The multi-million redevelopment of Marrara Oval continues at a rapid rate with international cricket in Darwin just two months away.

The latest work being conducted at Marrara Oval is the construction of the $200,000 permanent scoreboard on the eastern side of the ground.

"Construction of these facilities ensures that Marrara will continue to attract international standard sporting fixtures," Minister for Sport and Recreation John Ah Kit said.

"Local company Gratis Pty Ltd – who built the $4.4 million basketball stadium at the Marrara Sporting Precinct – has begun work on the scoreboard’s steel structure.

"The 8m x 5m, manually operated scoreboard will be built by Melbourne company Palm-Syn. The scoreboard will also include a clock that can be used by timekeepers for football matches."

More than $3 million has been spent by the Martin Government to bring Marrara Oval up to international standard.

Facilities built or currently undergoing construction during the past 12 months include:

- resurfacing Marrara Oval including a new irrigation and drainage system;
- 1273 new grandstand seats
- upgrade of players dressing rooms and ablution blocks including installation of ice-baths to aid recovery and rehabilitation of athletes;
- first class player viewing areas that are air-conditioned and situated on the boundary of the field;
- upgrading of the umpires room;
- practice and drop-in pitch areas;
- new media area;
- upgrade of the public address system
- installation of three-phase power to cater for food stalls and outside broadcast areas;
- installation of additional turnstiles.

Australia will play fledging cricket nation Bangladesh in a test and one-day match in July and August this year.

Cricket Australia – formerly known as the Australian Cricket Board - has reported strong sales for the cricket matches.

Reserved grandstand seats and general admission tickets are still available through the Darwin Entertainment Centre.

Ranges of premium packages starting from $120 per person per day are also available. More information on these packages can be obtained by calling the Office of Sport & Recreation on 0402 106 598.