

AGENDA

Georges River Council Sports Advisory Committee

Thursday, 13 November 2025

6:00 PM

Dragon Room

Georges River Civic Centre

Hurstville



GEORGES RIVER COUNCIL SPORTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

ORDER OF BUSINESS

OPENING

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

Council acknowledges the Bidjigal people of the Eora Nation, who are the Traditional Custodians of all lands, waters and sky in the Georges River area. I pay my respect to Elders past and present and extend that respect to all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples who live, work and meet on these lands.

APOLOGIES / LEAVE OF ABSENCE

REQUEST TO JOIN VIA AUDIO VISUAL LINK

NOTICE OF WEBCASTING

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CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Item: SAC017-25 Confirmation of the Minutes of the Georges River Council Sports Advisory Committee Meeting held on 14 August 2025

Author: Personal Assistant to Manger Sport, Community Facilities and Events

Directorate: Community and Culture

Matter Type: Previous Minutes

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Minutes of the Georges River Council Sports Advisory Committee Meeting held on 14 August 2025, be confirmed.

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment [↓](#) 1  Minutes of the Georges River Council Sports Advisory Committee Meeting held on 14 August 2025

MINUTES

Georges River Council Sports Advisory Committee

Thursday, 14 August 2025

6:00 PM

Dragon Room
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Hurstville

UNCONFIRMED



COUNCILLOR MEMBERSHIP

Councillor Sam Stratikopoulos (Chairperson) (Apology),
Councillor Kathryn Landsberry (Alternate Chairperson),
Councillor Natalie Mort.

COMMUNITY MEMBERSHIP

Ray Barbi – St George Basketball Association,
Jeffrey Barrett – St George Cycling Club (Apology),
Ross Bernays – Oatley Rugby and Sporting Club,
Sean Brohier – Football de Brazil,
Julian Finch – Connells Point Netball,
Kevin Greene – Cricket NSW,
Nicholas Smerdely – Football St George (Apology),
Scott Henderson – St George Touch Association,
Scot Holmes - St George OZTAG (Apology),
Jeff Killick – Southern Sydney Rugby League (Apology),
Darryl Lane – St George Little Athletics Club,
Warren Driscoll – St George Rugby League Football Club,
Mark Smith – Swimming Metro South East,
Tanya Smith – Golf NSW,
Dale Widders – St George Australian Football Club

GEORGES RIVER COUNCIL STAFF

David Tuxford - General Manager,
Kristie Dodd - Director Community and Culture,
Tom Heath – Acting Manager City Operational Services,
James Magee – Acting Manager City Technical Services,
Kent Stroud – Executive Manager City Futures
Margaret Le - Manager Sports, Community Facilities and Events
Naomi Bryant – Head of Operations City Life
Luke Galle – Coordinator Sports and Recreation
Lee Fermor – Technology Business Support Officer
Billie Johnson, Acting Executive Assistant to Director Community and Culture
Shannon Tomarchio – Personal Assistant to Sport, Community Facilities and Events

COUNCILLOR ATTENDANCE

The Mayor, Councillor Elise Borg
Councillor Kathryn Landsberry (Alternate Chairperson)
Councillor Natalie Mort

EXTERNAL PRESENTERS

Mark Roach – Office of Sport
Kristian Whittaker – Alcohol and Drug Foundation

OPENING

The Chairperson, Councillor Landsberry, opened the meeting at 6.05pm.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

The Chairperson, Councillor Landsberry acknowledged the Bidjigal people of the Eora Nation, who are the Traditional Custodians of all lands, waters and sky in the Georges River area. She paid his respect to Elders past and present and extend that respect to all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples who live, work and meet on these lands.

APOLOGIES/LEAVE OF ABSENCE

MOTION: Member Widders, Member Lane

That apologies on behalf of Councillor Stratikopoulos, Jeffrey Barrett, Scot Holmes, Jeff Killick and Nicholas Smerdely be accepted and a leave of absence be granted.

