

AGENDA

Georges River Council Sports Advisory Committee

Thursday, 14 August 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

NOTICE OF WEBCASTING

DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

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GENERAL BUSINESS

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

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

Author: Executive Assistant to Director Community and Culture

Directorate: Community and Culture

Matter Type: Previous Minutes

RECOMMENDATION:

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

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment [↓](#)1 Minutes of the Georges River Council Sports Advisory Committee Meeting held on 22 May 2025



SAC012-25

MINUTES

Georges River Council Sports Advisory Committee

Thursday, 22 May 2025

6:00 PM

Georges River Civic Centre
Hurstville



GEORGES RIVER COUNCIL

ATTENDANCE

COUNCILLOR MEMBERSHIP

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

COMMUNITY MEMBERSHIP

Ray Barbi – St George Basketball Association,
Jeffrey Barrett – St George Cycling Club,
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,
Scott Henderson – St George Touch Association,
Scot Holmes - St George OZTAG
Jeff Killick – Southern Sydney Rugby League,
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,
Andrew Latta Director Assets and Infrastructure,
Tom Heath – Acting Manager City Operational Services,
Hayley Barnes - Manager Strategic Placemaking,
Margaret Le - Manager Sports, Community Facilities and Events
Naomi Bryant – Head of Operations City Life
Luke Galle – Coordinator Sports and Recreation
Marisa Severino - Executive Services Officer,
Mark Tadros – Team Leader Technology Business Support,
Billie Johnson - Executive Assistant to the Director Community and Culture,
Aarti Cooper – Personal Assistant to Manager Sports, Community Facilities and Events

COUNCILLOR ATTENDANCE

Councillor Sam Stratikopoulos (Chairperson)
Councillor Natalie Mort
Mayor, Councillor Elise Borg

OPENING

The Chairperson, Councillor Stratikopoulos, opened the meeting at 6.03pm.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

The Chairperson, Councillor Stratikopoulos acknowledged the Bidjigal people of the Eora Nation, who are the Traditional Custodians of all lands, waters and sky in the Georges River area. He 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.

MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

The Chair, Councillor Stratikopoulos advised the meeting that two committee member resignations have been received and accepted:

1. Gary Lockwood - St George District Rugby League Football
2. Irene Hatzipetros – Football St George

The Chair, Councillor Stratikopoulos advised the meeting that two new members have been appointed to the committee:

1. Nicholas Smerdely – Football St George
2. Warren Driscoll – St George Junior Rugby League Football

APOLOGIES/LEAVE OF ABSENCE

MOTION: Ross Bernays, The Mayor, Councillor Borg

That apologies on behalf of Councillor Kathryn Landsberry (Alternate Chairperson), Jeff Killick, Julian Finch, Sean Brohier, Scott Henderson, Scot Holmes and Tanya Smith be accepted and a leave of absence be granted.

Record of Voting

For the Motion: The Mayor, Councillor Borg , Councillor Stratikopoulos, Councillor Mort, Mr Ray Barbi, Jeffrey Barrett, Ross Bernays, Kevin Greene, Darryl Lane, Mark Smith, Dale Widders, Nick Smerdely, Warren Driscoll

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

ABSENCES

Councillor Kathryn Landsberry (Alternate Chairperson), Jeff Killick, Julian Finch, Sean Brohier, Scott Henderson, Scot Holmes and Tanya Smith.

NOTICE OF WEBCASTING

The Chairperson, Councillor Stratikopoulos 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

SAC007-25 Confirmation of the Minutes of the Georges River Council Sports Advisory Committee Meeting held on 13 February 2025

(Report by Executive Assistant to Director Community and Culture)

RECOMMENDATION: Dale Widders, Councillor Mort

That the Minutes of the Georges River Council Sports Advisory Committee Meeting held on 13 February 2025, be confirmed.

Record of Voting

For the Motion: The Mayor, Councillor Borg , Councillor Stratikopoulos, Councillor Mort, Mr Ray Barbi, Jeffrey Barrett, Ross Bernays, Kevin Greene, Darryl Lane, Mark Smith, Dale Widders, Nick Smerdely, Warren Driscoll

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS

SAC008-25 Sporting Infrastructure Capital Works Update (Report by Acting Manager City Technical Services)

RECOMMENDATION: Councillor Mort, The Mayor, Councillor Borg

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 2024/25 Capital Works Program.

