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Construction is just around the corner on some of Latrobe City's major recreation infrastructure projects following the appointment of lead contractors for several key sites.

ADCO Constructions has been awarded the design and construct contract for the multimillion dollar Gippsland Regional Aquatic Centre, while Becon Constructions will head up the Traralgon Sports Stadium redevelopment.

Both of these projects have been earmarked as Victorian Industry

Participation Program items, which means there will be a minimum of 90 percent local content used.

GROW Gippsland and the Industry Capability Network have been extensively engaged throughout this process to ensure local procurement for these projects and local jobs are created.

Works on these sites will commence in March 2019 and there's plenty more activity happening across the municipality in the meantime.

Read on to learn about the latest appointments and some exciting new prospects following funding boosts from Sport and Recreation Victoria.

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Above: Latrobe City Council's major recreation projects team members and GRAC tender winners ADCO Constructions

Below: Latrobe City Councillors Alan McFarlane, Darren Howe and former Mayor Darrell White, former Minister for Sport John Eren, Labor candidate for Morwell Mark Richards, Latrobe Valley Authority CEO Karen Cain, Traralgon Swimming Club representative Michael Mihaly, Member for Eastern Victoria Harriet Shing, Basketball Victoria representative Jodie Harlow and GRAC Project Reference Group member Judi McLaughlin celebrate the funding announcement on 23 October.





Latrobe Valley Sports & Community Initiative

Gippsland Regional Aquatic Centre \$54 million

- New indoor aquatic centre at Hubert Osborne Park
- Eight lane 50 metre indoor pool
- 500 seats for spectators
- 25m outdoor pool
- Water slides
- Geothermal heating
- Indoor water play zone
- Warm water therapy pool
- Learn to swim pool
- Spa and sauna areas
- Café and retail precinct

Traralgon Sports Stadium \$19 million

- Four court expansion to existing Traralgon Sports Stadium at Catterick Crescent
- New show court
- 3000 spectator seats
- New multipurpose training and administration space

Morwell Recreation Reserve \$9 million

- AFL Football Centre of Excellence
- Multi-use synthetic oval
- New netball courts
- Upgraded club and change rooms
- New cricket and netball pavilion
- Keegan Street Oval re-alignment and upgrade
- Lighting upgrade to main oval

Latrobe City Sports and Entertainment Complex \$1.7 million

- Football Centre of Excellence
- New synthetic pitch
- Change room upgrades

Ted Summerton Reserve \$3.5 million

- Cricket Centre of Excellence
- New indoor centre with four synthetic pitches
- Cutting edge training and coaching technology

Traralgon Tennis Centre \$400,000

- 14 courts resurfaced
- New perimeter fencing

Gippsland Regional Aquatic Centre

An outdoor heated pool, water slides and geothermal heating will be included in the Gippsland Regional Aquatic Centre following an \$8 million boost to the budget.

Latrobe City Council has taken up a low-interest loan from SRV's Community Sports Infrastructure Loans Scheme allowing a range of additional components to be realised in the final scope of the project.

These items will generate extra income for the venue and ultimately provide stronger financial outcomes and sustainability.

The now \$54 million GRAC will cater for all demographics, from learn to swim through to the elderly, with components requested by the community set for implementation.

Among the chief lobbyists for the full array of features – namely the add-on elements of water slides, geothermal heating and an outdoor 25 metre pool – was the GRAC Project Reference Group.

"It's great we can get all these elements built at once; I'm glad the Latrobe City Councillors took on board the recommendations presented by the PRG and have the foresight to build this complex as one," community representative Alan McAuliffe said.

"This will be the best aquatic and wellness centre in regional Victoria. I feel everyone from babies to seniors will find something that accommodates them in this complex.

"I cannot wait for the opening."

Latrobe City Mayor Graeme Middlemiss said the additional funding had been sought to ensure all community needs were met in the final design.

"The community has said loud and clear, time and time again, that these additional elements were absolute 'must haves' for this centre," Cr Middlemiss said.

"We have listened to that feedback and found a way to ensure the centre is fit for purpose and 100 per cent in line with community expectations.

"The additional funding allocation means we will have an absolutely world class aquatic centre right here in Latrobe City that meets the needs of all members of our municipality."

Cr Middlemiss said the geothermal heating option was not only a more environmentally sustainable energy choice than other alternatives, but would also substantially reduce long term running costs.

