

## Temporary closure of Gordon Street Recreation Reserve with major redevelopment picking up pace

Works are well underway on the Gordon Street Recreation Reserve, which will deliver a new world-class sporting facility in Ararat.

With crews now onsite building the new pavilion and installing new lighting towers, Gordon Street Recreational Reserve will be closed to the public until the entire redevelopment is delivered.

Once complete, Gordon Street will feature a new multi-use pavilion, upgraded AFLW/Cricket Oval, a new FIFA Soccer Pitch, plus Mini Roos and Little Athletics playing surfaces and oval lighting upgrades that will deliver a major uplift to Ararat's community assets and increase opportunities for sporting participation.

Ararat Rural City Council Chief Executive Dr Tim Harrison said delivering a new multi-use pavilion is a complex project that has involved many members of the community.

"Council has worked closely with the community to develop a project that will guide Ararat's sporting future," Dr Harrison said.

"Local builders, suppliers and sub-contractors have been sourced to deliver the project, which is underpinning local jobs in the construction industry.

"Crews are currently carrying out works for the new pavilion at the Gordon Street Recreation Reserve, starting with concrete footings being poured, then the slab and walls to go up in spring.

"As this is now a construction site, we need to protect people by closing the facility for all public and recreational access until the redevelopment works are complete.

"While the closure of the facility will be inconvenient for current sporting clubs and users, they will soon be the first to benefit as the works will deliver a range of upgrades to create a premium sporting facility that will benefit the entire Ararat community."

Gordon Street site will be closed off to the public from August while works are in progress. Council apologies for any inconvenience caused during this period and we look forward to celebrating the reopening of the facility with the local community once works are complete.