

AGENDA

Georges River Council Sports Advisory Committee

Thursday, 14 May 2026

5:00 PM

**Georges River Civic Centre
Hurstville - Dragon Room**



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: SAC006-26 Confirmation of the Minutes of the Georges River Council Sports Advisory Committee Meeting held on 26 February 2026

Author: Manager Sport and Community Facilities

Directorate: Community and Culture

Matter Type: Previous Minutes

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Minutes of the Georges River Council Sports Advisory Committee Meeting held on 26 February 2026, be confirmed.

ATTACHMENTS

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SAC006-26

MINUTES

Georges River Council Sports Advisory Committee

Thursday, 26 February 2026

6:00 PM

Georges River Civic Centre
Hurstville - Dragon Room

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GEORGES RIVER COUNCIL

ATTENDANCE

COUNCILLOR MEMBERSHIP

Councillor Oliver Dimoski (Chairperson)
Councillor Kathryn Landsberry
Councillor Natalie Mort

COMMUNITY MEMBERSHIP

Jeffrey Barrett – St George Cycling Club
Ross Bernays – Oatley Rugby Club
Caroline Braddick - - St George Touch Football
Warren Driscoll – St George Junior Rugby Club
Jodie Gatehouse – St George District Rugby League Football Club
Kevin Greene – Cricket NSW (Apology)
Kim Mok - Australian Chinese Soccer Association
Oleksandr Reipolskyi - Southern Cross Tennis
Nicholas Smerdely – Football St George
Mark Smith – Swimming Metro South East Inc. (METSEA)
Tanya Smith – Golf NSW
Paul Thanos - St George Basketball Association
Sal Torrisi – St George City FA (Absent)
Dale Widders – St George Australian Football Club
Kris Wylie - Cricket (St George District Cricket Association)

GEORGES RIVER COUNCIL STAFF

David Tuxford - General Manager
Kristie Dodd - Director Community and Culture
Bryce Spelta, Director Assets and Infrastructure
Tom Heath – Manager City Technical Services
Greg Knight – Executive Manager City Presentation and Operations
Peter Gray – Head of City Sport Maintenance
Margaret Le - Manager Sport and Community Facilities
Andrew Williams – Coordinator Community Property and Venues
Luke Galle - Coordinator Sport and Recreation
Naomi Bryant – Head of Operations
Melinda Gray-Schwarz - Senior Venue and Recreation Officer
Chris Stojanovski - Technology Business Support Officer
Shannon Tomarchio - Personal Assistant to the Manager Sport and Community Facilities
Marisa Severino – Executive Services Officer

COUNCILLOR ATTENDANCE

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

OPENING

The Chairperson, Councillor Dimoski, opened the meeting at 6.00pm.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

The Chairperson, Councillor Dimoski 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.

APOLOGIES/LEAVE OF ABSENCE

MOTION: Councillor Mort, Councillor Landsberry.

That apologies on behalf of Kevin Greene be accepted and a leave of absence be granted.

Record of Voting

For the Motion: The Mayor, Councillor Borg, Chair Dimoski, Councillor Landsberry, Councillor Mort, Member Barrett - St George Cycling Club, Member Bernays - Oatley Rugby and Sporting Club, Member Braddick - St George Touch Association, Member Driscoll – St George Junior Rugby League, Member Gatehouse - St George District Rugby League Football, Member Mok - Australian Chinese Soccer Association, Member Reipolskyi - Southern Cross Tennis,, Member Smerdely - Football St George, Member Smith – Swimming Metro South East Inc (METSEA), Member Smith – Golf NSW, Member Thanos - St George Basketball Association, Member Widders - St George Australian Football Club, Member - Cricket (St George District Cricket Association).

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

ABSENCES

Sal Torrisi – St George City FA.

NOTICE OF WEBCASTING

The Chairperson, Councillor Dimoski 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

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CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

**SAC001-26 Confirmation of the Minutes of the Georges River Council Sports Advisory
Committee Meeting held on 13 November 2025**
(Report by Manager Sport, Community Facilities and Events)

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Councillor Landsberry, Member Smerdely.