Record of Voting

For the Motion: The Mayor, Councillor Borg , Councillor Stratikopoulos, Councillor Mort, Mr Ray Barbi, Jeffrey Barrett, Ross Bernays, Kevin Greene, Darryl Lane, Mark Smith, Dale Widders, Nick Smerdely, Warren Driscoll

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

SAC009-25 Carss Park Aquatic Facility Update (Report by Acting Manager City Technical Services)

RECOMMENDATION: Nick Smerdely, Mark Smith

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

Record of Voting

For the Motion: The Mayor, Councillor Borg , Councillor Stratikopoulos, Councillor Mort, Mr Ray Barbi, Jeffrey Barrett, Ross Bernays, Kevin Greene, Darryl Lane, Mark Smith, Dale Widders, Nick Smerdely, Warren Driscoll

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

SAC010-25 LUX Lighting at Sporting Facilities (Report by Manager Strategic Placemaking)

RECOMMENDATION: Nick Smerdely, Councillor Mort

That the Georges River Council Sports Advisory Committee receive and note the update provided on the LUX lighting assessment.

Record of Voting

For the Motion: The Mayor, Councillor Borg , Councillor Stratikopoulos, Councillor Mort, Mr Ray Barbi, Jeffrey Barrett, Ross Bernays, Kevin Greene, Darryl Lane, Mark Smith, Dale Widders, Nick Smerdely, Warren Driscoll

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

SAC011-25 Sport, Community Facilities and Events Update (Report by Manager Sport, Community Facilities and Events)

RECOMMENDATION: Dale Widders, 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: The Mayor, Councillor Borg , Councillor Stratikopoulos, Councillor Mort, Mr Ray Barbi, Jeffrey Barrett, Ross Bernays, Kevin Greene, Darryl Lane, Mark Smith, Dale Widders, Nick Smerdely, Warren Driscoll

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

CONCLUSION

The Meeting was closed at 6.59pm

Chairperson

UNCONFIRMED MINUTES

COMMITTEE REPORTS**Item:** SAC013-25 Sporting Infrastructure Capital Works Update**Author:** Acting Manager City Technical Services**Directorate:** Assets and Infrastructure**Matter Type:** Committee Reports

SAC013-25

RECOMMENDATION:

1. 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.

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 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

D25/200328

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



2025/26 Capital Works Program

Sporting Infrastructure

SPORTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

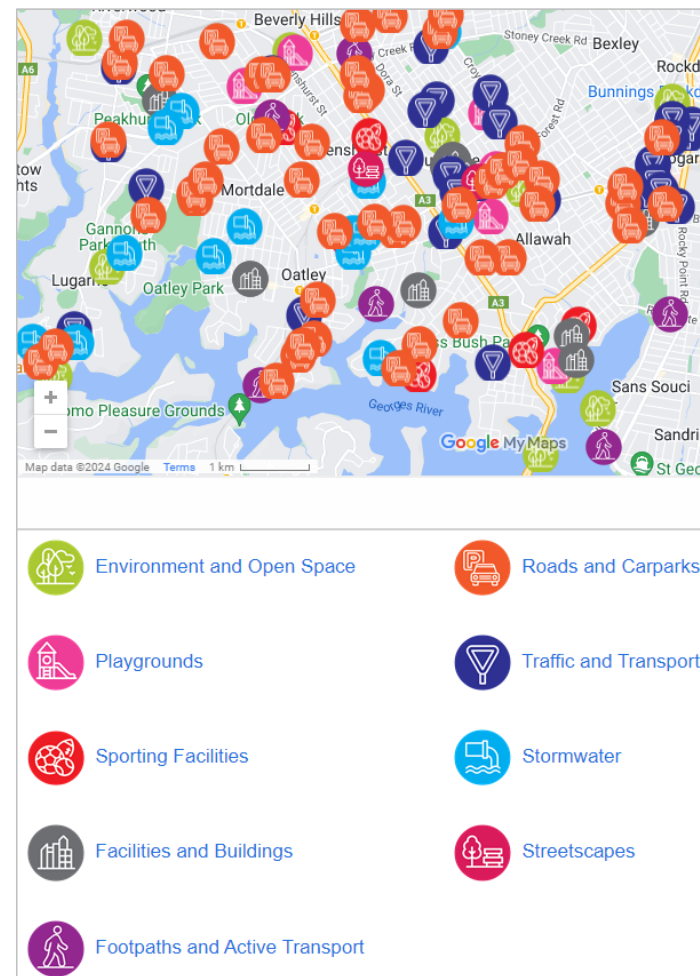
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JAMES MAGEE – ACTING MANAGER CITY TECHNICAL SERVICES