Record of Voting

For the Motion: Councillor Landsberry, Councillor Mort, Member Barbi, Member Bernays, Member Brohier, Member, Member Greene, Member Henderson, Member Lane, Member Tanya Smith, Member Mark Smith, Member Widders, Member Driscoll.

On being PUT to the meeting, voting on this Motion was UNANIMOUS. The Motion was CARRIED.

NOTICE OF WEBCASTING

The Chairperson, Councillor Landsberry advised staff and the public that the meeting is being recorded for minute-taking purposes and is also webcast live on Council's website, in accordance with section 5 of Council's Code of Meeting Practice. This recording will be made available on Council's Website.

CODE OF MEETING PRACTICE

Council's Code of Meeting Practice prohibits the electronic recording of meetings without the express permission of Council.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

SAC012-25 Confirmation of the Minutes of the Georges River Council Sports Advisory Committee Meeting held on 22 May 2025

(Report by Executive Assistant to Director Community and Culture)

RECOMMENDATION: Member Greene, Member Brohier

That the Minutes of the Georges River Council Sports Advisory Committee Meeting held on 22 May 2025, be confirmed.

Record of Voting

For the Motion: Councillor Landsberry, Councillor Mort, Member Barbi, Member Bernays, Member Brohier, Member, Member Greene, Member Henderson, Member Lane, Member Tanya Smith, Member Mark Smith, Member Widders, Member Driscoll.

On being PUT to the meeting, voting on this Motion was UNANIMOUS. The Motion was CARRIED.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

SAC013-25 Sporting Infrastructure Capital Works Update (Report by Acting Manager City Technical Services)

RECOMMENDATION: Member Finch, Member Widders

That the Georges River Council Sports Advisory Committee receive and note the presentation from the Acting Manager City Technical Services providing an update on Sporting Infrastructure Projects within Council's Capital Works Program 2025/26.

Record of Voting

For the Motion: Councillor Landsberry, Councillor Mort, Member Barbi, Member Bernays, Member Brohier, Member, Member Greene, Member Henderson, Member Lane, Member Tanya Smith, Member Mark Smith, Member Widders, Member Driscoll.

On being PUT to the meeting, voting on this Motion was UNANIMOUS. The Motion was CARRIED.

SAC014-25 Carss Park Aquatic Facility Update (Report by Executive Manager City Futures)

RECOMMENDATION: Member Mark Smith, Councillor Mort

That the Georges River Council Sports Advisory Committee receive and note the update within this report from Executive Manager City Futures on the Carss Park Aquatic Facility.

Record of Voting

For the Motion: Councillor Landsberry, Councillor Mort, Member Barbi, Member Bernays, Member Brohier, Member, Member Greene, Member Henderson, Member Lane, Member Tanya Smith, Member Mark Smith, Member Widders, Member Driscoll.

On being PUT to the meeting, voting on this Motion was UNANIMOUS. The Motion was CARRIED.

SAC015-25 Respectful Environments in Community Sport (Report by Manager Sport, Community Facilities and Events)

RECOMMENDATION: Member Finch, Member Greene

That the Georges River Council Sports Advisory Committee receive and note the presentation provided by the Senior Community Development Officer – Good Sports Program, from the Alcohol and Drug Foundation and Project Officer – Policy and Planning from the NSW Office of Sport, outlining the strategic framework of the Good Sports Program and Office of Sport resources.

Record of Voting

For the Motion: Councillor Landsberry, Councillor Mort, Member Barbi, Member Bernays, Member Brohier, Member, Member Greene, Member Henderson, Member Lane, Member Tanya Smith, Member Mark Smith, Member Widders, Member Driscoll.

On being PUT to the meeting, voting on this Motion was UNANIMOUS. The Motion was CARRIED.

