

EAST GEELONG FOOTBALL & NETBALL CLUB – SECOND NETBALL COURT PROJECT

BACKGROUND

AS IDENTIFIED IN THE STRATEGIC PLAN AND THE FACILITY DEVELOPMENT PLAN, THE HIGHEST PRIORITY FOR THE CLUB IS TO CONSTRUCT AN ADDITIONAL NETBALL COURT AT RICHMOND OVAL.



THE PROJECT

TO CONSTRUCT A SECOND NETBALL COURT WITH COMPLIANT RUNOFF AREAS, NEW LIGHTS, SHELTERS AND FOOTBALL GOAL SAFETY NETTING. TO INCORPORATE IMPROVED SPECTATOR VIEWING AREAS.



FUNDING

FUNDING WILL COME FROM A MIXTURE OF STATE (SPORTS AND RECREATION VICTORIA) AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT (COGG). FUNDING APPLICATION AND SUPPORT IS A COMPETITIVE PROCESS AND NEEDS CONSTANT LOBBYING AND COMMUNICATION.



HOW?

WE NEED EVERYONE TO TALK TO ANYONE WHO WILL LISTEN ABOUT HOW IMPORTANT STAGE 2 OF THIS PROJECT IS FOR OUR CLUB. SHOW THEM THIS DOCUMENT



WHAT IS NEXT?

STAGE 2 IS THE CRITICAL PART OF THE PROJECT. THIS IS THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE SECOND COURT AND ASSOCIATED LIGHTS AND FENCING, MAKING THE CURRENT COURT RUNOFF AREAS COMPLIANT AND IMPROVED SPECTATOR PATHS AND VIEWING AREAS. THE PLAYGROUND WILL BE RELOCATED.



WHERE ARE WE AT?

THE DOCUMENTATION IS COMPLETE AND THE PROJECT IS "SHOVEL READY"

STAGE 1 IS FULLY FUNDED BY SPORTS AND RECREATION VICTORIA, SECURED THROUGH THE HELP OF CHRISTINE COUZENS. THIS INCLUDES NEW LIGHTS AND SHELTERS TO THE EXISTING COURT AND FOOTBALL SAFETY NETTING BEHIND THE GOALS. THIS WILL BE CONSTRUCTED AT THE END OF THE 2024 SEASON.

STAGE 2 IS NOT YET FUNDED

WHY IS THIS SO IMPORTANT?

WE HAVE OUTGROWN OUR CURRENT FACILITIES.

- 100+ Netballers training and playing on one court is impossible to manage
 - Currently netballers warm up on the carpark, risking injury
 - Training nights are congested, multiple teams on one court
 - Training times extended to beyond 8:30pm for A Grade
 - Non-compliant lighting and runoff areas
 - One of only a few clubs in region with only one court
 - No ability for E-grade competition to assist with player retention
 - Having to turn away players as cannot accommodate additional teams
- EGFNC Juniors having to leave the club as no space in Senior squads, some lost to netball all together.
- Having to hire external courts for pre-season training and trials as no space