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

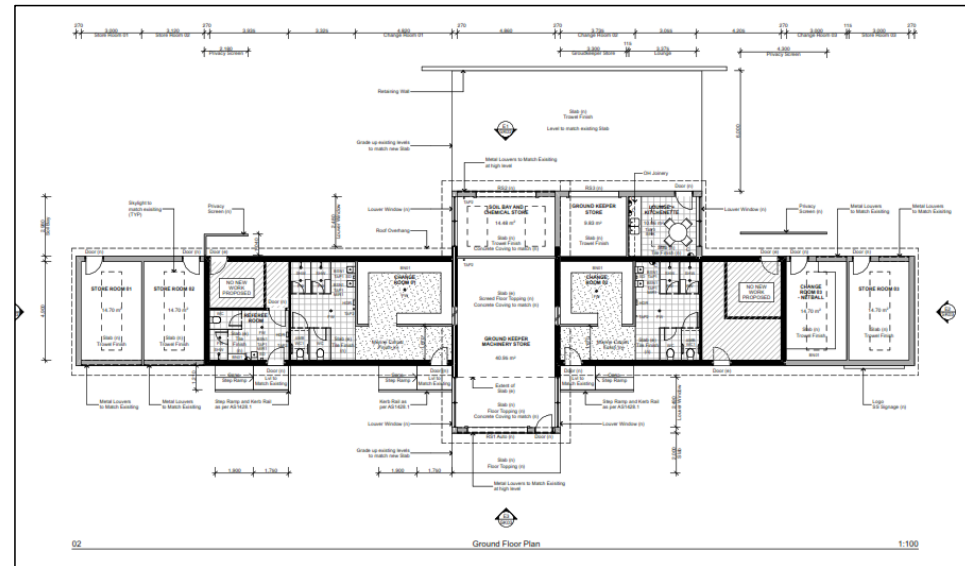


Olds Park Sporting Amenities Building Roof Replacement

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

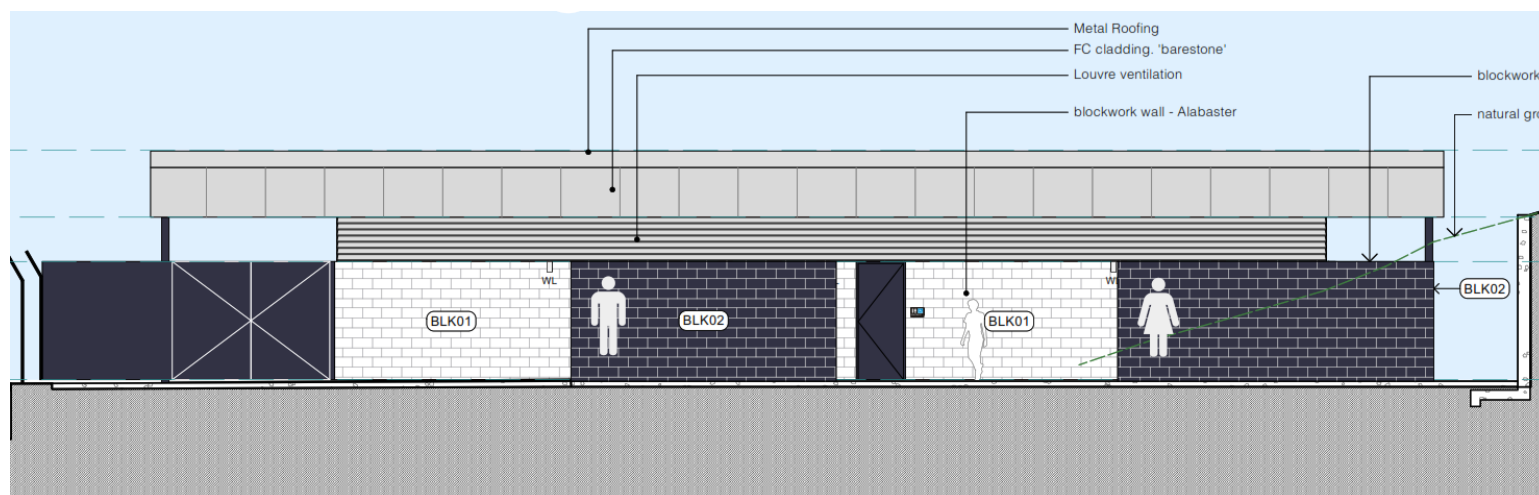


Jubilee Stadium Eastern Amenities Design

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

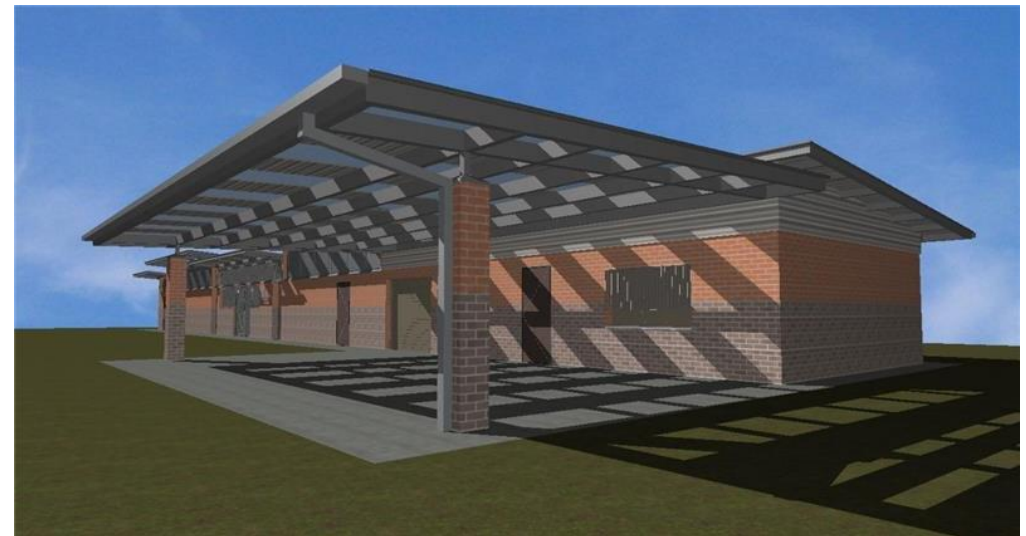


Gifford Park Sporting Amenities

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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Item: SAC014-25 Carss Park Aquatic Facility Update

Author: Executive Manager City Futures

Directorate: Office of the General Manager

Matter Type: Committee Reports

SAC014-25

RECOMMENDATION:

2. 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.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

1. 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.

BACKGROUND

2. Georges River Council and the Office of Sport signed a Project Agreement in April 2025.
3. Since the previous update in May 2025, the following actions have occurred.
4. The Project Control Group (PCG) meets fortnightly and has 4 voting members, two from Council and two from Office of Sport. Council's voting members are Andrew Latta, Director Assets and Infrastructure and Kent Stroud, Executive Manager City Futures.
5. The PCG oversees the delivery of the scope, time and cost of the project. The PCG is working to complete the project due diligence by mid-August.
6. The milestones due to be completed by the PCG for mid-August are:
 - (a) Confirm project scope and budget;
 - (b) Complete due diligence of the site; and
 - (c) Complete the Project Management Plan including Communications Plan.
7. The PCG reports to the Steering Committee (SteerCo). The SteerCo has two voting members, one from Council and one from the Office of Sport. Council's voting member is David Tuxford, General Manager. The SteerCo meets approximately every month and approves the recommendations from the PCG.
8. The SteerCo have met twice since the last update. The SteerCo met in July to discuss the finalisation of the project scope and costings. A Quantity Surveyor has been engaged to provide costings once the scope is finalised. The specifications of pool are still to be determined.
9. Council officers have requested that the Office of Sport provide a briefing to Councillors when the project scope and costings are finalised.
10. The Office of Public Works will deliver the construction of the pool on behalf of the Office of Sport. Indicative dates for Project Completion (PC) are late 2027. The PC will be dependent on the scope, planning pathway and includes time contingency for weather. The intention is to have the pool open for the 2027 summer season.
11. The next PCG is scheduled for 12 August 2025.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

