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New sporting oval works ready to begin under local contractor

Melton's growing sporting community will benefit from a second oval redevelopment at the MacPherson Park Regional Recreation Reserve, with Melton City Council appointing a contractor to undertake the works in the New Year.

Local business McMahons Pty Ltd was awarded the contract to construct the oval at the council meeting on Monday night.

The \$2.45 million project will include a new purpose-built, competition-standard sportsground with new turf table, all associated infrastructure including new access road, car parking, sportsground lighting and other reserve landscaping.

Council has also outlined plans to employ local contractors to complete lighting, paths, carpark, and irrigation works.

The works will form part of the \$6.5 million Stage Two redevelopment at MacPherson Park, which will also include construction of a new multipurpose soccer pavilion, and a third rectangle pitch for rugby and gridiron. Stage Two is funded by council together with a generous \$1.18 million contribution from the State Government towards the soccer pavilion.

City of Melton Mayor Cr Kathy Majdlik said the project would benefit the wider community and local jobs.

"This is a really important project for our growing sporting community and it's also become a wonderful opportunity to support local businesses and local jobs," Cr Majdlik said.

"I'm really pleased that the best contractor for the job is also a local contractor who is supporting local workers.

"As well as providing upgraded sporting infrastructure, this is will also connect residents and clubs socially, and is a way for council to continue to support local businesses.

"I look forward to seeing our residents enjoy this oval, and the entire MacPherson's Park redevelopment."

Oval number two will serve local cricket and football clubs by late 2021.

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Stage One was completed in June 2020 and delivered a synthetic oval with lighting, a netball court with lighting and warm up space, a cricket net training facility, and a community pavilion with change rooms and meeting rooms.

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