



Gippsland Regional Cricket Centre  
Ted Summerton Reserve

## 2020 Vision

**It was a year of transformation across the Latrobe Valley as a suite of major recreation infrastructure projects took shape in 2019.**

Several sites were completed while others are well on the way.

In our first newsletter of 2020 we take a look back at some major milestones and what's in store for the year ahead.

*Above right: The exterior of the Traralgon Sports Stadium coming together.*

*Lower right: An aerial view of the Gippsland Regional Aquatic Centre.*







## Latrobe Valley Sports & Community Initiative

### Gippsland Regional Aquatic Centre \$57 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 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 five lane synthetic training wickets
- Cutting edge training and coaching technology
- Outdoor training area

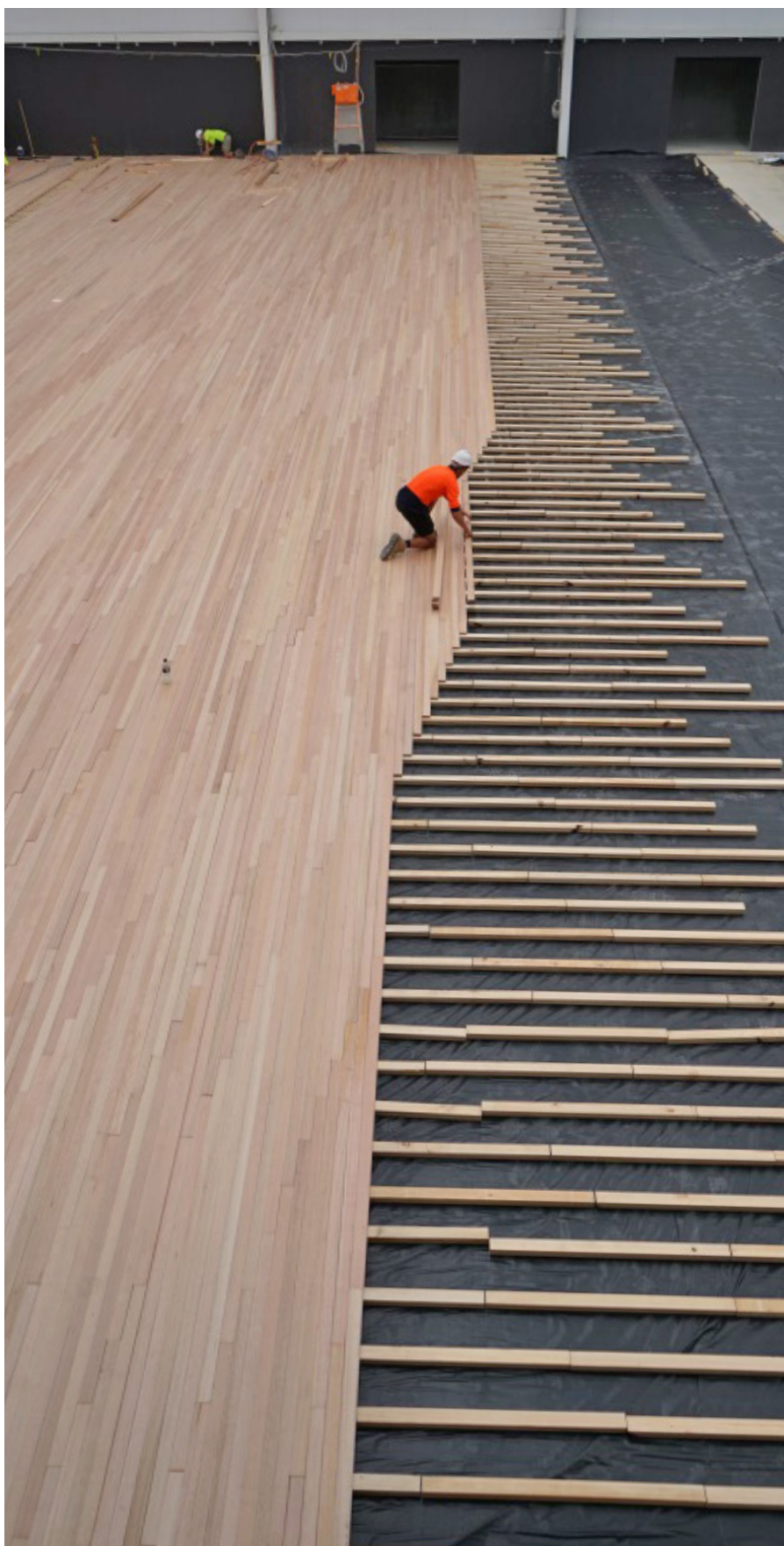
### Traralgon Tennis Centre \$400,000

- 14 courts resurfaced
- New perimeter fencing

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Above: Timber being laid for the Traralgon Sports Stadium flooring.

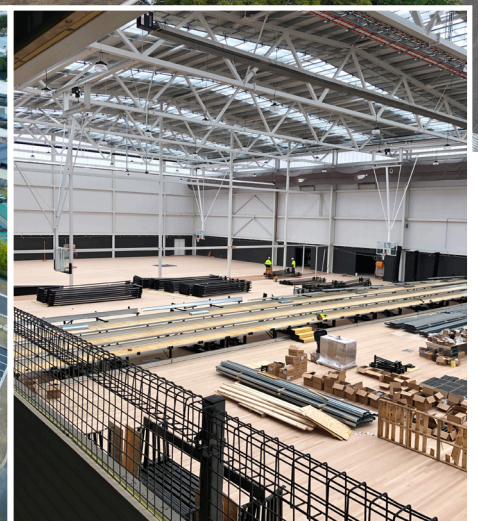




## Traralgon Sports Stadium

*Below: An overhead view of the Traralgon Sports Stadium in January 2020 (above) versus March 2019.*

*Below Right: The timber flooring was recently laid using 57km of Victorian Ash timber milled in Heyfield.*



### The Traralgon Sports Stadium extension is nearing completion after a whirlwind year of work at Catterick Crescent.

The exterior shell of the new building is all but complete with the final touches being laid to the facade under the expert direction of lead contractor Becon Constructions.

Local company WELDTEK led the charge in 2019 by erecting the monolithic steel framework using a mammoth 320 tonnes of steel in the process.

Focus now turns to the interior fit out as floor and wall coverings continue to be installed throughout the building.

