

VICSES Wangaratta

Update from the Emergency Services Infrastructure Authority

Project Update | October 2020

- Construction of the new VICSES Wangaratta Unit is progressing to schedule with anticipated completion by late December 2020.
- Recent works include construction of the building brickwork and installation of the motor bay walls.
- Works to install the internal wall framing are underway. Following completion, the electrical wiring installation will commence.
- With significant coordination and planning, the communications tower will soon be delivered to site, ensuring operational requirements are met and achieved.
- ESIA is working closely with VICSES to ensure operational readiness, which includes guiding and facilitating the transition of all equipment and materials to the new local headquarters on Handley Street.



VICSES Wangaratta construction underway at 36 Handley Street, Wangaratta – October 2020.

Next Steps

- Construction to continue.
- Practical completion
- Delivery, commissioning and handover of the new VICSES Wangaratta Unit by January 2021.

Project Timeline

Site identification

Complete

Site due diligence

Complete

Land acquisition

Complete

Concept designs

Complete

Schematic design

Complete

Town planning and zoning approvals

Complete

Detailed design

Complete

Procure and appoint construction firm

Complete

Construction commences May 2020

Construction concludes

December 2020

Commissioning of facility

December 2020

Handover of facility

January 2021

Construction process



Once a builder has been appointed to construct a new VICSES facility, ESIA's project team plays an important role in managing the contract so that the construction phase runs as smoothly as possible.

ESIA's role During the construction of a new VICSES facility, ESIA's project team is responsible for a range of contract administration and management tasks, including:

- Track and expedite the status of milestones.
- Manage delivery of goods and/or services.
- Manage processing of payments.
- Manage and administer contract variations.
- Assess suppliers and/or industries viability.
- Report contract data.
- Conduct audits and inspection.

- Assess and manage contract management capability.
- Manage suppliers' performance.
- Manage contract stakeholders.
- Manage contract risks and issues.
- Manage contract price reviews.
- Manage probity risks and issues.
- Manage disputes with suppliers.
- Manage contract extensions and end dates.
- Manage consultants and contractor

How long will it take to build our new facility? ESIA estimates that your new facility will take approximately eight months to construct. As with any construction project of this size, there may be some unforeseen setbacks, however ESIA and your VICSES regional manager will keep you informed throughout the process.

What happens if the weather impacts the progress of the build? Factors such as inclement weather are considered when the estimated project timeline is determined. However, there may be issues out of ESIA's control that mean the construction will take longer than anticipated.

Can we visit the site while it is under construction? Construction sites are busy places. Many contractors work side-by-side and heavy vehicles come and go so there are a number of OH&S risks that must be considered. ESIA will endeavour to organise an opportunity for you to inspect the construction site at some stage.

Can we move into our facility as soon as construction has been completed? Following practical completion and the certificate of occupancy commissioning of the facility must be undertaken before the unit is operational. This process ensures that new facilities and equipment are ready for occupancy and use, this process can take a few months.

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