

# Media Release

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## FITZROY GASWORKS TO HOUSE NEW SPORTS CENTRE

The Andrews Labor Government will deliver Australia's first vertical multi-use sports centre at the Fitzroy Gasworks site following the appointment of a head contractor.

Built Environs has been announced as the head contractor, with 35 years' experience in delivering award-winning projects that enhance the way people live, work and play.

Early works are set to commence on site in mid-June including site inspections and investigations, with ground establishment and mobilisation works beginning in August. Major construction is expected to generate approximately 250 jobs. The new sports centre is scheduled to be completed in early 2024.

The new designs for the centre include four multi-purpose courts for highball sports, a multi-purpose court for futsal, a gymnasium, café and lounge area, community facilities, change rooms, umpire change rooms, foyer and reception.

The sports centre's innovative vertical design is in response to the demand for sports facilities in built-up inner-city areas where land is scarce and comes at a premium. The centre will provide much needed new facilities for a range of local sports clubs including the Collingwood Basketball Association which will host games and competitions in the heart of Fitzroy.

The project has been made possible through a \$49.5 million investment from the Labor Government, plus a \$5 million contribution from the Yarra City Council, which will manage the centre once complete.

The new sports centre will be built adjacent to the Wurun Senior Campus which opened in Term One of the 2022 school year. The new sports centre will be designed and constructed to integrate with the school's two indoor sports courts to enable shared use and create a six-court facility outside of school hours.

The project is part of the Government's plan for the Fitzroy Gasworks Precinct which will create a new neighbourhood that will be home to more than one thousand families.

For more information visit [development.vic.gov.au/projects/fitzroy-gasworks](https://development.vic.gov.au/projects/fitzroy-gasworks)

### **Quote attributable to Minister for Transport Infrastructure Jacinta Allan**

*"We're creating a vibrant, welcoming and connected place for the inner north community, while providing a boost to jobs and the local economy."*

### **Quote attributable to Minister for Community Sport Ros Spence**

*"The sports centre will create a valuable community space for sport and recreation to flourish in the heart of bustling Fitzroy, and provide more opportunities for locals to embrace active lifestyles in one of Melbourne's iconic locations."*

### **Quote attributable to Member for Richmond Richard Wynne**

*"The sports centre will transform the Fitzroy Gasworks site into a local precinct that can be enjoyed by the community for years to come."*