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## New Town Sports Precinct

### THE ASK

The City of Hobart is seeking funding for the New Town Sports Precinct. The precinct currently attracts up to 400 000 people a year and growing.

### KEY FACTS

Project value	<b>\$60 million over five years</b>
Funding sought	<b>\$20 million (State Government commitment) \$30 million (Federal Government commitment)</b>
Funding committed	<b>City of Hobart contribution to be determined</b>
Phase	<b>Seeking funding to progress to DA and construction phase</b>
Project timeline	<b>Five years</b>

### WHY IT'S IMPORTANT

The City of Hobart recognises that sport and recreation is a significant contributor to the economy and also provides many health and social benefits, building on Hobart's lifestyle attributes.

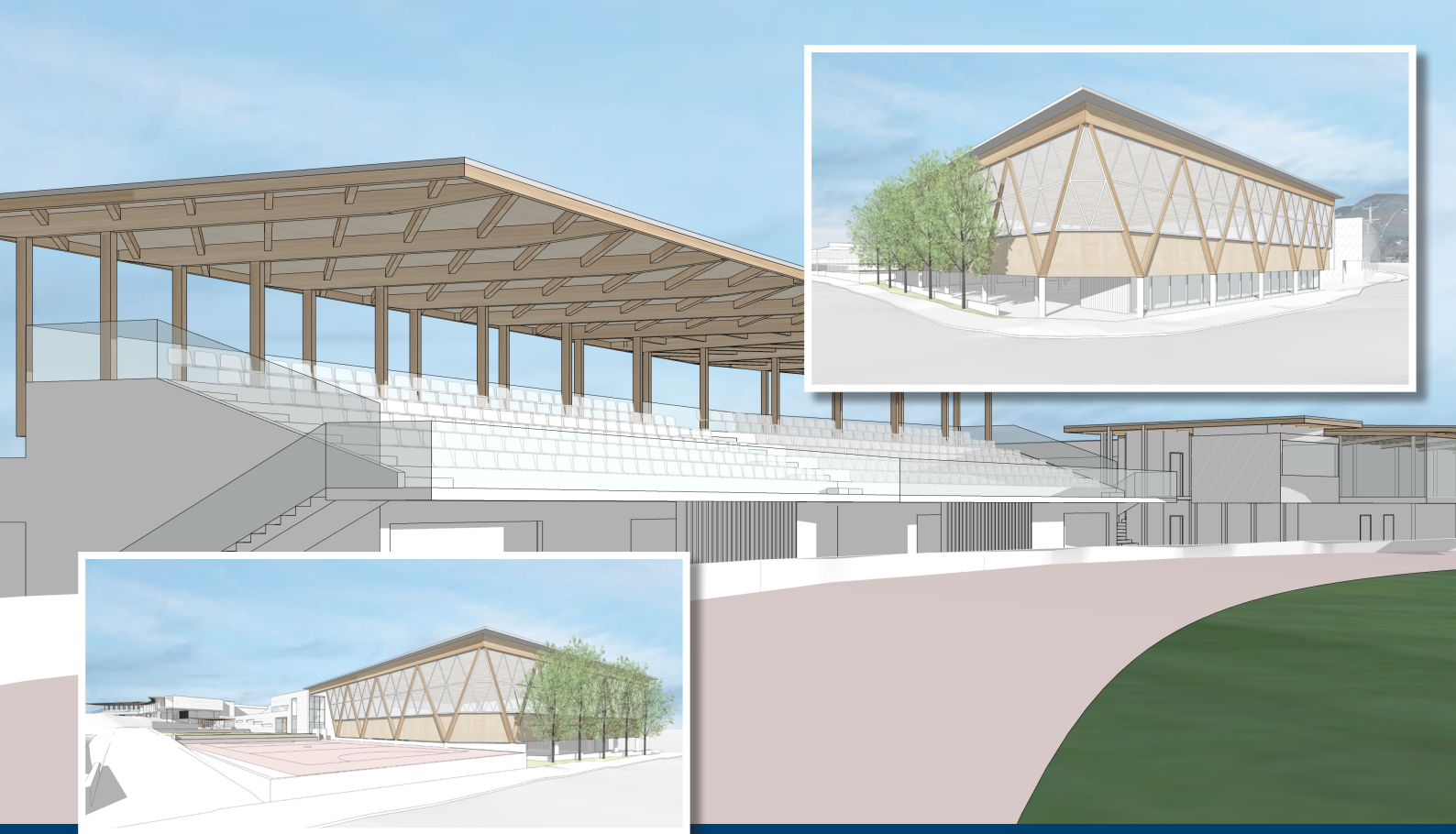
We recognise these benefits by providing and facilitating access to a variety of sport, recreation, and leisure opportunities across Hobart, importantly ensuring the facilities are the starting block for participation in sport as well as helping people to maintain active and healthy lifestyles.

The City of Hobart currently owns and operates 19 outdoor sports grounds, and 34 recreational leased facilities. With over 120

sporting clubs accessing these facilities, there is an ever-increasing demand for facilities that support non-structured recreational activities and casual sport.

The City of Hobart has completed a detailed New Town Sports Precinct Master Plan and design concept plans.

The New Town Sports Precinct is a tangible example of grassroots sports, and encompasses many major sporting facilities including the New Town Oval, Buckingham Bowls Club, Hobart Netball and Sports Centre, the New Town Croquet Club and the only cycling track in the south of the state. There has been a long history of sporting use at New Town, with many of the sporting clubs having been associated with the precinct for more than a century.



## ECONOMIC BENEFITS

- This project will create an estimated 120 construction industry jobs over five years, with a further seven years needed for professional services such as engineering, and architectural jobs.
- Over the longer term the project could create up to two full time equivalent roles which would be primarily focused on the daily operation of the Hobart Netball and Sports Centre.
- An increase in recreational opportunities will also have an indirect economic benefit by supporting a healthier community and reducing the pressures on Tasmania's health system.

## PROJECT BENEFITS

- An increase in netball courts by two.
- An indoor court with capacity to potentially host Australian Netball League matches.

- Improved parking and an increase in parking spaces. Improved traffic management and pedestrian safety by increasing drop-off and pick-up spaces as well as dedicated pedestrian access.
- Improved function facilities at New Town Oval and the Hobart Netball and Sports Centre.
- Four new modern, accessible change rooms for New Town Oval.
- New change rooms for the Hobart Netball and Sports Centre.
- New accessible public toilet facilities.
- Improved storage.
- New accessible clubroom facility for the New Town Croquet Club.