

AGENDA

Georges River Council Sports Advisory Committee

Thursday, 04 April 2024

6.00pm

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.

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DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

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CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Item: SAC008-24 Confirmation of the Minutes of the Georges River Council Sports Advisory Committee Meeting held on 1 February 2024

Author: Executive Assistant to Director Community & Culture

Directorate: Community and Culture

Matter Type: Previous Minutes

SAC008-24

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Minutes of the Georges River Council Sports Advisory Committee Meeting held on 1 February 2024, be confirmed.

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment [↓](#)1 Minutes of the Georges River Council Sports Advisory Committee Meeting held on 1 February 2024



MINUTES

Georges River Council Sports Advisory Committee

Thursday, 01 February 2024

6.00pm

Dragon Room

Level 1, Georges River Civic Centre

Corner Dora and MacMahon Streets,

Hurstville



GEORGES RIVER COUNCIL

UNCONFIRMED MINUTES

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ATTENDANCE

COUNCILLOR MEMBERSHIP

Councillor Nick Katris (Chairperson),
The Mayor, Councillor Sam Elmir (apology),
Deputy Mayor, Councillor Elise Borg.

COMMUNITY MEMBERSHIP

Michelle Anderson – St George Junior Oztag (apology),
Nathan Breen – St George District Athletic Club (absent),
Sean Brohier – Independent Football Association (remote attendance),
Joshua Elias – NSW Rugby League Ltd (apology),
Gary Fa'afua – St George Junior Rugby Football League (absent),
Kevin Greene – Cricket NSW (remote attendance, joined meeting at 6.07pm, left at 6.27pm),
Jingfu Mike Guo – Heroes Light Volleyball Club (absent),
Irene Hatzipetros – Football St George (remote attendance),
Kate Joveski – St George Basketball Association (apology),
Stephen Matthews – St George City FC,
Mark Smith – Metro South East Swimming Association,
Tanya Smith – Golf NSW,
Michael Williams – St George Junior Baseball Club,
Craig Young – St George District Rugby League Football Club (apology),
Angie Zissis – St George AFC (remote attendance, left at 7.02pm).

COUNCILLOR ATTENDANCE

Councillor Nancy Liu (remote attendance),
Councillor Kathryn Landsberry.

COUNCIL STAFF ATTENDANCE

General Manager – David Tuxford, Director Community and Culture – Kristie Dodd, Director Assets and Infrastructure – Andrew Latta, Manager Premium Facilities – Luke Coleman, Manager City Technical Services – Tom Heath, Coordinator Programming and Operations – Andrew Williams, Manager City Operational Services – Hans Kludass, Manager Strategic Placemaking – Hayley Barnes, Coordinator Engineering – James Magee, Senior Programming and Bookings Officer – Jeremy Hasham, Casual Venue Services Officer – Georgina Dick, Diversity and Inclusion Officer – Marguerite Elson, Executive Services Officer – Marisa Severino, Head of Technology – Garuthman De Silva, Technology Business Support Officer – Sandra Vazzoler, Executive Assistant to the Director Community and Culture – Franziska Mintus, Acting Personal Assistant to the Manager City Life – Joeme Severino (Minutes).

EXTERNAL PRESENTERS

Maia Tua-Davidson – Manager, Welcoming Clubs,
Turkan Aksoy – Coordinator, NSW Welcoming Cities.

OPENING

The Chairperson, Councillor Katris, opened the meeting at 6.04pm.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

The Chairperson, Councillor Katris acknowledged the Bidjigal people of the Eora Nation, who are the Traditional Custodians of all lands, waters and sky in the Georges River area. Councillor Katris 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: Deputy Mayor, Councillor Borg, Mr Williams – St George Junior Baseball Club

That apologies on behalf of Councillor Sam Elmir, Michelle Anderson, Joshua Elias, Kate Joveski and Craig Young be accepted and a leave of absence be granted.