The four court extension, complete with 3000 spectator show court, reached a major milestone recently when 57 kilometres of timber flooring - sourced from Heyfield's Australian Sustainable

Hardwoods - was acclimatised and laid. Sanding of the courts is now taking place side-by-side with the installation of the grandstand seating.

The Traralgon Sports Stadium redevelopment is funded by \$17 million from the Latrobe Valley Authority's \$85 million sports and community initiative and \$2 million from Sport and Recreation Victoria's Community Sports Infrastructure Loan Scheme.

The project is due for completion in early to mid-March.



## Catterick Crescent Reserve

**Indoor sports aren't the only winners at Catterick Crescent; cricket upgrades are taking place alongside the Traralgon Sports Stadium development.**

Stage one works were recently completed with the installation of a four lane cricket net training facility.

It features retractable netting across three of the lanes, which open up into a larger multi-use space for all activities and a single lane for public use.

There are plans for a new shared sports pavilion to be developed to service the existing cricket oval and the adjacent school facility for junior activities.

Jack, Ross and Izzy Williams (pictured) from Imperials Cricket Club christened the nets with a maiden hit-out in late 2019.

The project was jointly funded by Latrobe City Council and Latrobe Valley Authority.



*Above: Jack, Ross and Izzy Williams made first use of the new nets.*

*Middle: Concept plans for the Catterick Crescent Reserve and Traralgon Sports Stadium.*

*Below: Latrobe City Council received a \$196,500 grant from the LVA's Community and Facility Fund for cricket training nets and to relocate four turf wickets at Catterick Crescent Reserve in Traralgon.*



## 'It's All Happening' at the Moe Cricket Ground.

The Moe Cricket Ground shares more than just an acronym with its famous Melbourne counterpart when it comes to sporting prestige.

