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Cobblebank Stadium one of Council's most sustainable buildings

As the \$31 million Cobblebank Indoor Stadium comes closer to completion, Melton City Council has this week shared some of the outstanding environmental features that will make the facility one of Council's most sustainable buildings yet.

The six-court stadium has been designed to maximise natural light, minimise energy consumption, use environmentally sustainable materials, and use renewable energy.

It features high level thermal insulation, large double-glazed windows, solar panels, and efficient ventilation systems throughout, and will be powered by a 100 per cent renewable energy supply.

There are also water efficient bathroom fittings, as well as rainwater tanks which will be used to water the indigenous plants in the landscaping, and to flush the toilets.

In the car park, visitors with electric vehicles can charge their car, and those who choose to ride their bike can fill their tyres or tighten their brakes at the bicycle repair station.

During the build, sustainable and recyclable materials including timber and steel products have been sourced from environmentally certified and responsible suppliers. Concrete mixes have been made using recycled water and cement that requires significantly less greenhouse gas emissions to produce than traditional Portland cement. Low chemical paints, adhesives, sealants, and carpets were also selected for the build.

Environmental management systems have been in place throughout construction, with contractors actively diverting construction waste away from landfill, and prioritising staff training and wellbeing practices.

City of Melton Mayor Cr Kathy Majdlik said she was pleased the stadium could be built in such an environmentally responsible way.

"To achieve such a high level of environmental sustainability, particularly in such a big building is something we're very proud of," Cr Majdlik said.

"Developing this stadium was a high priority for Council and the sustainable features are a huge added benefit for our whole community.

"We've carefully considered the environmental impact from the design and construction phase, right through to how the facility will operate well into the future.

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“This is the result of Council, designers, and builders working together and supporting a greener way to build and live.”

Cobblebank Indoor Stadium is Council's highest value project to date. It will open to the public later this year.

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