



Port Augusta

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CENTRAL OVAL TURF UPGRADE ON TRACK FOR COMPLETION

Port Augusta City Council's Central Oval turf upgrade project is on track and meeting budget guidelines.

"Sub-Surface drainage and irrigation have both commenced and will be completed soon. Importation of sand has also commenced, this will assist with the growing function of the laid turf". Brenton Daw Central Oval's Turf Project Manager stated.

Mr Daryl Sellar, an Agronomist from *Living Turf* who is assisting with the project is pleased with the progress and the event potential the oval will have into the future. "Progress on the redevelopment of the playing surface at Central Oval is very pleasing, with the project timelines being met and the construction process going very well."

"Once completed, the redeveloped surface will provide the Port Augusta community with an asset that will be suitable for local, regional and national sport of all standards, as well as other non-sport community events, regardless of weather. The new profile and irrigation system will be better equipped to meet the specific demands of all needs, as Council staff will be able to manage recovery of the turf specifically where it is needed through better control of applied irrigation and the recycled water that will be used". Mr Sellar stated.

The new turf is due to be laid mid-January 2020 in the form of Maxi-Sods, and Central Oval will be able to be used for the 2020 sporting season. Council will be monitoring progress of the turf quality with the assistance of Mr Sellar.

The upgrade of the oval will enable higher level sporting events to be hosted including SANFL, AFL JLT (Country Round) games. Port Augusta will also be in a position to attract the AFLW and Women's Soccer league to showcase female sports in the region.

There will be some increased traffic and heavy vehicles entering and exiting the oval throughout December. The internal carpark at the oval will be closed for approximately 10 days while sand is being delivered, the car park near Braddock Oval is still accessible.

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(View aerial photographs overleaf)

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