Ted Summerton Reserve (TSR) is now home to the recently completed \$3.5 million Gippsland Regional Cricket Centre, setting a new standard for regional cricketing facilities.

The centre was officially opened on 17 December, 2019 by Latrobe City Mayor Dan Clancey operating in tandem with Member for Eastern Victoria Harriet Shing from the Vale Street end.

The state-of-the-art facility features:

- Five lanes of indoor synthetic training wickets with extended run ups.
- 1000 Lux LED lighting.
- Cutting edge training and coaching technology.
- Enclosed outdoor turf training wickets with retractable netting and a storage facility.
- An auxiliary building complete with a community meeting room.
- Office and administration space.
- Unisex change facilities and a first aid room.

Cricket Victoria (CV) staff will be based at the centre which will receive year-round multipurpose use across a host of indoor sports including futsal and other community activities.

CV CEO Andrew Ingleton attended the opening ceremony and was bowled over by the quality of the site.

"What a fantastic day for Moe and the wider Latrobe Valley. This new \$3.5 million facility will be a focal point for cricket in the region and help us continue to grow the game from the grassroots through to elite levels," Mr Ingleton said.



## Ted Summerton Reserve

"I'd like to thank the Victorian Government, Latrobe City Council and Cricket Australia for their support in delivering this major regional project.

"We look forward to supporting the local cricket community to develop the next generation of Latrobe Valley cricketers using this wonderful new facility."

The project created local jobs with Gippsland based Langden Constructions leading the design and construct works, JJC Design heading design works and a range of local sub-contractors also engaged.

The excitement continued at the venue on 22 December, 2019 when the Melbourne Stars returned for their second Big Bash League appearance in Moe with victory over the Hobart Hurricanes.

This project was funded by the Victorian Government via \$3 million from the Latrobe Valley Authority's \$85 million sports and community initiative and \$500,000 from Sport and Recreation Victoria's Community Cricket Program supported by Cricket Australia and Cricket Victoria.

For updates on the Ted Summerton Reserve visit [www.latrobe.vic.gov.au](http://www.latrobe.vic.gov.au)

### Ted Summerton Reserve - 2020 vision

The finishing touches are being applied to the Gippsland Regional Cricket Centre in preparation for players of all levels to pad up and enjoy the new facility.

Five speed cameras to track bowling pace and a scoreboard for indoor cricket are currently being sourced for the fit out.

CV staff will soon move in to the office space at their new home, forming an operations base for the game across the region.

The centre opened to user groups in February, with the LVDCA side having first crack in a training session on Tuesday.

Bookings for public usage open 26 February 2020; email [GRCC@latrobe.vic.gov.au](mailto:GRCC@latrobe.vic.gov.au) or phone 03 5135 8592 for more information.





## Morwell Recreation Reserve

*An aerial view taken in January 2020 of the Morwell Recreation Reserve precinct from the synthetic oval side nearing completion.*

### The evolution of the Morwell Recreation Reserve continued last year, following on from a netball renewal at the site in 2018.

With the netball courts resurfaced and the construction of a shared cricket and netball pavilion completed, the focus turned to construction of a synthetic football pitch and upgrades to Keegan Street Reserve.

Surfacing works are now underway on the synthetic oval neighbouring Gippsland Power's Centre of Excellence, led by TUFF TURF, with an expected completion date of late February.

Power head coach and head of Gippsland coaching development Rhett McLennan said the synthetic would come as a huge boon for the reserve and user groups.

"It gives us a great state of the art resource not only for us to use but other community football clubs," Mr McLennan said.

"We all know it's a winter sport and the idea of being able to work on junior and senior skill fundamentals when some conditions and fields are compromised due to how wet they can be. It's fantastic to have something there that can actually create an ideal environment to learn the craft that's needed to play football."

It will also revolutionise the way Gippsland Power trains and will go some way toward levelling the playing field with metropolitan counterparts.