SAC016-25 Sport, Community Facilities and Events Update
(Report by Manager Sport, Community Facilities and Events)

RECOMMENDATION: Member Finch, Councillor Mort

That the Georges River Council Sports Advisory Committee receive and note the presentation from the Manager Sport, Community Facilities and Events and Acting Manager City Operational Services, outlining an overview of Sport and Recreation facilities across the local government area.

Record of Voting

For the Motion: Councillor Landsberry, Councillor Mort, Member Barbi, Member Bernays, Member Brohier, Member, Member Greene, Member Henderson, Member Lane, Member Tanya Smith, Member Mark Smith, Member Widders, Member Driscoll.

On being PUT to the meeting, voting on this Motion was UNANIMOUS. The Motion was CARRIED.

CONCLUSION

The Meeting was closed at 6.56pm.

Chairperson

UNCONFIRMED

COMMITTEE REPORTS**Item:** SAC018-25 Carss Park Pool Update**Author:** Executive Manager City Futures**Directorate:** Office of the General Manager**Matter Type:** Committee Reports**RECOMMENDATION:**

That the Georges River Council Sports Advisory Committee receive and note the update provided by the Office of Sport regarding the Carss Park Pool (formerly known as the Carss Park Aquatic Centre) project, including the current status, confirmed project scope, and timeline.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

1. The Office of Sport will attend to provide an update on the Carss Park Pool (formerly known as the Carss Park Aquatic Centre) project; including status, confirmed project scope and timeline.

BACKGROUND

2. Following the previous update to the Sports Advisory Committee in August 2025, progress has continued on the Carss Park Pool (formerly known as the Carss Park Aquatic Centre) project. Since then:
 - Two Project Control Group (PCG) meetings have been held.
 - Two Steering Committee (SteerCo) meetings have taken place.
 - Council and the Office of Sport have met on several occasions to discuss and refine the project scope, procurement, contracts, timelines, and budget considerations.
3. The next PCG meeting is scheduled for 18 November 2025.
4. At this meeting of the Sports Advisory Committee, the Office of Sport will provide an update on the project, including its current status, confirmed scope, and anticipated timeline.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

5. No budget impact for this report.

RISK IMPLICATIONS

6. Strategic Risk 3: Assets and Infrastructure: Work on a future Carss Park Aquatic Facility meets the evolving needs and expectations of the community, particularly in terms of quality, capacity, and resilience.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

7. The community will continue to be updated on the progress of the development of a new aquatic facility via Council's website.

FILE REFERENCE

D25/349544

ATTACHMENTS

Nil

SAC018-25

Item: SAC019-25 Sport, Community Facilities and Events Update

Author: Manager Sport, Community Facilities and Events

Directorate: Community and Culture

Matter Type: Committee Reports

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Georges River Council Sports Advisory Committee receive and note the presentation from the Manager Sport, Community Facilities and Events and the Executive Manager City Presentation & Operations outlining an overview of Sport and Recreation facilities across the local government area.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

1. The presentation provides an update on sporting facilities and sporting events for the period of August to November 2025.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

2. No budget impact for this report.

RISK IMPLICATIONS

3. No risk to Council identified.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

4. No community engagement required for this report.

FILE REFERENCE

D25/330394

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment [↓](#)1 Sport Community Facilities and Events Update - 13 November 2025





Sport, Community Facilities and Events Update

Georges River Council Sports Advisory Committee Meeting

Thursday 13 November 2025

Manager Sport and Community Facilities

Executive Manager, City Presentation & Operations

D25/330442





Jubilee Stadium Update & Events



Stadium Update

- Stadium Events
- Field of Play Renovations
- Major Events 2026

Stadium Events

- 2 x NRL (St George Illawarra Dragons)
- 1 x NPL1 Grand Finals
- 1 x Australian Cup (Sydney FC)
- 3 x Australia Championships (Sydney Olympic Football Club)
- 2 x Harvey Norman Women's (Dragons)
- 2 x NSWRL Finals Days
- 3 x St George District Rugby League – Junior Representative days
- 2 x GRC Staff development workshops
- 1 x TVC