Preliminary works have already begun on the GRAC site, with excavation and drilling on the eastern side of the existing outdoor pool underway to remove material leftover from the former gasworks building that occupied the space until the early 1960s.

Construction will follow the conclusion of the summer swimming season and use of the outdoor pool will not be impacted.

For updates on the Gippsland Regional Aquatic Centre visit www.latrobe.vic.gov.au/GRAC



Traralgon Sports Stadium



The Traralgon Sports Stadium has scored a slam dunk after bucketing a \$2 million funding boost from SRV.

Council's low interest loan for this site will mean a near free throw on implementing an additional spectator seating system and a new multipurpose space for the project.

The stadium will now include up to 3000 retractable seats at the new show court and a multipurpose space to be located on the second level of the stadium.

The Multipurpose space will have the ability to cater for events and training and will also act as an administration area for local sporting bodies and organisations.

The inclusion of these key pieces of the redevelopment will ensure that Traralgon Sports Stadium is comparable to other major regional facilities and is competitive in terms of attracting major events to the area.

Becon Constructions has been awarded the design and construct tender for the project and have commenced works on the new carpark upgrade and expansion.

The project is on track to commence the main construction works on the building in March 2019 and to be completed by March 2020.

Above: An overhead shot of the existing Traralgon Sports Stadium; The TSS project team with the former Mayor of Latrobe City Council, Cr Darrell White and successful tenderers Becon Constructions; A look at the future of the site.

What's happening now?

- Tender closed 16 August 2018.
- Carpark expansion and upgrade commenced December 2018.
- Detailed design development is underway.
- Construction of building expansion and upgrade on track to commence in March 2019.

For updates on the Traralgon Sports Stadium visit www.latrobe.vic.gov.au/TSS

Morwell Recreation Reserve



There's plenty of balls in the air at Morwell Recreation Reserve as works continue on the site's major redevelopment.

The shared cricket and netball pavilion is almost complete, complementing the recent installation of new netball courts, lighting and car parking.

The tender to construct the proposed synthetic oval closed on 30 October and as been awarded to Tuff Turf.

Lighting upgrades for the main oval are also imminent as the ground's status as a football centre of excellence continues to take shape.

The current light towers will soon be removed with new, taller ones to take their place in the near future.

Above: The shared cricket and netball pavilion at Morwell Recreation Reserve is nearing completion.

Below: Concreting the building surrounds

What's happening now?

- Lighting upgrades on the main oval.
- Tender awarded for the construction of the synthetic oval.

For updates on the Morwell Recreation Reserve visit www.latrobe.vic.gov.au/MRR





Latrobe City Sports and Entertainment Stadium

A new synthetic pitch will soon be built at LCSES with Turf One appointed to carry out the specialist works, and civil works to be locally sourced.

The pitch will complement the existing suite of soccer grounds on site and comes as an integral step in the site's transformation as a regional football centre of excellence.

Minor works were undertaken in preparation for the W-League clash between Melbourne Victory and Western Sydney Wanderers on 2 December.

What's happening now?

- Excavation works for the synthetic pitch have commenced.

*Above: W League match on 2 December.
Below: Latrobe City Sports and Entertainment Stadium.*

For updates on the Latrobe City Sports and Entertainment Centre visit www.latrobe.vic.gov.au/LCSES





Ted Summerton Reserve



Council is on the front foot and driving the cricket centre of excellence at Ted Summerton Reserve with increased gusto following a \$500,000 funding boost from SRV.

The tweaked \$3.5 million centre will include five indoor lanes suitable for cricket, futsal, netball and other indoor sports, four outdoor turf training pitches, office space for regional cricket administrators and cutting edge cricketing technology.

Set for construction on the south street primary school side of the main oval, LCC is ready to deliver a world-class centre as Ted Summerton transitions to one of the leading cricketing sites in the country.

The tender for this project has been awarded to local builder Langden Constructions.

What's happening now?

- Concept designs created.
- Design and construct contract awarded.
- Completion expected late 2019.

Above image: Member for Eastern Victoria Harriet Shing, former Minister for Sport John Eren, Latrobe City Councillor Darrell White OAM and Moe Cricket Club member Michael Walshe celebrate the \$500,000 boost to the Ted Summerton Reserve cricket centre of excellence project.

Inset: Proposed layout for the Cricket Centre of Excellence.

For updates on the Ted Summerton Reserve visit www.latrobe.vic.gov.au/TSR

