



A REAL GAME CHANGER

DEVELOPER : Development Victoria
 HEAD CONTRACTOR : Kane Constructions
 CONSTRUCTION VALUE : \$64.6 million

The \$64.6 million Melbourne Sports Centres – Parkville project includes six new indoor netball courts, new indoor hockey pitch, hot and cold recovery pools, crèche for parents playing at the centre, and a high performance strength and conditioning gym. The upgrade cements Parkville as the home for netball and hockey in Australia.

Kane Constructions has delivered the game changing Melbourne Sports Centres – Parkville.

Having created 150 jobs during construction, including 36,000 hours worked by women, the project was a win for Kane’s pilot program to increase the number of women working in the construction industry.

Under Kane’s pilot program, a call was made to Victorian women and girls, including the thousands who play at the centre each week, to consider and encourage a career in construction.

The redevelopment is the centrepiece of the Victorian Government’s investment in women’s sport. The centre hosts more than 500,000 players and spectators each year, and reaffirms Parkville as the home for netball and hockey in Australia.

Development Victoria appointed Kane Constructions in October 2018 at the design stage to deliver the \$64.6 million dollar project.

The scope included the delivery of six new indoor netball courts to replace the current four outdoor courts. Other features included indoor and outdoor hockey facilities, a high performance strength and conditioning gym, a ‘Women in Sport Leadership Centre’, administration facilities for Netball Victoria and Hockey Victoria, upgrades to amenity and infrastructure encompassing a new front entrance, improved circulation and improved access to public transport.

The redevelopment triggered the upgrade of the existing facility to comply with current international standards for both netball and hockey. “This required an extensive examination of the existing facility to identify elements required to upgrade,” said Kane Constructions Project Manager, Paul Mrocki. “We undertook a significant investigation to ensure that all upgrade works would meet the certification requirements of the International Hockey Federation (FIH) for the outdoor hockey pitch and the International Basketball Federation (FIBA) certification for the indoor multipurpose courts.”



The existing building remained fully operational during the construction program, and this required careful planning and cooperation with all stakeholders.

Features of the project included the relocation and reconstruction of one of the outdoor hockey pitches to make space for the western component of the redevelopment, consisting the construction of a hot and cold water recovery pool and six new multipurpose courts to achieve FIBA Level 1 certification, the highest certification for a timber sports floor.

Plant inducted to the site totalled 412, with 630t of steel used and 950m³ of concrete poured. Most notably, almost 64km of timber sports flooring was laid, equivalent to the length of one and a half marathons. Carpet and vinyl flooring totalled almost 6,400m².

The redevelopment of the Melbourne Sports Centres – Parkville highlights Kane’s capabilities to successfully deliver a full design

and construct project from inception to completion. The project also represents Kane’s strength in delivering projects in live and fully operational building environments. “We are proud of our track record in designing and building some of Australia’s premier sporting facilities for elite athletes and competition. The Melbourne Sports Centres – Parkville project is amongst the best of these, and meet the strict and global certification standards of FIH and FIBA,” said Project Manager, Paul Mrocki.

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