Managed Sporting Facilities



Managed Sporting Facilities

HIGHLIGHTS: Hurstville Golf Course

20 year anniversary of the Hurstville Golf Club recognised at its November AGM

The Golf Course management agreement has been extended for 2 years ensuring ongoing service delivery

Hurstville Aquatic & Leisure Centre (HALC)

Electrification Grant Application Outcome - Delay

Sans Souci Leisure Centre (SSLC)

Indoor Program Pool – upcoming tiling works

Hurstville & Beverley Park Golf Courses

PGA Legends Tour - Wayne Reilly Pro Am – 19 and 20 November.
56 Professional Golfers competing across two courses over two days

Ken Rosewall Tennis Centre

Management Agreement - Request for Tender (RFT) has progressed to the evaluation stage

Norm O'Neill Cricket Centre

Management Agreement – Selective Tender stage





Community and Council Collaboration



Community and Council Collaboration

Beachside Dash

Council sponsored community event, raising \$100K for medical research, engaging 1000+ participants, and promoting health, inclusion, and local partnerships.

Memory Jog and Walk

Inaugural event raised over \$20,000 for Dementia Australia, showcased strong community spirit, a part of Council's Dementia Action Plan to raise awareness and expand inclusive health initiatives.

Promoting Respect and Safety in Community Sporting Matches

Free De-Escalation Training (24 November 2025) to manage aggressive behaviour, boost awareness, and apply strategies that promote safety and respect at matches.

Basketball Feasibility Study

Investigating four sites for a new indoor stadium with 4+ courts to address facility gaps and support growth of indoor sports.





Anderson Park



Anglo Square



Beatty Street Reserve



Bell Park



Seasonal EOI Bookings



Seasonal Bookings



Winter 2026 EOI is now **OPEN**

Key Dates:

- Opened 1st November 2025
- Closes 24th November 2025 (Midnight)
- Confirmed Allocations 19th December 2025

NEW : EOI Survey Form

Contact Us: grcparks@georgesriver.nsw.gov.au





Sports Ground Maintenance Updates



Sports Ground Maintenance

Maintenance priorities over summer to improve surface quality and playability.

Weed Control

Spring application of herbicides completed targeting weeds, and targeted pre-emergent control of summer grasses. Will need some follow up for summer grasses.

Pest Management

Pesticides applied for couch mite, scarabs and caterpillars that damage turf, & follow ups through summer if required.

Fertiliser

Spring applications to boost turf recovery from winter, with additional programmed over summer to target high wear areas and set turf up for better wear resistance next winter as turf goes into dormancy.

Irrigation

Low Spring rainfall led to increased need for early season irrigation. Some community fields were purposely managed very dry for 2-week period to assist stressing ryegrass out post a spray application, to make the most of the hot weather. Expecting to need to apply wetting agents to assist water penetration at some sites.

Decompaction and Turf Repairs

Most grounds vertidraind or cored to relieve compaction and enhance aeration and root development. Setting up for next winter, there will be targeted deeper decompaction to improve natural drainage. Renown and Peakhurst soccer both have more intensive renovations planned to improve drainage and playability.



Sports Ground Management

Ryegrass Transition from Winter

The Community Fields that were over-seeded with perennial ryegrass for winter have had the ryegrass sprayed with a herbicide to kill it off. Mowing heights have been lowered to provide light into the couch to assist in its recovery. Programme is to establish full cover of couch on all sites before next winter. Some grounds such as Beverley Hills have seen the couch becoming thin due to wear, and competition from the ryegrass. Managing summer usage will assist in the recovery.

We need to keep evaluating the benefits and downsides of the winter ryegrass programme, and keep tweaking our methodology to ensure we can establish an even cover for it to work well, and are able to remove it in the spring. Many grounds became very patchy/clumpy this year. Jury is out across the Turf Industry of its value on community level sports grounds.