12. No budget impact for this report.

RISK IMPLICATIONS

13. 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

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

FILE REFERENCE

D25/200329

ATTACHMENTS

Nil

Item: SAC015-25 **Respectful Environments in Community Sport**

Author: Manager Sport, Community Facilities and Events

Directorate: Community and Culture

Matter Type: Committee Reports

SAC015-25

RECOMMENDATION:

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.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

1. The Alcohol and Drug Foundation's Good Sports Program aims to support community sporting clubs to create safer, respectful and more inclusive environments.
2. The program works with clubs to develop strong governance frameworks by enhancing policies and practices relating to alcohol consumption, sales and management, illegal drug use, safe transport, responsible celebrations, and mental health support. These focus areas are essential for preventing behaviours that contribute to antisocial incidents at sporting events.
3. This support also helps clubs better understand and comply with legal requirements. As a result, clubs are empowered to operate confidently, responsibly, and in line with community expectations.
4. Prior to the Sports Advisory Committee (SAC) meeting on 14 August 2025, SAC community members attended a workshop facilitated by the Senior Community Development Officer - Good Sports Program, Alcohol and Drug Foundation and the Project Officer – Policy and Planning from the NSW Office of Sport regarding the Alcohol and Drug Foundation Good Sports Program strategy and Office of Sport resources.
5. On 23 June 2025 Council resolved (NM046-25):

That Council:

- (i) *Acknowledges the recent violent incident that occurred on Saturday, 18 May 2025, at a grassroots soccer match at Gannon's Park, Peakhurst involving a brawl between spectators and players. This incident received widespread media attention and raised significant concerns about the safety and wellbeing of players, referees, volunteers, and spectators within the Georges River local government area.*
- (ii) *Recognises the important role that local government plays in promoting safe, inclusive, and respectful environments in community sport, particularly when matches are held on Council-managed facilities.*
- (iii) *Continue working proactively via the Sports Advisory Committee to:*
 - *Promoting respectful conduct on and off the field;*
 - *Prevent violence, abuse, and antisocial behaviour during matches;*

- *Support referees, coaches, and volunteers with conflict resolution tools and mental health support; and*
 - *Promote fostering sportsmanship, community values, and respectful conduct at all matches.*
- (iv) *Writes to Football St George requesting that they:*
- *Identify any additional support required from Council or State Government to enhance safety and referee protection at grassroots sporting events; and*
 - *Consider introducing a zero-tolerance policy to deter poor behaviour by players and spectators.*
- (v) *Further, following the adoption of the Sports Ground Access Policy at the June 2025 Council meeting, Council notify in writing all hirers of Council's sportsgrounds to reinforce their shared responsibility to uphold the policy's principles, including the standards of conduct and behavioural expectations required when using these facilities, and the commitment to providing safe and inclusive environments.*
6. The presentation attached aligns with parts (a)(ii) and (a)(iii) of this Council resolution, reconfirming Council's commitment to enhancing the safety and wellbeing of all participants, officials, volunteers and spectators involved in community sport.
7. Additionally, in alignment with part (a)(iv), the NSW Office of Sport provided input to enhance safety and referee protection at grassroots sporting events.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

8. No budget impact for this report.

RISK IMPLICATIONS

9. *Strategic Risk 6: Reputation* - There is a risk to Council's reputation if antisocial behaviour continues at Council-owned sports grounds, which may undermine community trust in Council's ability to provide safe facilities and ensure community wellbeing. By supporting initiatives like the Good Sports Program, Council mitigates reputational risk by promoting a culture of respect and responsibility across local sporting communities.
10. *Strategic Risk 8: Social Cohesion* - There is a risk that continued antisocial behaviour could contribute to the erosion of social cohesion, particularly in a diverse and growing community where sport plays a vital role in bringing people together. By supporting education and behavioural change through the Good Sports Program, Council is actively working to strengthen sportsmanship behaviour and prevent future antisocial behaviour in grassroots sport.

