

MILDURA FUTURE READY



PROJECT SNAPSHOT

Location

Corner Sixteenth Street and Deakin Avenue

Features

- Six-court indoor stadium (with provision for future additional court development)
- Squash courts
- Sports administration hub
- Change rooms
- Function rooms
- Café and alfresco area
- 3000 seat entertainment centre
- Premier AFL-standard outdoor sporting field
- Second outdoor multipurpose sports field

Benefits

- \$274m of economic benefits over 30 years (construction and tourism)
- 219 jobs during construction
- 120 jobs following construction (operational and tourism)

Cost

\$36.5m

Mildura South Regional Sporting Precinct

The Mildura South Regional Sporting Precinct will, for the first time, provide a home for the 19 indoor sporting user groups in the district, who generate the equivalent of an estimated 200,000 venue visitations each year. The business case for this facility shows it will generate more than 200 jobs and provide a venue for major events including concerts and regional and national sporting events, making the economic case for this project very strong. It will also accommodate the need for community open space in the Mildura South area, which is one of the district's main growth corridors. This initiative is part of the Mildura Future Ready strategy.

Background

Sunraysia has 19 indoor sporting groups, however for the past 20 years their growth has been hamstrung by a shortage of indoor sporting facilities. This issue has also prevented Sunraysia from capitalising on the demand for regional venues to host state and national indoor sporting events and the resulting social and economic benefits.

A regional hub for sports

The Mildura South Regional Sporting Precinct will be set on a highly visible and accessible parcel of land on the corner of Sixteenth Street and Deakin Avenue. It will provide a training and competition venue for indoor sports including volleyball, basketball, table tennis, squash, badminton and netball. The two outdoor sports fields will be able to host local football and cricket, with the premier sporting field able to host pre-season AFL matches, and Big Bash cricket among a host of other national-calibre events. Establishment of the outdoor fields will also address the overuse of Mildura Recreation Reserve.

The project has captured the attention and support of Richmond Football Club, which has indicated such a development would not only enable the club to play pre-season AFL matches in Mildura, but it's the type of concept governments should invest in as it's seen the changes such investment can make to a community's wellbeing.

The venue will also have the flexibility to host major indoor events with a 3000-seat capacity for conventions, performances and other functions.

Importantly, this project will deliver economic and social outcomes by providing jobs, increased social and sporting opportunities for residents, and a stimulus for tourism and population growth, boosting Sunraysia's hospitality, accommodation, retail and service sectors. The economic impact of the full precinct is expected to be more than \$274 million, including construction and ongoing economic (tourism) impacts.

The completed precinct is expected to return operating surpluses of between \$100,000 and \$150,000 annually.

Funding opportunities

Up to \$25 million in Victorian and Federal Government funding is available for projects of this type.