Record of Voting

For the Motion: Councillor Katris, Deputy Mayor, Councillor Borg, Mr Brohier – Independent Football Association, Ms Hatzipetros – Football St George, Mr Matthews – St George City FC, Mr Smith – Metro South East Swimming Association, Ms Smith – Golf NSW, Mr Williams – St George Junior Baseball Club, Mr Zissis – St George AFC

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

ABSENCES

Nathan Breen – St George District Athletic Club,
Gary Fa'afua – St George Junior Rugby Football League,
Jingfu Mike Guo – Heroes Light Volleyball Club.

REQUESTS TO ATTEND MEETING VIA VISUAL AUDIO LINK

Angie Zissis, Sean Brohier, Kevin Greene and Irene Hatzipetros requested to attend the meeting via Audio Visual Link.

NOTICE OF WEBCASTING

The Chairperson, Councillor Katris 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

SAC001-24 Confirmation of the minutes of the previous meeting held on 5 October 2023

(Report by Executive Services Officer)

RECOMMENDATION: Deputy Mayor, Councillor Borg, Mr Smith – Metro South East Swimming Association

That the Minutes of the Georges River Council Sports Advisory Committee held on 5 October 2024 be confirmed.

Record of Voting

For the Motion: Councillor Katris, Deputy Mayor, Councillor Borg, Mr Brohier – Independent Football Association, Ms Hatzipetros – Football St George, Mr Matthews – St George City FC, Mr Smith – Metro South East Swimming Association, Ms Smith – Golf NSW, Mr Williams – St George Junior Baseball Club, Mr Zisis – St George AFC

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS

SAC002-24 Welcoming Clubs (Report by Coordinator, Programming and Operations)

Note: Kevin Greene joined the meeting at 6.07pm.

RECOMMENDATION: Deputy Mayor, Councillor Borg, Mr Smith – Metro South East Swimming Association

That the Georges River Council Sports Advisory Committee receive and note the verbal presentation from the Manager Welcoming Clubs, providing an overview about the organisation and forthcoming workshops in relation to practical actions on how to make sporting organisations and clubs more inclusive and culturally sensitive.

Record of Voting

For the Motion: Councillor Katris, Deputy Mayor, Councillor Borg, Mr Brohier – Independent Football Association, Mr Greene - Cricket NSW, Ms Hatzipetros – Football St George, Mr Matthews – St George City FC, Mr Smith – Metro South East Swimming Association, Ms Smith – Golf NSW, Mr Williams – St George Junior Baseball Club, Mr Zisis – St George AFC

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

SAC003-24 Draft Georges River Community Infrastructure Needs Assessment and Acquisition Area Strategy (Report by Coordinator, Programming and Operations)

Note: Kevin Greene left the meeting at 6.27pm.

RECOMMENDATION: Deputy Mayor, Councillor Borg, Mr Smith – Metro South East Swimming Association

- (a) That the Georges River Council Sports Advisory Committee receive and note the verbal presentation on the draft Georges River Community Infrastructure Needs Assessment and Acquisition Area Strategy.
- (b) That the Georges River Council Sports Advisory Committee provide comment on the recommendations within the draft Georges River Community Infrastructure Needs Assessment and Acquisition Area Strategy whilst the Strategy is on public exhibition.

Record of Voting

For the Motion: Councillor Katris, Deputy Mayor, Councillor Borg, Mr Brohier – Independent Football Association, Ms Hatzipetros – Football St George, Mr Matthews – St George City FC, Mr Smith – Metro South East Swimming Association, Ms Smith – Golf NSW, Mr Williams – St George Junior Baseball Club, Mr Zissis – St George AFC

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

SAC004-24 Jubilee Stadium Precinct Plan of Management Update (Report by Manager Strategic Placemaking)

Withdrawn.

SAC005-24 Premium Facilities Update (Report by Manager Premium Facilities)

RECOMMENDATION: Deputy Mayor, Councillor Borg, Mr Williams – St George Junior Baseball Club

That the Georges River Council Sports Advisory Committee receive and note the Premium Facilities update.