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

Record of Voting

For the Motion: The Mayor, Councillor Borg, Chair Dimoski, Councillor Landsberry, Councillor Mort, Member Barrett - St George Cycling Club, Member Bernays - Oatley Rugby and Sporting Club, Member Braddick - St George Touch Association, Member Driscoll – St George Junior Rugby League, Member Gatehouse - St George District Rugby League Football, Member Mok - Australian Chinese Soccer Association, Member Reipolskyi - Southern Cross Tennis,, Member Smerdely - Football St George, Member Smith – Swimming Metro South East Inc (METSEA), Member Smith – Golf NSW, Member Thanos - St George Basketball Association, Member Widders - St George Australian Football Club, Member - Cricket (St George District Cricket Association).

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS

SAC002-26 Carss Park Aquatic Facility
(Report by Executive Manager City Futures)

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Councillor Mort, Councillor Landsberry.

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: The Mayor, Councillor Borg, Chair Dimoski, Councillor Landsberry, Councillor Mort, Member Barrett - St George Cycling Club, Member Bernays - Oatley Rugby and Sporting Club, Member Braddick - St George Touch Association, Member Driscoll – St George Junior Rugby League, Member Gatehouse - St George District Rugby League Football, Member Mok - Australian Chinese Soccer Association, Member Reipolskyi - Southern Cross Tennis,, Member Smerdely - Football St George, Member Smith – Swimming Metro South East Inc (METSEA), Member Smith – Golf NSW, Member Thanos - St George Basketball Association, Member Widders - St George Australian Football Club, Member - Cricket (St George District Cricket Association).

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

SAC003-26 Sporting Infrastructure Capital Works Update
(Report by Manager City Technical Services)

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Councillor Mort, Councillor Landsberry.

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.

Record of Voting

For the Motion: The Mayor, Councillor Borg, Chair Dimoski, Councillor Landsberry, Councillor Mort, Member Barrett - St George Cycling Club, Member Bernays - Oatley Rugby and Sporting Club, Member Braddick - St George Touch Association, Member Driscoll – St George Junior Rugby League, Member Gatehouse - St George District Rugby League Football, Member Mok - Australian Chinese Soccer Association, Member Reipolskyi - Southern Cross Tennis,, Member Smerdely - Football St George, Member Smith – Swimming Metro South East Inc (METSEA), Member Smith – Golf NSW, Member Thanos - St George Basketball Association, Member Widders - St George Australian Football Club, Member - Cricket (St George District Cricket Association).

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

SAC004-26 Feedback from Sports Advisory Committee Workshop - 13 November 2025 - Sporting Amenities and Storage Facilities (Report by Coordinator Community Property and Venues)

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Member Smerdely, Member Widders.

That, the Georges River Council Sports Advisory Committee:

- (a) receive and note the outcomes of the Georges River Council Sports Advisory workshop held on 13 November 2025;
- (b) note that Council officers will conduct broader community consultation on the proposed mixed management model for sporting amenities and storage facilities; and
- (c) note that a future report will go to Council on the outcome of the community consultation.

Record of Voting

For the Motion: The Mayor, Councillor Borg, Chair Dimoski, Councillor Landsberry, Councillor Mort, Member Barrett - St George Cycling Club, Member Bernays - Oatley Rugby and Sporting Club, Member Braddick - St George Touch Association, Member Driscoll – St George Junior Rugby League, Member Gatehouse - St George District Rugby League Football, Member Mok - Australian Chinese Soccer Association, Member Reipolskyi - Southern Cross Tennis,, Member Smerdely - Football St George, Member Smith – Swimming Metro South East Inc (METSEA), Member Smith – Golf NSW, Member Thanos - St George Basketball Association, Member Widders - St George Australian Football Club, Member - Cricket (St George District Cricket Association).

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

SAC005-26 Sport, Community Facilities and Events Update (Report by Manager Sport, Community Facilities and Events)

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: Member Smerdely - Football St George, Councillor Mort

That the Georges River Council Sports Advisory Committee receive and note the presentation from the Manager Sport and Community Facilities and the Executive Manager City Presentation

& Operations outlining an overview of Sport and Recreation facilities across the local government area.

