final opportunity to provide feedback on the project.
- While designs are well-progressed, all feedback received will be considered as part of the final stages of project planning and delivery.

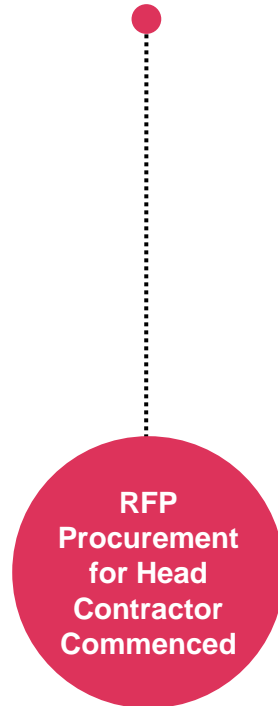


Project Timeline

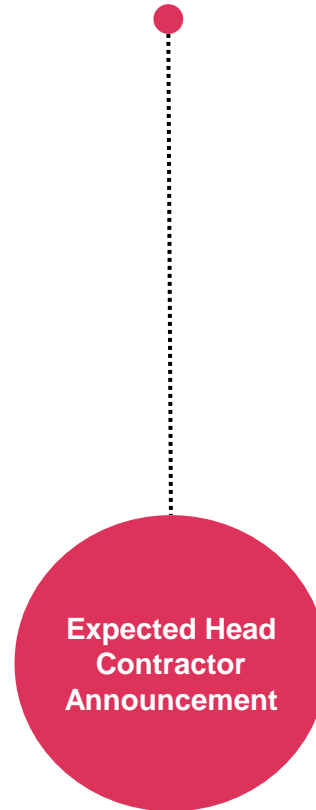
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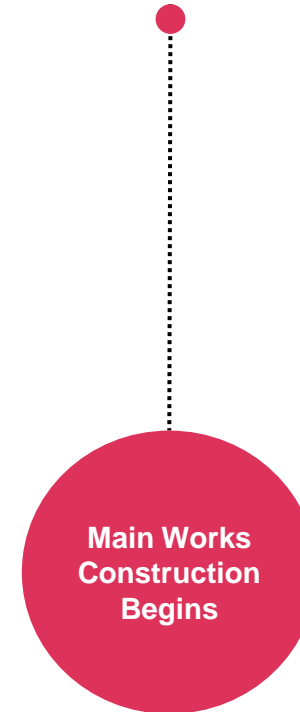
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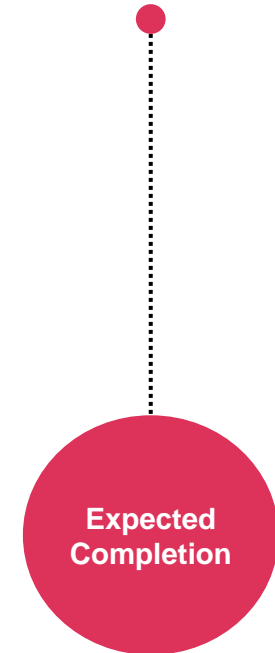
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All dates are indicative only and subject to change.



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