Summer Drought Potential

High possibility of drought conditions this summer with this dry start, although BOM continue to predict a wetter than average summer. We can apply wetting agents to assist water penetration if needed.

Clouncil; will be closely monitoring conditions for player safety and users may need to be flexible with pre-season training allocations if we get worst case scenario.



Questions



Item: SAC020-25 Sporting Infrastructure Capital Works Update

Author: Acting Director Assets and Infrastructure

Directorate: Assets and Infrastructure

Matter Type: Committee Reports

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Georges River Council Sports Advisory Committee receive and note the presentation from the Manager City Technical Services providing an update on Sporting Infrastructure Projects within Council's Capital Works Program 2025/26.

SAC020-25

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

1. On 23 June 2025, Council endorsed the Capital Works Program 2025/26 (CCL053-25). This presentation highlights projects that directly relate to sports within the Georges River.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

2. No budget impact for this report.

RISK IMPLICATIONS

3. Strategic Risk 3: Assets and Infrastructure: The Capital Works Program identifies projects to meet the evolving needs or expectations of the community, particularly in terms of quality, capacity, and resilience.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

4. Community engagement will be conducted during the design and construction stages of the capital works projects to ensure stakeholders are aware of the work and their needs considered.

FILE REFERENCE

D25/341995

ATTACHMENTSAttachment [↓](#)1 Sports Advisory Committee - Capital Works Presentation November 2025



2025/26 Capital Works Program

Sporting Infrastructure

SPORTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

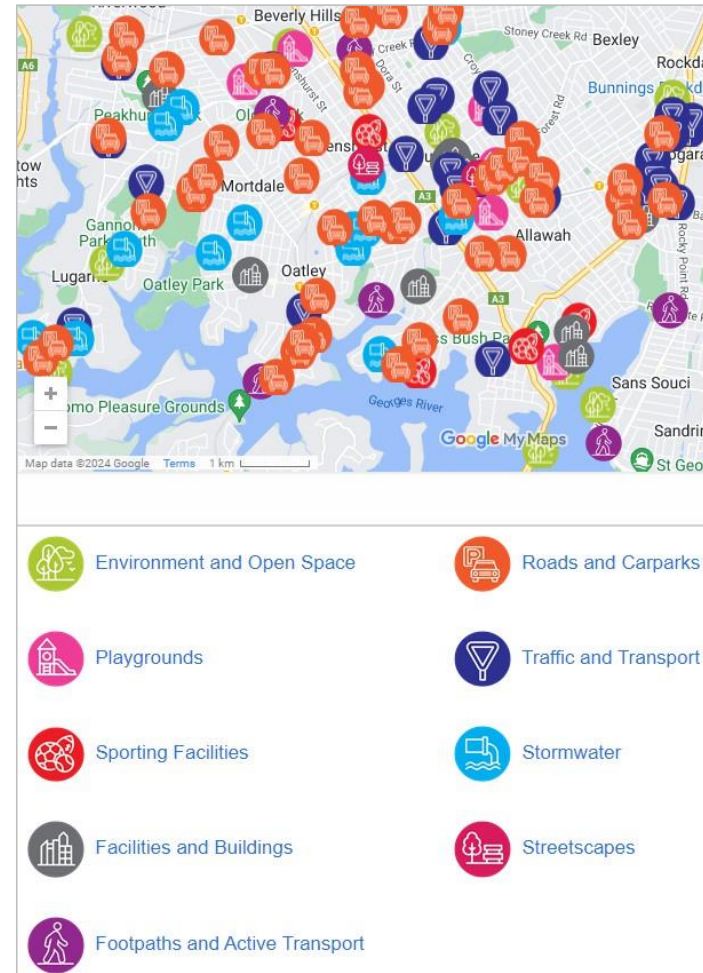
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TOM HEATH – MANAGER CITY TECHNICAL SERVICES



Project Updates

Keep up to date on Council's website



Georges River Council Sporting Infrastructure

Multi-Year Project



Penshurst Park Operable Fence Construction

Scope Overview

Design and construction of operable fence at Penshurst Park to meet Football NSW Stadium Technical Requirements for National Premier League (NPL1) use, including submission of Development Application and approval.