Record of Voting

For the Motion: Councillor Katris, Deputy Mayor, Councillor Borg, Mr Brohier – Independent Football Association, Ms Hatzipetros – Football St George, Mr Matthews – St George City FC, Mr Smith – Metro South East Swimming Association, Ms Smith – Golf NSW, Mr Williams – St George Junior Baseball Club, Mr Zissis – St George AFC

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

SAC006-24 Update on Carss Park Aquatic Centre (Report by Manager City Technical Services)

RECOMMENDATION: Mr Smith – Metro South East Swimming Association, Deputy Mayor,

Councillor Borg

That the Georges River Council Sports Advisory Committee receive and note the verbal update from Manager City Technical Services on the Carss Park Aquatic Facility.

Record of Voting

For the Motion: Councillor Katris, Deputy Mayor, Councillor Borg, Mr Brohier – Independent Football Association, Ms Hatzipetros – Football St George, Mr Matthews – St George City FC, Mr Smith – Metro South East Swimming Association, Ms Smith – Golf NSW, Mr Williams – St George Junior Baseball Club, Mr Zissis – St George AFC

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

SAC007-24 Sporting Infrastructure Capital Works Update (Report by Manager City Technical Services)

RECOMMENDATION: Mr Matthews – St George City FC, Deputy Mayor, Councillor Borg

That the Georges River Council Sports Advisory Committee receive and note the verbal presentation from the Manager City Technical Services providing an update on Sporting Infrastructure Projects within Council's 2023/24 Capital Works Program.

Record of Voting

For the Motion: Councillor Katris, Deputy Mayor, Councillor Borg, Mr Brohier – Independent Football Association, Mr Matthews – St George City FC, Mr Smith – Metro South East Swimming Association, Ms Smith – Golf NSW, Mr Williams – St George Junior Baseball Club, Mr Zissis – St George AFC

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

GENERAL BUSINESS

1. Bookable Update (Coordinator Programming and Operations)
2. Forthcoming surveys on the future of the Georges River Council Sports Advisory Committee (Coordinator Programming and Operations)
3. Poulton Park Synthetics Field (main field), immediate closure for remediation works (Manager City Technical Services)

CONCLUSION

The Meeting was closed at 7.08pm

Chairperson

UNCONFIRMED MINUTES

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COMMITTEE REPORTS

Item: SAC009-24 **Pride in Sports**
Author: Coordinator, Programming and Operations
Directorate: Community and Culture
Matter Type: Committee Reports

SAC009-24

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Georges River Council Sports Advisory Committee receive and note the verbal presentation from the Engagement Director, PrideCup providing an overview about the PrideCup organisation, how community sporting clubs can host their own PrideCup events in the Georges River local government area and attend PrideCup education sessions.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

1. The verbal presentation provides an overview of the PrideCup organisation, along with a proposed PrideCup event in the Georges River local government area.
2. PrideCup challenges homophobia and transphobia within sporting clubs, making them more welcoming for LGBTIQ+ fans, players and officials.
3. The verbal presentation outlines an overview of the PrideCup organisation, how the organisation is connecting with community sporting clubs of all codes to help them facilitate their own PrideCup events and attend PrideCup's educational sessions.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

4. No budget impact for this report.

RISK IMPLICATIONS

5. No risks identified.

FILE REFERENCE

D24/65932

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment 1 PRIDE Cup - GRC SAC Presentation - 4 April 2024

Item: SAC010-24 Current Infrastructure Grant Opportunities

Author: Coordinator, Programming and Operations and Senior Programming and Bookings Officer

Directorate: Community and Culture

Matter Type: Committee Reports

SAC010-24

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Georges River Council Sports Advisory Committee receive and note the verbal presentation from the Coordinator Programming and Operations on the current infrastructure grant opportunities and application approval process.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

1. The verbal presentation is consistent with the Georges River Council Community Strategic Plan and Council's financial sustainability goals.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

2. No budget impact for this report.

RISK IMPLICATIONS

3. No risks identified.

FILE REFERENCE

D24/74098

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment [↓](#)1 Infrastructure Grant Applications - Presentation to the Sports Advisory Committee on 6 July 2023





Infrastructure Grants

Opportunities and Approval Process

Coordinator Programming and Operations



Current Grant Opportunities

Play Our Way Program



Grants are available for \$50,000 to \$1,500,000 through two streams:



Facilities

Establish and improve sporting facilities that are designed for women and girls and further encourage them to take part in sport and physical activity by better meeting their needs.