FILE REFERENCE

D25/200327

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment [1](#) Good Sports and Your Club Presentation



Good Sports & your Club



Acknowledgement of Country

I wish to acknowledge the traditional owners of the land on which we are meeting today and pay my respects to Elders past and present.




A quick intro

- Australia's leading drug and alcohol harm prevention organisation – now in our 65th year.
- Good Sports is a core program of the ADF.
- It's Australia's largest community health sports program with 12,000+ clubs on board.
- We've been working with community sports clubs – of all codes – for 25 years.



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Running your club

Safe and fair clubs

Safe and fair clubs

Sport should be an enjoyable and positive experience for all, including participants, workers, volunteers and supporters.

Poor experiences, such as bullying, sideline abuse, exclusion or having a complaint mismanaged, can have a lasting impact on individuals and your club.

Club committees need to be proactive, building club values, culture, rules, education and communication that promote fairness, safety and inclusion. Despite the best laid plans, issues will arise. And when they do, make sure your clubs manages matters swiftly, transparently and fairly.

Club Committees

Important steps all committees can take to create safe and fair clubs:

8 steps for club committees

Resources and Programs

Real Sport NSW

Shoosh for Kids

Play by the Rules

Topics

Alcohol

→

Bullying

→

Child safe sport

→

Codes of conduct

→



Let's talk about your clubs...



WORKSHOP ACTIVITY

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your club or association...



What makes **your club** an important part of **your community?**



Examples

- Role models
- Exercise and physical activity
- Structure and routine
- Teamwork
- Unity
- Friends and peers
- Social events
- Welcoming
- Community involvement
- Connection



The landscape





SCENARIO ONE

- There has been poor sideline behaviour
- Players and officials have expressed negative feedback about the last few gameday environments



SCENARIO TWO

- Junior members participate at the same time as senior members
- Typically, seniors have a drink after participating
- Many parents stay during junior training to have a drink at the venue



Your club's Good Sports portal



Additional Benefits of Good Sports

PRIMARY BENEFITS

Resources & support to cover:

- ✓ **Illegal drugs**
- ✓ **Mental health support**
- ✓ **Smoking/vaping management**
- ✓ **Safe transport management**



SECONDARY BENEFITS

- ✓ **More Volunteers** – A safer, more family-friendly environment attracts and retains volunteers
- ✓ **Increased Access to Grants** – Many funding bodies prioritise clubs with responsible alcohol policies



Additional Resources



Evaluation

We would really appreciate it if you could take 5 minutes to complete a survey about today's workshop.

Your feedback will help us understand how we can best support community sport clubs.



THANK YOU!

**Scan to sign up or log in
to the Good Sports portal**

Kristian Whitaker

Email:

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Item: SAC016-25 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 Acting Manager City Operational Services, 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 May to August 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

D25/200332

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment [1](#) Sports Advisory Committee - Sport Community Facilities and Events Update - 14 August 2025





Sport, Community Facilities and Events Update

Georges River Council Sports Advisory Committee Meeting

Thursday 14 August 2025

Manager Sport, Community Facilities and Events

Acting Manager, City Operational Services

D25/205828



Council - Sports Updates



- **Sports Ground Access Policy**

Next step: update Terms & Conditions for sports field hire

- **Revised Grants & Donations Policy**

For advice, contact Grants and Project Officer on **(02) 9330 9369**

- **Promoting Safety and Respect in Local Sporting Matches**



Events at Sports Grounds



Events at Sports Grounds Application

For: Open days, Gala days, End Season celebrations, Award Ceremonies

- Include Event date in your EOI submission
- Risk Assessment & Public Liability required
- Small scale child amusement rides
- Council approved food vendors

Apply: **6 weeks prior**

External Event Application

For: Major Events & significant Club milestone celebrations

- 1,000 attendees or more
- Temporary Road Closures
- Amusement devices
- Stages
- May be eligible for an Event Grant

Apply: **16 weeks prior**



For advice, contact Council's Venue & Recreation Phone Line on (02) 9330 6160



Jubilee Stadium Update & Events



Stadium Update

- Sponsorship Naming Rights – Request for Tender
- Service Contract Tenders endorsed
- Capital Projects 25/26