Proposed Practical Completion: June 2026



Georges River Council Sporting Infrastructure

Multi-Year Project



Olds Park Premium Sporting Facility

Scope Overview

Design and construction of sporting facility to improve amenity for community level sporting participants while providing services and facilities necessary for state and national level sporting events.

Proposed Practical Completion: Design – Completed in June 2025
Construction – March 2027



Georges River Council Sporting Infrastructure

Multi-Year Project



Olds Park – Shared Path & Pedestrian Lighting Renewal

Scope Overview

Design and construction of the upgrade to the Olds Park circuit path for walking and cycling. This project includes upgrade to the path, lighting and where possible, strengthening pedestrian links throughout the site.

Proposed Practical Completion: Design – Completed in July 2025
Construction – June 2026



Georges River Council Sporting Infrastructure

Multi-Year Project

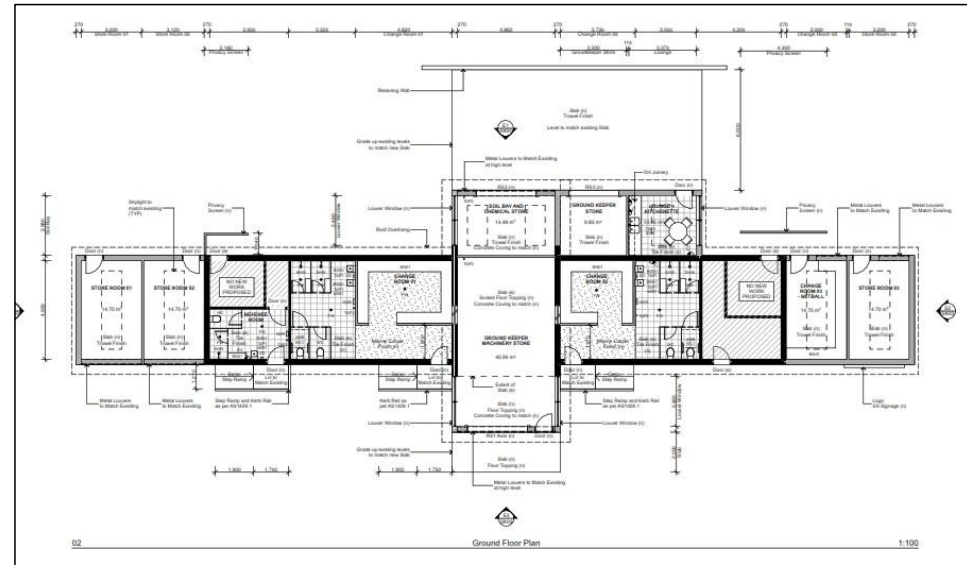


Olds Park Sporting Amenities Building Roof Replacement

Scope Overview

Design and construction for the replacement of the roof at the sporting amenities building within Olds Park. The project aims to address the water damage that has been identified within the timber framed roof structure.

