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### Surf Coast Multi-Purpose Indoor Stadium update

The Surf Coast Multi-Purpose Indoor Stadium is moving closer to construction stage, with people able to view images of what it will look like.

Surf Coast Shire Council is undertaking all necessary steps to prepare for construction of the new stadium, to be located in the north of Torquay. It will be formed by adding three courts to the existing single-court stadium at Surf Coast Secondary College and is planned to be completed by the end of 2020.

Council has been working with Surf Coast Secondary College and potential user groups of the stadium throughout the design process. A planning permit application has also been prepared, and will be publicly advertised shortly.

Mayor Rose Hodge is excited to see the stadium project progressing.

“As a Council, our goal is to support people to be healthy and active and this new community facility will help us achieve that, offering a space for fitness, sport and a sense of community,” she said.

“It can also be used for various other activities including school and community events.

“We want to maximise the use of the stadium. We have been working with user groups to tick off that goal and ensure it’s a valued place for the Surf Coast community.”

The $13.5 million project is made up of a Council contribution of $2.6 million, developer contributions of $2.9 million, and $8 million in grants from the state and federal governments via the Better Indoor Stadiums Fund and the Building Better Regions Fund respectively.

Council resolved in December 2017 to transfer an estimated 3,176 sq m of Council-owned land to the Victorian Department of Education and Training to create a single land title.

“This will ensure we can make the best use of Council land and school land,” Cr Hodge said.

People can view drawings of the stadium and stay up-to-date with the project via the Your Say section at [**www.surfcoast.vic.gov.au**](http://www.surfcoast.vic.gov.au).

The stadium is a key project in the Torquay Jan Juc Developer Contribution Plan (DCP). The DCP is a legal agreement between Council and developers aimed at ensuring developers make a financial contribution to necessary community infrastructure.

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