Participation & Equipment

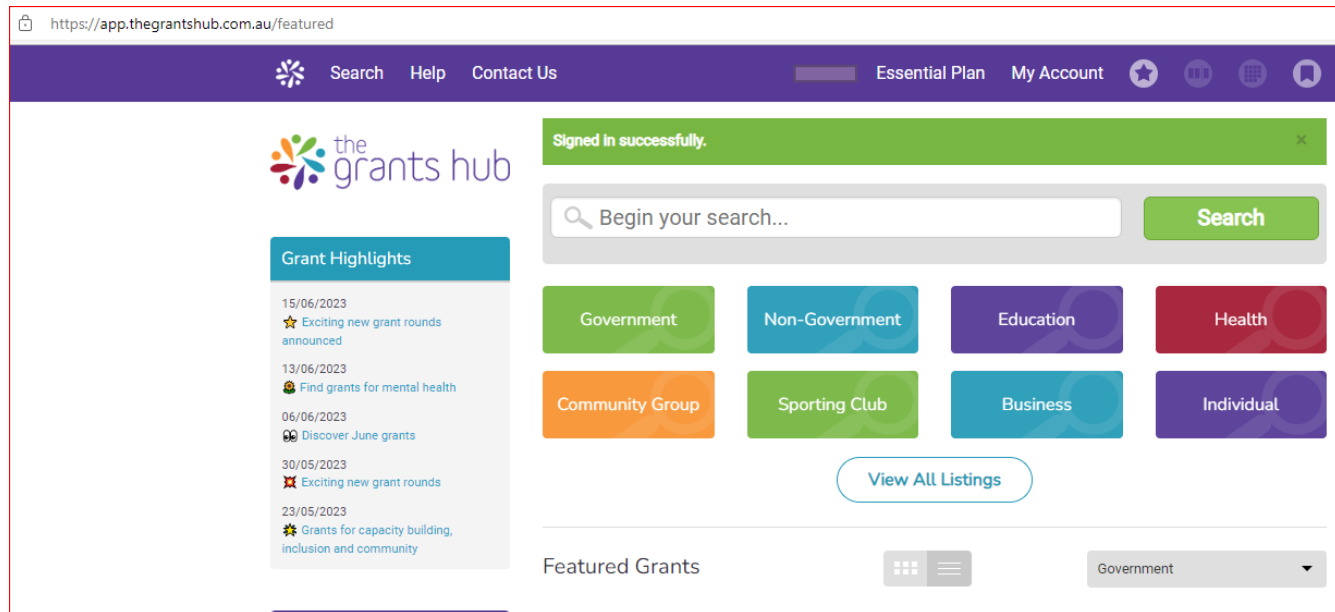
Programs that encourage women and girls to participate and remain involved in sport and physical activity for life, by tackling barriers such as disadvantage or lack of equipment, and for programs that will lead to sustained cultural change in sport.



Need grant funding?

www.thegrantshub.com.au

Easy-to-use grants search website



Process

1. Contact Council's Senior Programming and Bookings Officer:
[Jeremy Hasham on P: 9330 9305 or E: jhasham@georgesriver.nsw.gov.au](mailto:jhasham@georgesriver.nsw.gov.au)
2. Council Community Asset Upgrade Request Form sent to Sporting Group/Organisation
3. Complete form outlining the purpose of the project and details
4. Council officer to review
5. Depending on the scope of the project it may need to be included in Council's budget process
6. Approval granted / supported / denied



Council Community Asset Upgrade Request Form

The image shows a 'Council Community Asset Upgrade Request Form' from Georges River Council. The form is divided into several sections:

