
PNG Press Release

National Football Stadium ready to support FIFA U20 Women's World Cup

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Oil Search today confirmed that it was working with the PNG Football Association President David Chung to finalise arrangements for the National Football Stadium (NFS) to support the FIFA Under-20 Women's World Cup to be played in PNG in November 2016.

Construction of the NFS, formerly known as Lloyd Robson Oval, is nearing completion and the ground will be fully operational in February 2016, in time for next year's rugby league pre-season competition which begins in March.

The National Football Stadium is being completed to world class standards that will meet FIFA requirements to host the Under-20 Women's World Cup.

A FIFA delegation visited the venue recently and was impressed with the design and quality of the facility. They have advised a list of requirements to meet all their standards and these have been incorporated into the stadium construction and design.

The NFS has been constructed to comply with National Rugby League guidelines and governing codes that allow NRL games to be played at the stadium.

Facilities meet all modern player requirements, with state-of-the-art indoor warm up and recovery areas, gym facilities, change rooms for home and away teams, secondary change rooms for curtain raiser matches, referees rooms, ball boys change rooms, drug testing rooms and match day medical rooms.

The field of play lighting is world-class, meeting international broadcast standards, together with a first class playing field that meets NRL quality and size specifications. There is also an adjacent training and warm up field.

Facilities for spectators are also excellent, with enclosed corporate suites, an enclosed corporate lounge, with reserved premium seating, bar and meals facility, coupled with an open air bar to accommodate up to 600 people.

There is also a structured individual seating plan to facilitate better crowd control.

A large area for the development of a club facility has been made available in the main grandstand and will represent a focus for future commercial and entertainment opportunities.

The design of the stadium presently allows for seating of up to 15,000 spectators, taking designs from the successful developments at the Gold Coast Cbus stadium and AMI stadium in Christchurch, New Zealand.

Apart from the FIFA delegation, officials from the NRL and Phil Gould, from the Penrith Panthers have also visited the facility – all of whom have been impressed with the design of the facility, in particular, the extent of the players' amenities.

The National Football Stadium will also work with our local sporting administrators to bring world class sporting events to PNG, building from the success of the Pacific Games.

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Expressions of interests will soon be invited from all suitable contractors and service providers to assist in operation of the facility once brought online. Please direct all enquiries at this time to national.football.stadium@oilsearch.com

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