Record of Voting

For the Motion: The Mayor, Councillor Borg, Chair Dimoski, Councillor Landsberry, Councillor Mort, Member Barrett - St George Cycling Club, Member Bernays - Oatley Rugby and Sporting Club, Member Braddick - St George Touch Association, Member Driscoll – St George Junior Rugby League, Member Gatehouse - St George District Rugby League Football, Member Mok - Australian Chinese Soccer Association, Member Reipolskyi - Southern Cross Tennis,, Member Smerdely - Football St George, Member Smith – Swimming Metro South East Inc (METSEA), Member Smith – Golf NSW, Member Thanos - St George Basketball Association, Member Widders - St George Australian Football Club, Member - Cricket (St George District Cricket Association).

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

CONCLUSION

The Meeting was closed at 7.03pm

Chairperson

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COMMITTEE REPORTS

Item: SAC007-26 Feedback from Sports Advisory Committee Workshop - 26 February 2026 - Lux Lighting

Author: Manager Sport and Community Facilities

Directorate: Community and Culture

Matter Type: Committee Reports

SAC007-26

RECOMMENDATION:

1. That, the Georges River Council Sports Advisory Committee:
 - (a) Receive and note the outcomes of the Georges River Council Sports Advisory Workshop held on 26 February 2026 (Attachment 1).
 - (b) Receive and note the outcomes of the broader community consultation on sports lighting (Attachment 2).
 - (c) Note that a future report on the Lux Lighting Prioritisation Matrix and associated methodology will be presented to the Assets and Infrastructure Committee by the Manager Assets and Traffic.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

1. Council is responsible for the ongoing maintenance, renewal, and upgrade of illumination (lux) lighting infrastructure through the adopted four-year Capital Works Program. This includes planning, prioritisation, and delivery of lighting upgrades to ensure facilities remain safe, functional, and fit for purpose.
2. Lighting is typically designed to support different levels of use, and it is important to distinguish between training lighting and competition lighting.
 - (a) **Training lighting** generally requires lower lux levels and is intended to support regular evening use, skills development, and casual training activities.
 - (b) **Competition lighting** requires significantly higher lux levels to meet relevant Australian Standards, support officiating requirements, ensure player safety, and accommodate spectators, broadcasting (where applicable), and higher-intensity play.
3. On 26 February 2026, a targeted survey was administered during the Georges River Council Sports Advisory Committee (SAC) workshop.
4. Based on the findings of this review, there is strong support for a structured, evidence-based approach to prioritising lighting upgrades that responds to demonstrated demand, improves safety, and enables increased evening and competition use of Council's sports fields.

BACKGROUND***Strategic Context***

5. On 22 July 2024, Council resolved (NM066-24):
 - (a) *That a review of sports lighting be undertaken to determine the Lux levels at all sports fields across the LGA that have lighting provisions.*

- (b) *That a report be provided to the Sports Advisory Committee, and subsequently Council, identifying the feasibility and cost implications associated with upgrading or installing lighting at a number of fields to enable night (wet weather catch up) matches to be played.*
6. On 23 June 2025, Council resolved (CCL049-25/ COM017-25/ SAC010-25):
That the Georges River Council Sports Advisory Committee receive and note the update provided on the LUX lighting assessment.
7. On 28 July 2025, Council resolved (NM059-25):
- (a) *Notes that residents have raised concerns about inadequate lighting at Carss Bush Park, including the carpark near Todd Park, which they consider a public safety issue, particularly during the darker winter months.*
- (b) *Acknowledges that improved lighting in and around Carss Bush Park would support community safety, active recreation, and accessibility, particularly in the early morning and evening hours.*
- (c) *Requests the General Manager to:*
- (i) *Investigate upcoming or potential grant funding opportunities—State or Federal—that could support lighting upgrades at Carss Bush Park and the adjacent carpark near Todd Park;*
- (ii) *Prioritise the preparation of a grant application or expression of interest should a relevant opportunity arise; and*
- (iii) *Report back to Council on any identified funding opportunities and the feasibility of progressing lighting improvements as part of future capital works or community safety initiatives.*
- (d) *Considers including lighting upgrades at Carss Bush Park in the development of future capital works programs, should external funding not be available in the short term.*
8. On 23 March 2026, Council resolved (NM011-26):
- (a) *Notes that a Sports Field Lighting Audit is currently being undertaken across Council sporting fields to assess:*
- (i) *Current lux levels at each field;*
- (ii) *Existing electrical capacity to accommodate lighting upgrades within current infrastructure or where infrastructure upgrades may be required; and*
- (iii) *Current usage levels across fields.*
- (b) *Notes that the outcomes of this audit will be considered in consultation with Council's Sports Advisory Committee prior to finalising the prioritisation of lighting upgrades across the LGA.*
- (c) *Notes that Council has allocated a dedicated budget for Sports Field Lighting upgrades within the four-year Capital Works Program, to be implemented in line with the outcomes of the audit.*
- (d) *Acknowledges that Claydon Reserve is an important sporting field within the Georges River LGA that experiences extensive night-time community use due to the club's rapid growth in recent years. Upgraded lighting would allow better utilisation of the entire field and deliver long-term safety and cost benefits. Council further notes that Claydon Reserve is included in the current Sports Field Lighting Audit and will be considered as part of that process when determining future upgrade priorities*