- SECTION 1A: APPLICANT DETAILS** - Fields for Organisation Name, Postal Address, Contact Person, Position, Email Address, Telephone, and Date.
- SECTION 1B: PROPERTY DETAILS OF PROPOSED WORKS** - Fields for Property Address, ABN, and Mobile.
- SECTION 1C: LEASE/LICENCE AGREEMENT DETAILS** - Fields for 'Do you hold a lease or a licence?', Licence, Expiry Date, and 'Currently no agreement with Council?'. A note says 'ATTACH LEASE/LICENCE - attachment box'.
- SECTION 1D: PROJECT SCOPE OF WORKS** - A table with columns for Year 3, Year 4, and Year 5.
- SECTION 2: Type of work proposed** - Includes checkboxes for 'Minor work' and 'Major work'.
- SECTION 3: Major works (Definition)** - Lists criteria for major works such as 'Works that affect water or fix into Council's building structure, roofing, walls, mechanical (air conditioning or exhaust system), water/sewerage or lift security or fire systems including additional power points, smoke alarms, air conditioning units, security systems' and 'Works that may require any authority's'.

The form also includes the Georges River Council logo and contact information at the top.



Timing

1. Contact any time during the year, **prior** to applying for grant funding or purchasing an asset
2. Provide enough notice for an officer review approx. 4 week turn around
3. We may need to come back to you for further information



Prioritising projects

- Asset condition
- Inspections
- Risk
- Demand
- Strategic alignment
- Ongoing costs – maintenance, renewals etc



Remember....

Speak to us first!

Contact Council's Senior Programming and Bookings Officer:

Jeremy Hasham on P: 9330 9305 or E: jhasham@georgesriver.nsw.gov.au





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Item: SAC011-24 Sporting Infrastructure Capital Works Update
Author: Manager City Technical Services
Directorate: Assets and Infrastructure
Matter Type: Committee Reports

SAC011-24

RECOMMENDATION:

- (a) That the Georges River Council Sports Advisory Committee receive and note the verbal presentation from the Manager City Technical Services providing an update on Sporting Infrastructure Projects within Council's 2023/24 Capital Works Program.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

1. The verbal presentation is consistent with Council's Capital Works Program, providing an update of sporting projects within the 2023/24 Capital Works Program.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

2. No budget impact for this report.

RISK IMPLICATIONS

3. No risks identified.

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

D24/79008

ATTACHMENTSAttachment [↓](#)1 Capital Works Update Presentation April 2024



Sports Advisory Committee

Capital Program

TOM HEATH – MANAGER CITY TECHNICAL SERVICES



Georges River Council Sporting Infrastructure

Capital Works Updates

Project	Status	Estimated Completion
Hurstville Oval Sporting/Community Pavilion	Complete	February 2024
Renown Park Irrigation, Drainage and Field Upgrade	Construction Ongoing	July 2024
Olds Park Premium Sporting Facility	Design Ongoing	November 2025
Todd Park Sporting Centre of Excellence Design	Design Ongoing	June 2024
Lugarno Passive Watercraft Launching Facility	Design Ongoing	June 2025
Poulton Park Retaining Wall (adjacent to Netball Courts)	Construction Ongoing	June 2024
Lower Poulton Park Amenities Construction	Construction Ongoing	June 2024
Smith Park Bocce Court	Design & Construction Procurement Ongoing	June 2024
Hurstville Oval Lighting	Construction Ongoing	June 2024
Charles Pirie Reserve Lighting Upgrade	Design & Construction Procurement Ongoing	December 2024
Penshurst Park Sporting Hub - Operable Fencing	Design Ongoing	March 2024 Council Meeting



Item: SAC012-24 Spatial Framework Development - Peakhurst Park and HV Evatt Park

Author: Manager City Technical Services

Directorate: Assets and Infrastructure

Matter Type: Committee Reports

SAC012-24

RECOMMENDATION:

- (a) That the Georges River Council Sports Advisory Committee receive and note the verbal presentation from the Manager City Technical Services providing information on the development of Spatial Frameworks for Peakhurst Park and HV Evatt Park.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

1. Council is developing Spatial Framework documents for Peakhurst Park and HV Evatt Park to set the vision for delivering integrated open space, community and environmental assets that meet individual and community needs and access requirements, while improving condition and management potential.
2. The verbal presentation is consistent with Council's work to date associated with the development of these documents.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

3. No budget impact for this report.

RISK IMPLICATIONS

4. No risks identified.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

5. Community engagement will be conducted during the development of the Spatial Framework documents to ensure stakeholders are aware of the work and their needs considered.

