

**RACING**

# Plans to dine on night Plate

MOONEE VALLEY PREPARES FOR CONSTRUCTION OF TRACK AND FACILITIES THAT WILL BENEFIT COMMUNITY

The home of the Cox Plate is set for a revamp after the 100th running of the famous race.

The Moonee Valley track will be rebuilt and reoriented and a new grandstand will be constructed following the 2020 Group One event.

The plans are part of a \$2 billion vision for the Moonee Valley Racing Club, which will also include apartments.

Money from the residential land sales will go towards funding the redevelopment.

Following the rebuild, the MVRC wants to become an exclusive night racing venue, which will include running the Cox Plate under lights.

The short home straight will be extended from 173 m to 317 m and widened to 30 m.

It will be on the "school side" of the course, where the new stand will be built.

The plans include moving the horse stalls area to the centre of the

course, while the infield will include sporting fields for community use.

Racing club chairman Don Casboul said the initiation of Moonee Valley's redevelopment was a history-making moment.

"It will deliver a huge range of benefits for the entire community over the next century," he said.

"The scale and ambition of this project is unparalleled.

"The Valley of Tomorrow will respect our great heritage while creating a wonderful new environment for all to enjoy."

The project will move into a detailed design and construction phase, with marketing of the first residential precinct scheduled to begin in mid-2018.

## ● THE NEW TRACK

● 1702 m in circumference, with the home straight extended from 173 m to 317 m.

● 30 m wide, providing capacity to stage up to 35 meetings each year.

● All key starting positions will be retained, including the Cox Plate 2040 m start at the top of the home straight.

● Enabling an increased number of starters.

## THE NEW GRANDSTAND

● Aims to deliver the world's best night racing venue.

● Positioned to capitalise on the city skyline and night lights.

● Cost of new track and grandstand to be about \$200 million.