"It's huge. Even though we've got an indoor facility we're really still limited with what we can do in regards to length. A lot of the stuff we do indoor relates to handball and kicking only small distances so the option to actually use a full ground on synthetic and be able to still train basically in any conditions gives us fantastic opportunities we haven't had in the past," Mr McLennan said.

"When we get the boys in here from across our region we don't have a minute to lose so to have a facility we can use in any conditions and any weather is really beneficial and gives us another leg up on the competition."

The Power's Centre of Excellence is already highly regarded in football circles as one of the premier facilities in regional Victoria.

McLennan believes the work on the synthetic oval and neighbouring Keegan Street Reserve will elevate that status to a new echelon.

"It (the Morwell Recreation Reserve precinct) is right up there with any facility including the AFL. To have three grounds of really high quality and an indoor facility with everything an AFL club has its disposal, it's as good as anything going around," he said.

"Once Keegan Street and the synthetic are up and running there'll be a lot of AFL clubs envious of what we have here in Morwell."





*Above: The view from Keegan Street Reserve.*

*Below: Phase one included netball court resurfacing and construction of a shared cricket and netball pavilion.*

## Keegan Street Reserve

A similar makeover is entering its final phase at the neighbouring Keegan Street Reserve.

Oval realignment and drainage works have been undertaken by Gippsland based company A1 Civil, with sprigging for new grass having commenced.

A new natural turf wicket block has been laid in the centre of the ground which, once completed, will become a top class cricket ground.

Installing new bollards, asphaltting and driveway works will follow.

These works complement the newly installed synthetic cricket nets at the ground, led by local company Langden Constructions.

The \$9 million Morwell Recreation Reserve project is co-funded by the state and federal governments.





## Gippsland Regional Aquatic Centre

**What a difference a year makes. This time last year Traralgon's antique outdoor pool was still standing at Hubert Osborne Park but a wave of change was fast approaching.**

ADCO constructions took control of the site on 18 March, 2019 and the tide of modernity has been flooding in ever since.

The major milestones so far include:

- Old pool and clubrooms demolished.
- Earthworks and piling completed.
- Geothermal drilling by local contractor Drilltec reached target depth of 650 metres.
- The roof over the 50m pool hall is now complete.
- Warm water pool has been dug out and the concrete base has been poured.
- All precast wall panels have been installed.
- 50m pool excavation is underway.
- Structural steel framing is continuing.
- Concrete structure to level one is complete.
- Pool construction underway.

For updates on the Gippsland Regional Aquatic Centre visit [www.latrobe.vic.gov.au](http://www.latrobe.vic.gov.au)



*Above: Hubert Osborne Park in March 2019.  
versus  
Below: January 2020.*







*Above: LVA, SRV and ADCO staff, along with Project Reference Group members in front of the completed roof over the 50m pool.*

## Ramping Up

The GRAC project has monumental direct benefits and flow on effects for the Latrobe Valley's economy.

An average of 50-60 workers are on site at present with that number set to double to a peak of 120 per day over the next few months.

A spokesperson for ADCO Constructions said the work created by the build was significant.

"Through the entire project lifecycle we would anticipate around 170,000 total worker hours to have been worked to complete the GRAC," the spokesperson said.

"We envisage that the construction phase of the project will generate up to 100 new direct employment opportunities for local trades and suppliers."

ADCO has focused on recruiting local sub-contractors and suppliers wherever possible, creating work for a range of Gippsland based companies including:

- ME Civil- demolition and bulk earthworks, piling breakdown.
- GBG Concrete - concrete and construction.
- Weldtek- structural steel.
- Millers Plumbing- hydraulics and stormwater.
- Law Somerville Industries- joinery.

- CME Installations- security and public address system.
- M & K Davis Bricklaying- blockwork.
- Morwell Shopfitters- aluminium windows and doors.

There is a flow on effect for local material suppliers, including concrete, crushed rock and aggregates, and other general building materials.

