

NORTHERN INLAND CENTRE OF SPORTING EXCELLENCE

Project Update No. 1 – December 2017

As the Project Manager for the Northern Inland Centre of Sporting Excellence, I am pleased to let you know construction works for the \$17.2 million facility are progressing well.

Good progress has been made since we broke ground on Friday 15 September, 2017. You may have been able to see some glimpses of what's been happening when driving past on Jack Smyth Drive, Goonoo Goonoo Road, Rodeo Drive or Burgmanns Lane.



Crews from Tamworth Regional Council's civil construction division have been powering along with initial bulk earthworks - first on the site of the new arena at the Australian Equine and Livestock Events Centre (AELEC) and then at the rear of the Tamworth Sports Dome where the new outdoor velodrome and criterium track and the new athletics facilities will be located.

We are on schedule to complete the bulk earthworks before Christmas, achieving our first major milestone for the project with our funding partners the Australian Government and the New South Wales Government.

In November, construction of the equestrian arenas started. Work there will be substantially completed next month. An official opening is expected to be held in March.

Meanwhile, the detailed engineering designs for the cycling and athletics facilities are underway and contract documents are being prepared in readiness for construction. It is expected that construction will start by April 2018.

Design work and procurement is ongoing for power, lighting, roads, carparks, drainage, communications services and buildings.

SPORTS DOME EXTENSIONS

Tender submissions for extensions to the Sports Dome are currently being assessed and evaluated. A decision is expected to be made by Council on the successful tenderer at a special Council meeting in January next year. The key outcome of this work is the addition of another indoor sports court which can be used for netball, futsal, hockey and badminton as well as an upgrade netball control room, storage areas and computer server room.

FIRST PHASE OVERVIEW

The Australian Government is providing \$8.5 million, along with \$4.45 million from Tamworth Regional Council and \$4.25 million from the New South Wales Government, toward the delivery of the Centre of Sporting Excellence.

This first phase of the Centre, with a budget of \$17.2 million, comprises:

- an outdoor velodrome and criterium track;
- outdoor equestrian arena, warm-up arena, carpark and amenities at the AELEC;
- an athletics centre, carpark and Tamworth Sports Dome extensions; and,
- road upgrades and car parking.

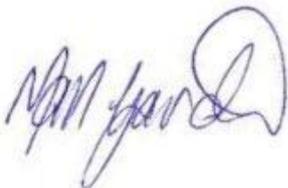
For more information about the project, see our [website](#).

WHAT'S NEXT

Work on site will wind up on Friday 22 for the Christmas break but activity will return there on Tuesday 2 January, 2018.

The second project update will be issued in March 2018. If you would like to be added to the distribution list, please email 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, Centre of Sporting Excellence Project Manager, Mark Gardiner, on 6767 5003.

Regards,



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