Current Process

9. Council currently manages lux lighting as part of its broader asset management and capital works planning processes. The upgrade of sports lighting incorporates a range of technical and operational considerations, including asset condition, lux level requirements, existing infrastructure capacity, usage patterns, and community need. Funding for sports field lighting upgrades is primarily allocated through Council's adopted four-year Capital Works Program.
10. Lighting upgrades have historically been delivered in response to identified needs, such as ageing assets, safety concerns, and increased demand from user groups. While upgrades have been undertaken across a number of sites over time, there has not been a single, standardised framework guiding the prioritisation of works across all fields.

Engagement and Feedback

11. On 26 February 2026, a targeted survey was administered during the SAC workshop to assist Council in how lighting upgrades should be prioritised (Attachment 1). The survey sought to gather SAC members' views on which grounds are most suitable for competition-level lighting, and when fields should be prioritised. This feedback is intended to complement technical assessments and usage data, ensuring that Council's investment decisions are informed by both evidence and lived experience from the sport sector.
12. A total of 13 respondents participated, providing both ranked and open-ended feedback on how lighting upgrades should be assessed, prioritised and delivered. The survey design sought to understand how Council can best utilise budgeted funds to fulfil the needs of evening and competition users of sports fields.
13. Respondents consistently identified participation levels and booking demand as the most important factor in determining which grounds should receive lighting upgrades. The number and variety of sports using a ground was also rated highly, reflecting a preference to maximise community benefit and shared use. The time since last upgrade was considered relevant but secondary. Factors such as geographic spread across the LGA and equity of historical investment between sporting codes were rated as less influential, indicating stakeholder support for a utilisation-based rather than distribution-based approach to prioritisation.
14. There was strong alignment on the circumstances under which competition-level lighting is justified. Stakeholders emphasised participant safety, night-time competition requirements, frequency of competitive use, and the level of competition. Multi-sport usage, condition and age of existing lighting, cost effectiveness, and the potential to future-proof investment were also raised repeatedly. Some participants noted the importance of clarity around increased usage, spectator impacts, and any future fees associated with upgraded lighting.
15. While voting on specific grounds was dispersed, several locations emerged repeatedly as higher priorities, including Beverly Hills Park, Peakhurst Park (Natural Turf), Renown Park and Todd Park. Importantly, stakeholders expressed a strong preference for staged upgrades, allowing urgent needs to be addressed first, rather than bundling upgrades to minimise disruption. Overall urgency was assessed as moderate, indicating broad support for progressing upgrades in a considered and prioritised manner.
16. This initial survey was intended to gain the perspectives of the SAC before progressing to a broader community consultation process through a YourSay engagement. This staged approach ensures that Council captures the informed views of regular facility users first, enabling clearer framing of issues and opportunities for the wider community survey.
17. From 30 March 2026 to 22 April 2026, Council received a total of 1,200 visits to the Sports Grounds Amenities and Lighting Survey Your Say page. The survey covered sports

amenities, storage facilities and lighting; however, this report focuses solely on the findings relevant to lux lighting. 203 responses were received during this time (Attachment 2).

