



Installation of the lights at the new AELEC arenas.

## FIRST PHASE OVERVIEW

The Australian Government is providing \$8.5 million, the NSW Government is contributing \$4.25 million, including \$3.25 million from the Restart NSW Regional Tourism Infrastructure program, and a further \$4.45 million is being provided by Tamworth Regional Council (\$2 million financial and \$2.45 million in-kind) 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;
- an outdoor equestrian arena, warm-up arena, carpark and amenities at the AELEC;
- a synthetic athletics facility;
- the sports dome extension; and
- road upgrades and car parking.

For more information about the project, see our website [www.tamworth.nsw.gov.au/centre-of-excellence](http://www.tamworth.nsw.gov.au/centre-of-excellence)

Regards,

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## NORTHERN INLAND CENTRE OF SPORTING EXCELLENCE



Boring holes ready for piers of the Sports Dome Extension and trenching of services ready for the soon-to-be-built amenities at the AELEC.

### Project Update No. 3 – July 2018 from Project Manager Mark Gardiner

As the Project Manager for one of Tamworth's high profile developments, I am excited to update you about construction progress for the Northern Inland Centre of Sporting Excellence.

A mountain of engineering design work has been completed over the last few months to finalise plans for the cycling and athletics facilities, as well as the road upgrades and new car parks to be delivered as part of the project.

## EQUINE ARENAS

Positive feedback on the two new equestrian arenas at the Australian Equine and Livestock Events Centre continues to exceed expectations and the lights have now been commissioned, allowing the arenas to be used at night. The light intensity achieved is high enough to cater for both international competition and television broadcast. Council, as well as our user groups, see this as an important step to ensure we secure world class events for Tamworth.

Since the March newsletter, Council has finalised the design for a new amenities building, footpaths and landscaping. I expect we will go to tender in the next few weeks for construction later in 2018.

## CYCLING AND ATHLETICS

The design for the new cycling and athletics facilities has now been completed and I expect to advertise the tender for construction in the next few weeks. Construction is expected to start on site in September this year. This will be an exciting milestone for the project because it will mean the final two new facilities are underway in what is the single largest contract of the project.

We have been asked whether the new velodrome will be available for use by the general public. I am pleased to confirm that it will be.





## LEGEND

- 1 SPORTS DOME EXTENSION
- 2 CYCLING VELODROME & CRITERIUM CIRCUIT, INCLUDING STORE ROOM
- 3 SYNTHETIC ATHLETICS FACILITY, INCLUDING CONTROL ROOM & STORE ROOM
- 4 MAIN EQUESTRIAN ARENA, INCLUDING WARM UP & AMENITIES BUILDING
- 5 JACK SMYTH DRIVE UPGRADE & CAR PARK
- 6 CYCLING & ATHLETICS CAR PARK
- 7 SHARED AMENITIES BUILDING
- 8 AELEC ACCESS ROAD & CAR PARK
- 9 STORMWATER DETENTION BASINS
- 10 AELEC SPECTATOR MOUND & ACCESS ROAD

## SPORTS DOME EXTENSION

Construction is continuing on the Sports Dome extension, with plenty of work behind the scenes off site to fabricate structural steelwork and manufacture precast concrete wall panels ready for delivery and erection later this year.

On site, all demolition work has been completed to enable the building extension to proceed. The lighting for the outdoor netball courts has been relocated and several in-ground services adjusted to accommodate the new larger building providing an additional indoor sports court and upgraded netball control room, storage areas and computer server room.

Earthworks and footing construction is now underway including reinforced concrete bored piers to support the new structure.

## ROADS AND CAR PARKS

Good progress is being made on detailed engineering designs for the upgrade of Jack Smyth Drive and new car parks for the precinct. The new pavement is being designed to use the crushed rock stockpiled near the Sports Dome which was the result of earlier excavation work on site and is a great cost saving and sustainable outcome.

Council has prioritised construction of the new sports infrastructure ahead of the road and car park work. This means these packages of work will be contracted later in the year following the award of the cycling and athletics construction contract.

## WHAT'S NEXT?

Contractors have recently started installing new in-ground services at the Equine Centre to cater for the new arenas and amenities building, while in early July, Council's civil construction division started work on a 250mm diameter recycled watermain to service the precinct and support our commitment to sustainability. This new watermain will provide all the irrigation needs for the cycling and athletics facilities.

A contractor is expected on site in August to construct the new Equine Centre amenities building and landscaping. Council is targeting the start of construction for the new cycling and athletics facilities in September this year.

The latest site plan showing phase one of the Centre of Sporting Excellence.