

MILDURA SPORTING PRECINCT DEVELOPMENT

Club: South Mildura Sporting Club
 Council: Mildura Rural City Council
 Venue: Mildura Sporting Precinct
 Hierarchy: Regional Level Facility

Funding Partners	Contribution
AFL	\$250,000
Victorian State Government	\$10,250,000
Mildura Rural City Council	\$377,596
TOTAL	\$10,877,596

OVERVIEW

Mildura Sporting Precinct is situated in a key growth area for the city of Mildura and surrounding regions. This project created 3 new ovals in addition to brand-new, gender-neutral player and umpire change rooms, 200+ lux playing field lighting on two of the three ovals along with adequate car parking and volunteer facilities. This project supports South Mildura Sporting Club who have since relocated from their old home of Mildura Recreation Reserve. Playing in the Sunraysia Football Netball League, where both junior and senior football is played on the same day, previously South Mildura Sporting Club did not have access to a second AFL oval at Mildura Recreation Reserve. Since their relocation to this precinct, having multiple grounds available allows the Club to play matches across all age groups supporting participation. In addition, the new pavilion provides suitable facilities for club volunteers, further ensuring the long-term financial sustainability of the club strengthening the bond between the South Mildura Sporting Club and the community.

Project Summary:

- » Creation of 3 Australian rules football playing fields
- » Gender neutral player and umpire change facilities
- » Sporting pavilion with canteen and kiosk
- » Administration hub
- » Public toilets
- » In venue carparking

Previous hours of use	0	Previous SFA score	0
Current hours of use	31	New SFA score	154
Male Participation	272	Female Participation	17

The Mildura Sporting Precinct (MSP) is the first classified regional facility in the Wimmera Mallee/ Sunraysia region, the closest regional facility prior was Swan Hill. The increase in number of football grounds encourages greater female football participation, aligning with AFL Sunraysia’s strategy of growing the game in youth girls’ age group (14-17) and senior women’s competitions. This also supports the preferred facility standards outlined in the AFL Preferred Facility Guidelines. Mildura South Sporting Precinct is a beacon for female sport and inclusiveness having hosted the inaugural AFL Sunraysia Youth Girls Grand Final, in addition to an AFLW fixture between Richmond Tigers and GWS Giants.

The project aligns strongly to AFL Vic’s 2022-2027 Football Facilities Development Strategy five key priorities, namely:

1. Improve facilities to support and promote diversity in football.
2. Support inclusion through gender neutrality and universal design.
3. Maximise the carrying capacity of ovals.
4. Maximise functionality of venue infrastructure to support access and club sustainability.
5. Support more ovals with 100-150 lux LED lighting.

The development solidifies South Mildura Sporting Club’s ties to the local community, in conjunction with the partnership with Mildura Rural Council; which has been instrumental in the successful realisation of this project. This showcases the significant benefits of collaborative efforts between the AFL, Mildura Rural City Council, Victorian State Government and the South Mildura Sporting Club, contributing to continued growth and a positive impact on the community.





"The move to the new sporting precinct has undeniably been a transformative experience for the South Mildura Sporting Club. Since our relocation, we have witnessed a remarkable increase in player registration and a surge in community engagement creating a vibrant hub for families and supporters to come together, fostering a sense of community spirit."

**Anthony Gauci,
South Mildura Sporting Club**

"Mildura Sports Precinct has become the centre piece for football in Mildura. The standard of facility combined with the inclusive nature of the design precinct means that the facility is not only the perfect environment for footballers, but also the perfect facility for spectators, coaches and umpires. The financial and on-going support from the AFL has been instrumental in the success of the facility to date, with more community benefit to occur through the partnership."

**Cr Liam Wood,
Mildura Mayor**





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“The ability to host a number of community groups across the 3 ovals but to also utilise the magnificent indoor facilities for education pieces for our community clubs, means outcomes are much more positive. When I plan a junior football program, I always book Mildura Sports Precinct as I know this is where the young people like to play their sport.”

David Kennedy,
Sunraysia Participation Manager