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Fern Bay area update | February 2020



Port Stephens Council will soon construct a new multisport court in Fern Bay Reserve.

Multisport court Project background

Listed as an action item in the draft Fern Bay and North Stockton Strategy this project is designed to help meet the recreational needs of the growing community of Fern Bay. The project is funded through development contributions generated in the Fern Bay area.

The location of the new multisport court has been carefully selected to be as accessible to the Fern Bay community and complement existing recreation and community facilities at Vardon Road, Fern Bay.

The delay in the delivery of this project was caused by the need to have in place a memorandum of understanding between Council and Hunter Water. This memorandum of understanding allows Council to construct the new court near to Hunter Water assets.

Project details

The multi sport court will be 15 metres long and 11 metres wide. Please see the final design shown over the page.

The court will be marked for soccer, handball, half-court basketball, half-court netball and also includes a hit-up wall.

There will be new concrete paths connecting the court to the existing footpath network.

Timeframe

The works are expected to take no more than 8 weeks to complete, weather permitting. Works are planned to begin in early March and should be completed late April 2020.

Other projects

Vardon Road upgrade

The roadworks along Vardon Road are almost complete with only linemarking remaining.

Fern Bay shared paths

In August 2019, Council endorsed funding for the construction of new shared paths in Fern Bay. These new paths will run from Bayway Village and join to the existing path network in North Stockton.

These new shared paths will replace some of the existing footpaths. Shared paths are much wider than standard footpaths and allow for both cyclists and pedestrians to pass safely. These wider paths will also improve safety for mobility scooters users. We are currently preparing concept designs for the new paths.

Construction is scheduled to begin mid-2020.