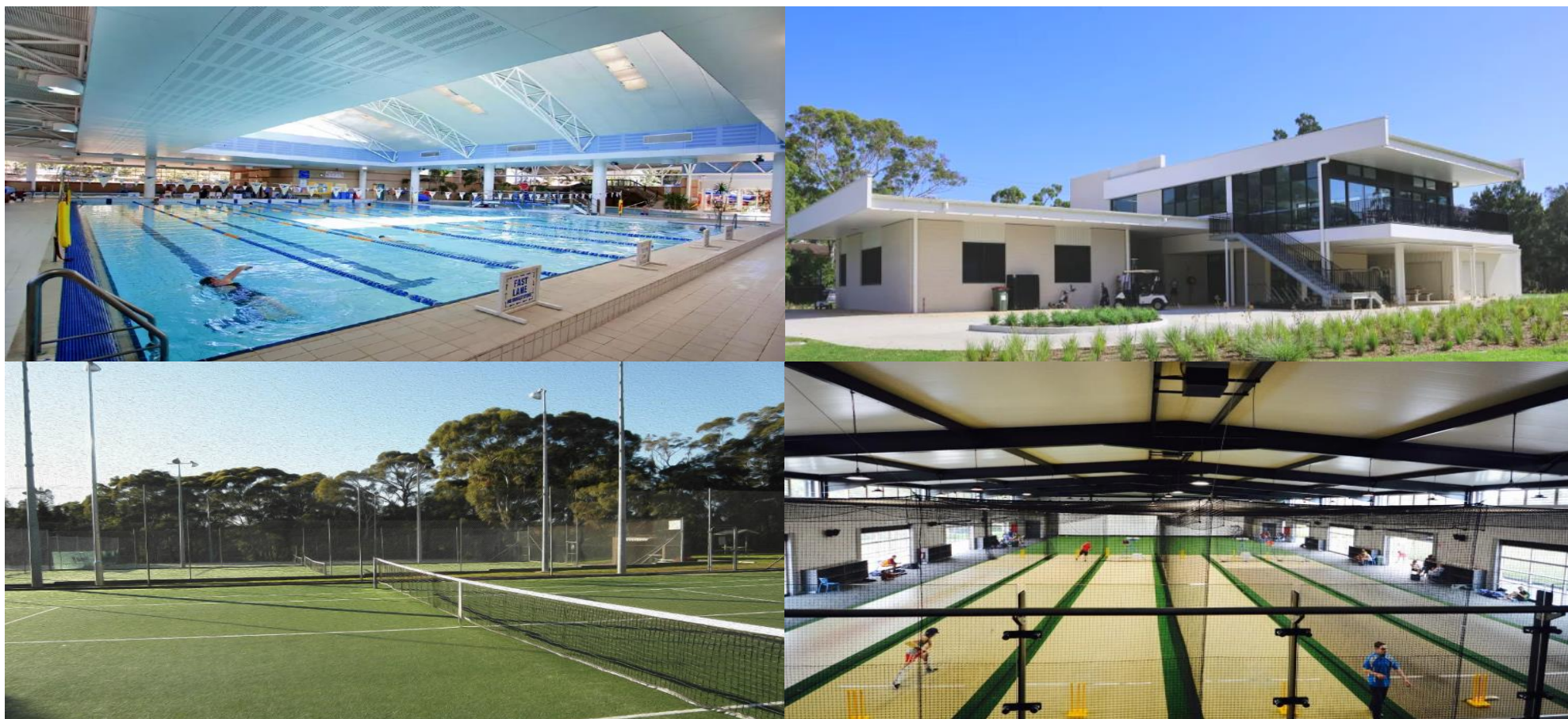


Stadium Events



- 4 x NRL (St George Illawarra Dragons)
- 5 x NPL (Sydney Olympic Football Club)
- 4 x Harvey Norman Women's (Dragons)
- 2 x NSWRL Country v City match days (Men's & Women's)
- 3 x GRC Staff development workshops
- St George Illawarra Dragons - Members Event

