

STATE NETBALL HOCKEY CENTRE

About the project

Located in the inner Melbourne suburb of Royal Park, the State Netball Hockey Centre will host hockey and preliminary netball matches for the 2006 Commonwealth Games.

The two hockey pitches are being replaced in time for the Games with state-of-the-art surfaces. Because they're water based (permanently damp), these surfaces offer a far superior level of play and help reduce injuries from falls.

As part of the Victorian Government's commitment to the environment, a water recycling system is being installed at the same time. Water from the pitches, as well as rainwater from surrounding area, will be reused to irrigate them – delivering savings in both water and running costs.

Lasting benefits

The pitch replacement will give club-level and national-level players access to a world class surface. As well as a great training ground, these surfaces will also put Victoria in an even better position to host major competitions.

The water recycling system will set a benchmark in sustainable management of a sporting venue with these kind of surfaces.

Additional information

- Amount of water expected to be saved each year – 19 million litres
- Anticipated savings in water bills – \$10,000 per annum
- Pitches require a 12 month 'playing-in' period.

Estimated completion date

March 2005

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