FILE REFERENCE

D24/79009

ATTACHMENTSAttachment [↓](#)1 Spatial Framework Presentation April 2024

Spatial Framework Development

Peakhurst Park & HV Evatt Park



TOM HEATH – MANAGER CITY TECHNICAL SERVICES



Spatial Framework

Purpose: To set the vision for delivering integrated open space, community and environmental assets that meet individual and community needs and access requirements, while improving condition and management potential.



Peakhurst Park

Lifecycle



11 December 2023 - 21 January 2024: Preliminary Consultation

Council is seeking feedback from the community on the future planning of the Peakhurst Park. You can submit your feedback online or by returning a hard copy of the survey.



18 March - 8 April: Second round of community notification and consultation

HV Evatt Park

Lifecycle



28 January 2024 - 25 February 2024: Preliminary Consultation

Council is seeking feedback from the community on the future planning of the EV Evatt Memorial Park. You can submit your feedback online or by returning a hard copy of the survey.



Mid 2024: Second round of community notification and consultation



Item: SAC013-24 Update on Carss Park Aquatic Facility
Author: Manager City Technical Services
Directorate: Assets and Infrastructure
Matter Type: Committee Reports

SAC013-24

RECOMMENDATION:

- (a) That the Georges River Council Sports Advisory Committee receive and note the verbal update from Manager City Technical Services on the Carss Park Aquatic Facility.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

1. The verbal presentation is consistent with Council's Resolution (CCL116-22), providing an overview of works undertaken to execute the demolition and remediation of the existing site, and investigation of future aquatic facility infrastructure.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

2. No budget impact for this report.

RISK IMPLICATIONS

3. No risks identified.

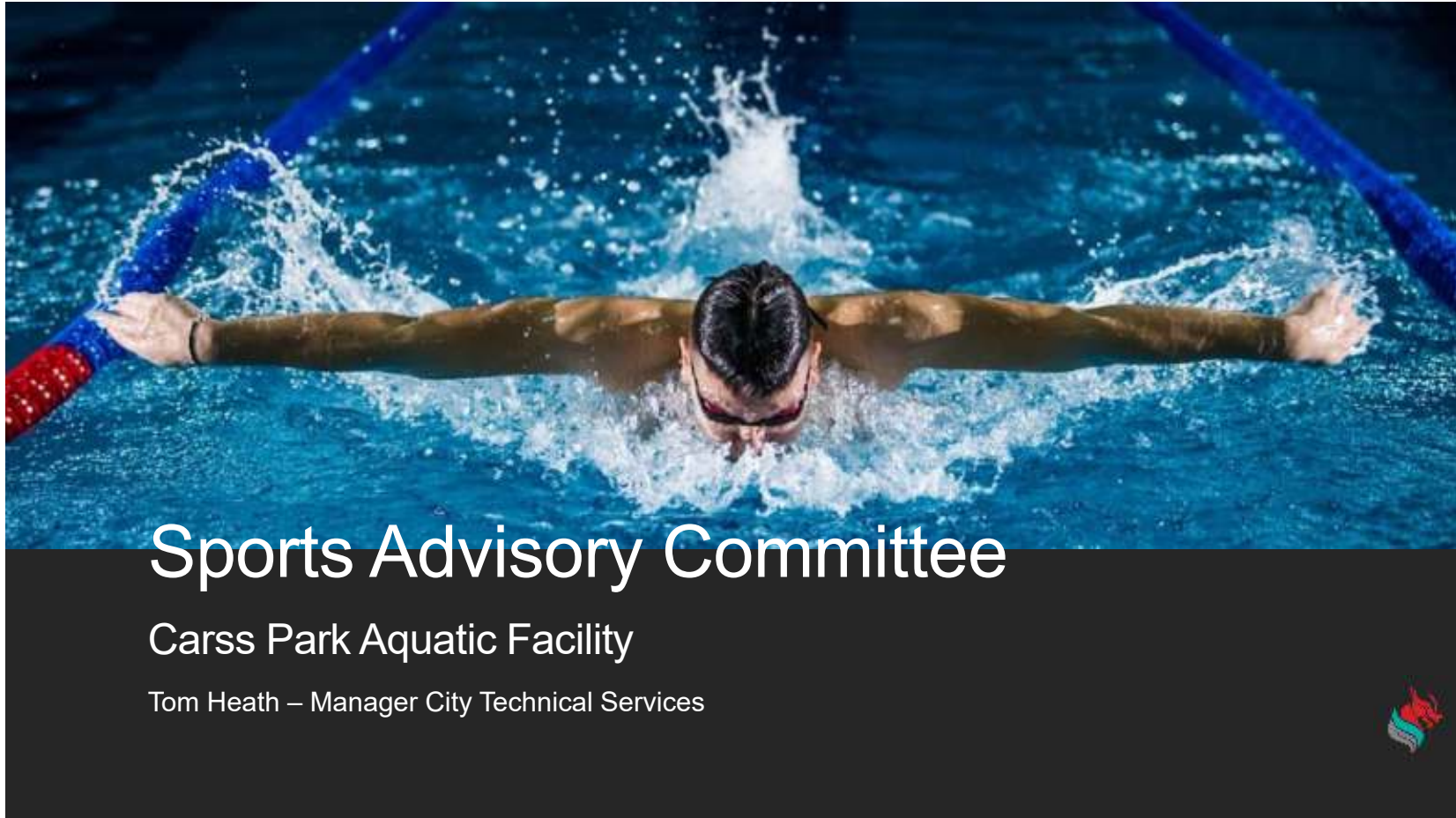
COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

