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**It's full steam ahead for Euroa's second netball court**

Preliminary site works are underway at Euroa's Memorial Oval as part of the second netball court project.

The \$213,000 project will see Euroa home to a state of the art netball facility.

The new 'show court' is expected to be completed following the summer construction period, available for use from early March for the 2018 netball season.

Soil testing on the site has been undertaken with other preliminary works to include the relocation of the pump shed and associated pipe work currently being determined.

New access gates to the cricket practise nets will be installed in the next week as part of the site preparation works.

A steering committee, made up of representatives from Council, Euroa's senior and junior football netball clubs, the Memorial Oval Committee and Sport and Recreation Victoria, recently met and will play a key role throughout the planning and construction phase.

The project has been funded by a State Government Department of Health and Human Services grant of \$100,000, a community contribution of \$63,000 and a Strathbogie Shire Council contribution of \$50,000.

Project driver Kate Petersen said it was extremely exciting to see the project begin.

"Our junior netball numbers have become so large that this additional court will give us the space we need to stay competitive in the future. This show court will also give us one of the highest standards of courts in the Goulburn Valley," she said.

“We couldn’t have achieved this without the support of our amazing community in Euroa. It shows us all what we can achieve when we work together.”

The two-stage project will see a new court constructed and lights installed as part of stage one while plans for stage two features new change room facilities

Strathbogie Shire Mayor Amanda McClaren said the project became a reality through the hard work of a dedicated group who have successfully driven the project over a number of years.

“The project has been led by Kate Petersen and evolved to the stage we are currently at through the development of effective partnerships and collaboration,” she said.

“The process from here will bring together key user groups through the steering committee as we prepare for work to start on this fantastic facility.

“We are mindful of the many users of the Memorial Oval and will ensure we do everything possible to minimise the effects construction work will have on the different sporting clubs and groups.

“This project is an important one for Euroa and the greater region, which will allow this sporting precinct to accommodate the growing number of netballers across the junior and senior age groups with state of the art competition class courts and facilities.”

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