Proposed Practical Completion: Design – August 2025
Construction – April 2026



Georges River Council Sporting Infrastructure

Multi-Year Project

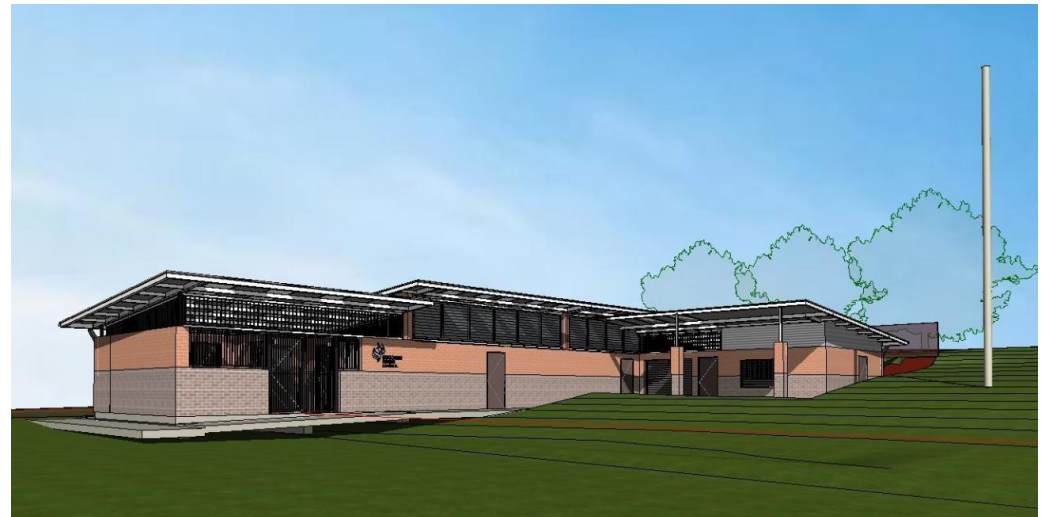


The Green Sporting Amenities

Scope Overview

Design and subsequent construction of sporting facility and public amenity, to improve use for community level sporting participants.

Proposed Practical Completion: Design – October 2025
Construction - June 2027



Georges River Council Sporting Infrastructure

Multi-Year Project

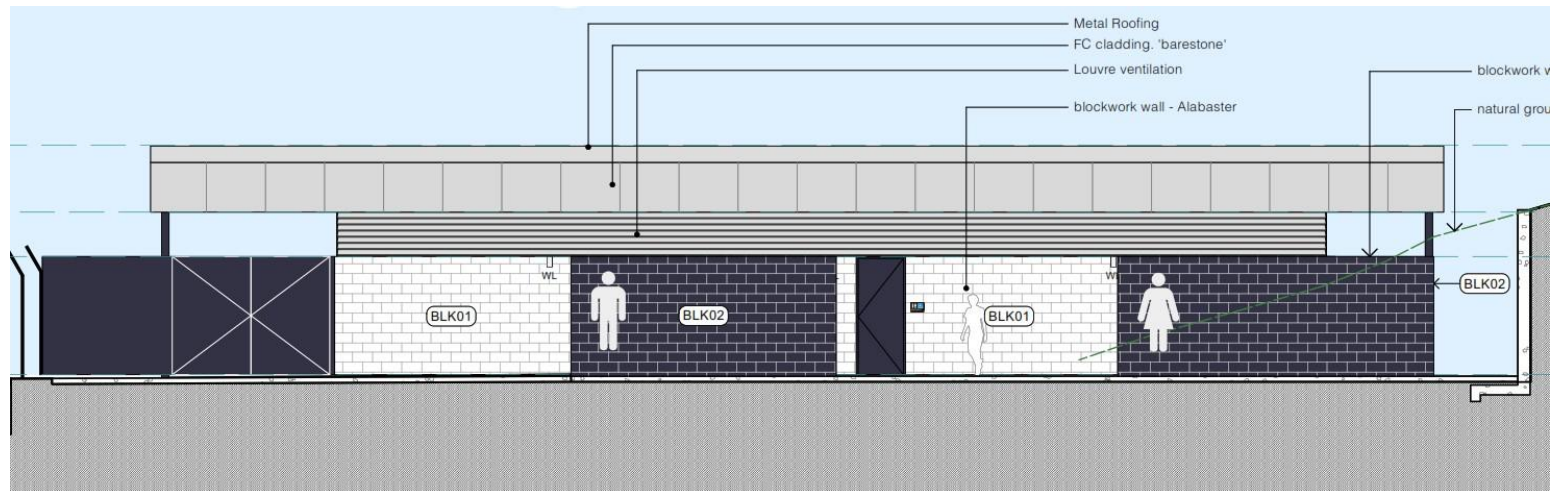


Jubilee Stadium Eastern Amenities Design

Scope Overview

Design of an upgrade to the eastern amenities building located at Jubilee Stadium. The existing building is dilapidated and has been identified for renewal.