4. Community engagement will be conducted as part of the Carss Park and Todd Park Plan of Management and Master Plan.
5. The community will continue to be updated on the progress of both the demolition and remediation of the existing pool, and the development of a new aquatic facility on Council's website.

FILE REFERENCE

D24/79001

ATTACHMENTSAttachment [↓](#)1 Update on Carss Park Aquatic Facility April 2024



Sports Advisory Committee

Carss Park Aquatic Facility

Tom Heath – Manager City Technical Services



Progress

Hoarding installation – 08/04/24

Site establishment – 15/04/24





Item: SAC014-24 Premium Facilities Update

Author: Manager Premium Facilities

Directorate: Assets and Infrastructure

Matter Type: Committee Reports

<Summary Section>

RECOMMENDATION:

- (a) That the committee receive and note the Premium Facilities update report.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

1. Premium Facilities manage Netstrata Jubilee Stadium, Penshurst Park, Hurstville Oval along with the maintenance of Tier 1 fields being Olds Park and Harold Fraser Oval. In addition, Premium Facilities manages the leases and management agreements at Council's other high profile sporting facilities.
2. The purpose of this report is to update the committee on the status of the grounds and sites in the Premium Facilities portfolio.

BACKGROUND

3. The St George Illawarra Dragons commenced their home season at Netstrata Jubilee Stadium on 23 March 2024 against the North Queensland Cowboys. A family fun day for St George Illawarra Dragons members followed on the Sunday, 24 March.
4. The Junior Representative fixtures for St George District Junior Rugby League have also been played at the stadium on 10 February, 16 March and 30 March.
5. In preparation for the winter season, the Netstrata Jubilee Stadium pitch renovation, that includes an overseed with rye grass, will commence on 2 April and completed by 30 April, during which the pitch is unavailable. This non-availability has been conveyed to stakeholders.
6. Football St George have access to Hurstville Oval on weekends from the end of April to the end of July and the Dragons Harvey Norman Women's Team will play fixtures at Hurstville Oval in August.
7. Hurstville Glory FC and St George City will utilise the Hurstville Oval for training once the sports lighting has been installed. The Hurstville Oval outfield will undergo renovation until the end of April to prepare the surface for the winter season.
8. Olds Park Oval is transitioning out of cricket season into AFL season with pre-season training commenced on the oval without boots.
9. The Penshurst Sporting Hub is consistently occupied for training through the week and matches on weekends for St George City FA and Hurstville Zagreb FC as well as Football St George for matches on available Sundays. St George City play their NPL1 home games at the venue. Regular school bookings occur during school hours.
10. Harold Fraser Oval is utilised year-round by St George District Rugby League for training in conjunction with their gymnasium located in the pavilion, and Carlton Rovers commenced pre-season training in February with matches expected to commence for Football St George on weekends in April.
11. Basketball equipment issues have been reported to Council at the indoor stadium at Hurstville Aquatic Leisure Centre. Council officers are currently obtaining quotations for

