

Media Release

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WORKS KICK OFF ON FITZROY GASWORKS SPORTS CENTRE

The Andrews Labor Government is getting on with delivering a brand-new sports centre in the heart of Melbourne's inner-north with works now underway on the much needed multi-purpose facility in Fitzroy.

It will comprise four multi-purpose courts over two levels, a 1,000-plus square metre gymnasium, café and lounge area, community facilities, change rooms, umpire change rooms, foyer and reception.

The innovative sports centre is being constructed by Built Environs on the Fitzroy Gasworks site, with major construction expected to generate approximately 150 jobs and is scheduled to be completed in early 2024.

The new sports centre will be designed and constructed to integrate with the two indoor sports courts of the Wurun Senior Campus, which opened this year, to enable shared use and create a six-court facility outside of school hours.

The vertical design of the centre is in response to the demand for sports facilities in built-up inner-city areas – providing room for a range of local sports clubs including the Collingwood Basketball Association.

The Labor Government is investing \$49.5 million in the project, with the remaining \$5 million coming from Yarra City Council, who will manage the centre once open.

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

For more information visit <https://www.development.vic.gov.au/projects/fitzroy-gasworks>

Quotes attributable to Minister for Transport Infrastructure Jacinta Allan

"It's exciting to see work underway at the Fitzroy Gasworks Sports Centre – providing an important health and wellbeing community space for locals."

"The brand-new sports centre will create hundreds of jobs, supporting local businesses and sporting clubs for years to come."

Quote attributable to Minister for Community Sport Ros Spence

"Since 2014, we have invested more than \$1.6 billion in community sport and sporting facilities such as this innovative Fitzroy Gasworks Sports Centre."

Quote attributable to Member for Richmond Richard Wynne

"We can't wait to see the Fitzroy Gasworks Sports Centre become an action-packed facility for sporting clubs, schools and locals."