Proposed Practical Completion: October 2025



Georges River Council Sporting Infrastructure

Multi-Year Project



Riverwood Park Field Upgrade

Scope Overview

Design and construction for the upgrade of the sporting fields at Riverwood Park. This project includes renewal/upgrade of turf, drainage, irrigation, lighting and overall field configurations.

Proposed Practical Completion: June 2027



Georges River Council Sporting Infrastructure

Multi-Year Project



Peakhurst Park Adventure Playspace

Scope Overview

Design and subsequent construction for a new off-road biking facility and youth recreational facility within the eastern area of Peakhurst Park. Council had secured funding under the Metropolitan Greenspace Program for the detailed design stage.

Proposed Practical Completion: Design - June 2026
Construction – June 2028



Georges River Council Sporting Infrastructure

Multi-Year Project

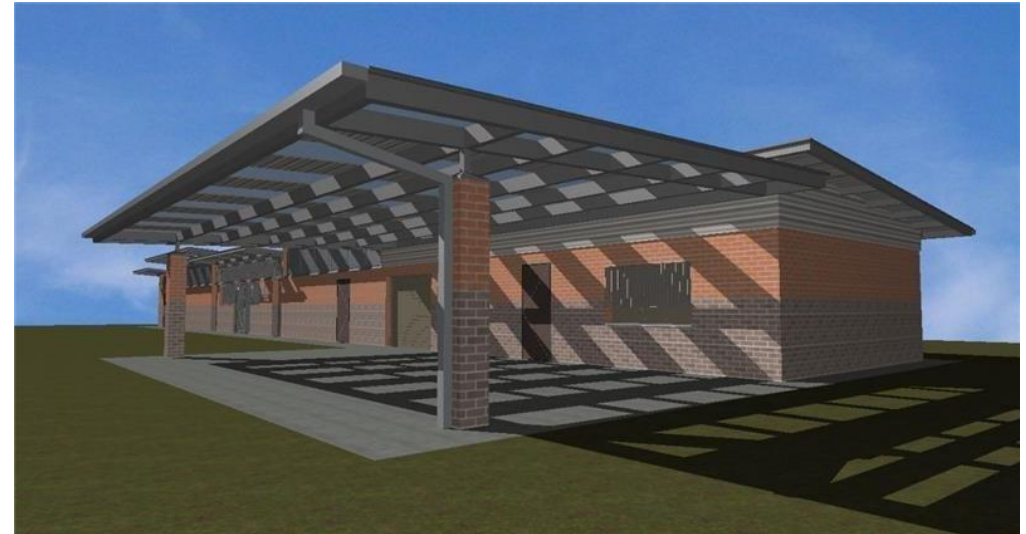


Gifford Park Sporting Amenities

Scope Overview

Design and construction of sporting facility to improve amenity for community level sporting participants. This project includes home and away changerooms, canteen, storage and public toilet facilities.

Proposed Practical Completion: Design – June 2026
Construction – June 2028



Georges River Council Sporting Infrastructure

Multi-Year Project



Quarry Reserve North Tennis Courts & Amenities Refurbishment

Scope Overview

Design and subsequent construction for an upgrade to the Quarry Reserve precinct. This project includes refurbishment of the existing tennis courts and amenities building and identifying further opportunities for improvement of facilities at the site.

Proposed Practical Completion: Design - June 2026
Construction – June 2028



Georges River Council Sporting Infrastructure

2025/26 Project



Todd Park Sporting Amenities Consultation

Scope Overview

Design of sporting facility to improve amenity for community level sporting participants while providing services and facilities necessary for state level sporting use has been completed.

Further community consultation to be undertaken in the 2025/26 financial year.

Proposed Practical Completion: Design Completed in June 2025





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