the replacement of the divider nets and planning for further equipment upgrading in the new financial year.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

12. No budget impact for this report.

RISK IMPLICATIONS

13. No risks identified.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

14. There is no requirement for Community engagement

FILE REFERENCE

D24/77697

ATTACHMENTS

Nil

Item: SAC015-24 Sports Field Maintenance Update

Author: Manager City Operational Services

Directorate: Assets and Infrastructure

Matter Type: Committee Reports

<Summary Section>

RECOMMENDATION:

- (a) That the presentation by the Manager City Operations of the sports turf maintenance update be received and noted.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- 1. Manager City Operational Services to provide the attached presentation at the Sports Advisory Committee Meeting to be held on 4th April 2024.

BACKGROUND

- 2. Nil

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 3. Nil

RISK IMPLICATIONS

- 4. Nil

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

- 5. Those in attendance at the Sports Advisory Committee.

FILE REFERENCE

D24/81769

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment [↓](#)1 2024 03 27 Sports Turf Maintenance Update



SAC015-24



Sports Turf Maintenance Update

27 March 2024



Current Programmed Maintenance Works (2024 Easter Weekend for Least Disruption)

Playing Field Affected	Nature of Works	Expected Closure Dates
Beverly Hills Park		
Rugby league field	Oversewing turf with rye seed	28/03/24 to 02/04/24
Main soccer field	Oversewing turf with rye seed	28/03/24 to 02/04/24
Mini soccer fields	Oversewing turf with rye seed	28/03/24 to 02/04/24
Renown Park		
Main soccer field	Oversewing turf with rye seed	28/03/24 to 02/04/24
Oatley Park		
Main soccer field	Oversewing turf with rye seed	28/03/24 to 02/04/24



Georges River Council Scheduled Turf Maintenance Update March 2024

- Council has undertaken its sports renovation program throughout the warmer months, ensuring optimal growing conditions. The weather has been in our favour this summer, and we have seen some great results within our sporting fields.
- We are currently in the changeover period from summer sports to winter sports. This consists of covering cricket wickets with natural turf or synthetic turf and over-seeding some of our cooch fields with Rye seed.
- Cooch fields go dormant in the winter months and applying rye seed can rejuvenate the grass, repair bare patches, reduce the risk of weeds, and strengthen and increase the health of the sporting fields.
- Council has applied a slow-release fertilizer to promote root growth and overall turf health and undertaken a weed control program to eliminate any weeds from germinating.
- Irrigation schedules are adjusted to accommodate cooler temperatures and reduced water requirements and monitoring soil moisture levels when needed.



Georges River Council Wet Weather Management Update March 2024

Council monitors the weather predictions via the Bureau of Meteorology and undertakes necessary inspections when required. When 10mm or more rainfall falls within 24 hours, a council officer will inspect:

- The fields for water present on the turf surface.
- The ground softness and saturation point. If the turf has reached saturation point, it will be damaged very quickly if played on.
- Council officers will also take into consideration multiple days of less than 10mm of rain and inspect accordingly.

Two main issues need to be considered when deciding to close fields:

1. Player safety – playing on wet and damaged fields may present safety issues.
2. Irreparable damage to fields - Council needs to consider the decision to close the grounds for the benefit of the playing surface and also for the longevity of the season, including finals time.



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Slide 5

RP1 Final slide
Reanne Potter, 17/02/2021