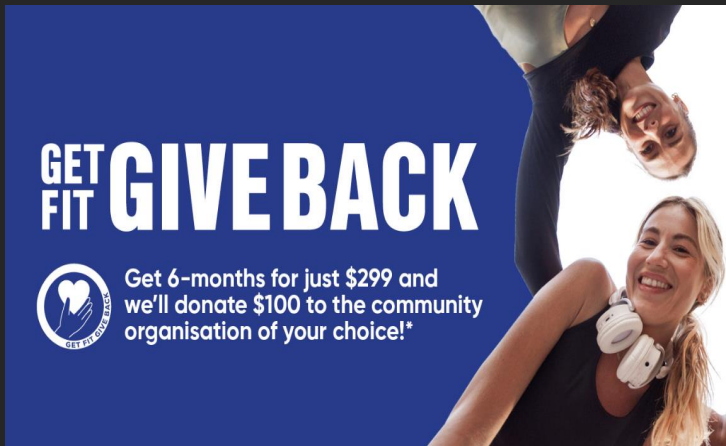
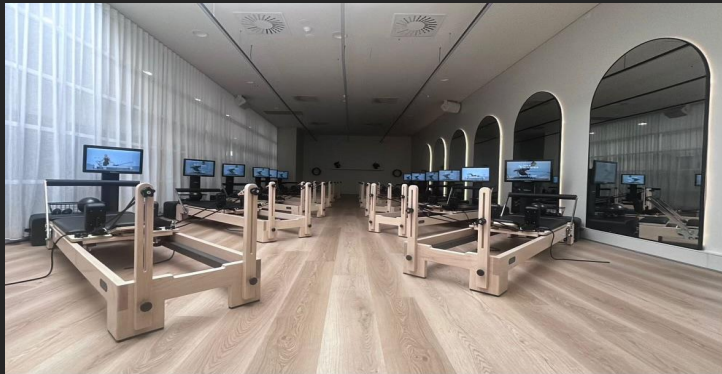




Managed Sporting Facilities



Managed Sporting Facilities



Hurstville Aquatic & Leisure Centre (HALC)

5 capital projects including upgrades to basketball equipment, lockers and gym areas

Sans Souci Leisure Centre (SSLC)

Spa boiler replacement completed

Hurstville Golf Course (HGC)

Planning proposal to enable future DA for function centre

Norm O'Neill Cricket Centre

EOI undertaken, with focus on multi-use. Submissions closed on 5 August 2025

Ken Rosewall Tennis Courts

EOI will be commencing in August 2025





Sports Field Maintenance Updates



Sports Ground Maintenance



Maintenance activities across approximately 387,000m² of managed sports turf, aimed at improving surface quality, playability, drainage and resilience to seasonal and usage-related stress.

Weed control

Spring application of herbicides targeting bindii, clover and invasive species to suppress growth before summer.

Pest management

Targeted pesticide treatments for couch mite, curl grub and armyworm using turf-safe insecticides.

Fertilisation

High-nitrogen, potassium and trace element blend applied to boost turf recovery, density and root strength.

Irrigation

Seasonally adjusted and weather-responsive irrigation to optimise turf health and prevent overwatering.

Topdressing and drainage

700 tonnes of sand-soil blend used to level surfaces and improve drainage in low-lying areas.

Turf repairs

Patching in high-wear zones to maintain a consistent playing surface.



Sports Ground Management



Wet Weather Policy and Field Closures

Utilisation of Wet Weather Procedure and Ground Assessment

Over-Sowing for Winter Coverage

To maintain turf coverage during couch dormancy, high-use fields were over-sown with a perennial rye grass blend to ensure safe and playable surfaces throughout the winter sports season. Fields over-sown include:

- Oatley Park
- Renown Park (soccer field)
- Claydon Reserve
- Charles Pirie Field
- Beverly Hills Park
- Gannons Park (sections)
- Peakhurst Park (soccer field)





Harold Fraser Oval



Hurstville Oval



Kogarah Park



Oatley Park Sports Ground



Olds Park



Peakhurst Park



Penshurst Park Sporting Hub



Poulton Park

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Summer 25/26 EOI overview:

- Bookings are available to view on your Bookable account under "My Bookings"
- Reminder: outstanding payments from previous seasons must be finalised

Winter Season 2026:

- EOI submission dates: **1 to 16 November 2025**

Quarry Reserve Tennis Courts

- Will be hireable online via Bookable in future



Questions