The workforce's ongoing presence is also a boost for local accommodation, cafes and retail with ADCO's site team and a variety of non-local sub-contractors all staying, playing and spending locally.



### A commendable corporate citizen

Beyond employing local contractors, ADCO has also proven to be a glowing corporate citizen for Gippsland.

Following recent fire devastation across the region, ADCO staff came together nationally and donated \$10,050 of their own pay and a further \$100,000 to bushfire appeal causes including the NSW Rural Fire Service, Country Fire Association Victoria and the Salvation Army.

This included \$5000 to the Gippsland Emergency Relief Fund.

To view an explanatory video about the geothermal system visit [www.bit.ly/2m05orA](http://www.bit.ly/2m05orA)

ADCO has also supported the creativity of local students with the creation of an art wall adjacent to the Kay Street Preschool to brighten up the site fencing and showcase the talents of both its, and St Michael's Primary School's, children.

ADCO have engaged Latrobe Valley Enterprises Gippsland Ground Maintenance on a monthly basis for lawn mowing of the site and the surrounding verges.

LVE is a not for profit company with a network of commercially viable businesses that provides employment opportunities for people of all abilities.

LVE removes barriers to employment by empowering people to develop real work skills that will enable them to productively contribute to the economic and social vitality of the general community.

**The \$57 million GRAC project is funded by \$46 million from the Latrobe Valley Authority's \$85 million Latrobe Valley Sports and Community Initiative, an \$8 million loan to Latrobe City Council from Sport and Recreation Victoria's Community Sports Infrastructure loan scheme and a contribution of up to \$3 million from Latrobe City Council.**

*Below Left: Samples taken at 10 metre intervals throughout the drilling process show the different layers of clays, coals and sands that sit below the Latrobe Valley.*

*Below: The production bore neighbouring the GRAC site.*



### What a bore!

Designed with a strong sustainability focus, the Gippsland Regional Aquatic Centre will be the first public aquatic facility in Victoria to incorporate a geothermal heating system.

This system will provide cheap and sustainable heating to the swimming pools and air in the buildings, reducing carbon footprint and saving about \$370,000 in energy costs per year.

Utilising a production bore to tap into the aquifer below Traralgon, at a depth of more than 600 metres underground where the water is about 68 degrees Celsius, the system will utilise the heat energy from the water to heat the separately circulated pool water through a heat exchanger.

The production bore has reached its target depth of 650 metres and is functioning well; the injection bore works are well underway further along Kay Street.



## 2019 milestones



### Traralgon Croquet Club

The Traralgon Croquet Club was relocated from its ageing facility at Hubert Osborne Park to brand new premises at Glenview Park in 2019 as part of the Gippsland Regional Aquatic Centre project.

The new site includes lighting to enable evening play, a new clubhouse and courts designed to maximise local usage and attract major competitions.

An official opening was held on 10 July, 2019 and the facility is being enjoyed by the club and community at large.

The former croquet club site has been utilised as part of the GRAC development.

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## 2019 milestones

### Latrobe City Sports and Entertainment Stadium

Latrobe City Sports and Entertainment Stadium became home to a brand new full-sized synthetic pitch in 2019.

The FIFA accredited facility was installed by Turf One and is receiving widespread usage from local and regional clubs.

An official opening was held on 10 July, 2019 with representatives from Football Federation Victoria, Latrobe Valley Soccer League, Gippsland FC and a range of local stakeholders joining with Latrobe City Council and Latrobe Valley Authority to kick off a new era for the site.

The facility features:

- A new full-size synthetic pitch of 105 x 68 metres plus run off.
- Perimeter pathways.
- Storage areas.
- Officials and players benches.
- Six metre high ball catching net.
- 100 Lux LED lighting.
- Removable goals for full size and small sided soccer.

- About 230 metres of new perimeter fencing.
- Power upgrade for new and future sports lighting.

The synthetic field was the first phase of a larger overhaul of the iconic Latrobe Valley

facility in line with Latrobe City Council's master plan for the site.

This \$1.7 million project was funded by Latrobe Valley Authority's \$85 million sports and community initiative.