18. Feedback from community members indicates that:
 - (a) 84% of respondents use sports grounds in the evening for training or casual use;
 - (b) 35% identified poor lighting quality as a key barrier to night-time use, followed by lighting not being sufficient for competition (22%) and safety concerns (20%);
 - (c) 73% indicated they would use sports fields more frequently in the evenings if lighting was upgraded.
19. In contrast to the Committee's feedback, the broader community expressed a stronger preference for prioritising lighting upgrades at grounds that have not been upgraded for an extended period and for a more even distribution of upgrades across suburbs; however, consistent with the Committee's view, the community also emphasised the importance of maximising the number of people who benefit from each lighting upgrade.
20. Open feedback indicates strong and consistent concern that existing lighting across many sports fields is inadequate, outdated, and often unsafe, with issues such as uneven coverage, dark spots, shadowing from trees, and unreliable operation limiting visibility for players and increasing the risk of injury during evening use. Responses highlighted that poor lighting is restricting training capacity, reducing overall field utilisation, and preventing clubs from hosting night-time matches or expanding participation, particularly outside daylight saving periods.
21. Several locations, including Peakhurst Park, Renown Park, Claydon Reserve, Olds Park, Gannons Park, H.V. Evatt Park, and Carss Park, were repeatedly identified as requiring urgent upgrades, alongside broader concerns about inconsistency in lighting standards across the LGA and perceived inequities between sports.

Proposed Lux Lighting Prioritisation Matrix

22. Based on feedback provided via the Committee and community consultation there is a need for a clear, transparent and repeatable prioritisation framework to guide future lighting upgrades. Utilising the feedback from stakeholders, a structured assessment matrix that balances demand, safety, competition use, asset condition and broader facility needs will be built. This approach would support equitable, evidence-based decision-making and provide greater confidence in how investment decisions are made across the LGA.
23. Council Officers will develop a Lux Lighting Prioritisation Matrix and associated methodology to identify and rank sites for renewal or upgrade as part of the adopted four-year Capital Works Program for natural turf sports field lighting. This will include identifying suitable sites for potential upgrades to 100-lux lighting levels.

Next Steps

24. The Lux Lighting Prioritisation Matrix and associated methodology will be presented to a future meeting of the Assets and Infrastructure Committee by the Manager Assets and Traffic.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

25. In the current draft 4-year Capital Works Program for FY2026/27 there is an allocation of \$1M per year (\$4.184M total) allocated to Sportsfield Lighting Upgrades.

RISK IMPLICATIONS

26. *Strategic Risk 1: Financial Sustainability* - Without a structured, evidence-based prioritisation framework, there is a risk that Council resources may not be allocated efficiently, leading to unplanned or reactive expenditure, reduced value from capital investment, and misalignment with the Long-Term Financial Plan and broader infrastructure priorities. The development and implementation of the Lux Lighting Prioritisation Matrix will mitigate this risk by enabling consistent, transparent and strategically aligned investment decisions.
27. *Strategic Risk 3: Assets and Infrastructure* - Without a coordinated and structured approach to prioritising lighting upgrades, there is a risk that Council's sports field infrastructure will fail to meet evolving community needs, safety standards, and increasing utilisation demands, resulting in reduced service quality and assets that are not fit-for-purpose. The Lux Lighting Prioritisation Matrix will address this risk by guiding upgrades based on demand, condition and functionality, ensuring infrastructure remains safe, effective and responsive to community needs.
28. *Strategic Risk 6: Reputation* – If Council does not respond to clearly identified community and stakeholder concerns regarding inadequate lighting, there is a risk of diminished public confidence and trust in Council's ability to plan and deliver equitable, safe and fit-for-purpose infrastructure. The Lux Lighting Prioritisation Matrix will mitigate this risk by providing a transparent and evidence-based framework that demonstrates responsiveness to community feedback and supports fair and accountable decision-making.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

29. Community engagement is explored above, in the *Engagement and Feedback* section.

FILE REFERENCE

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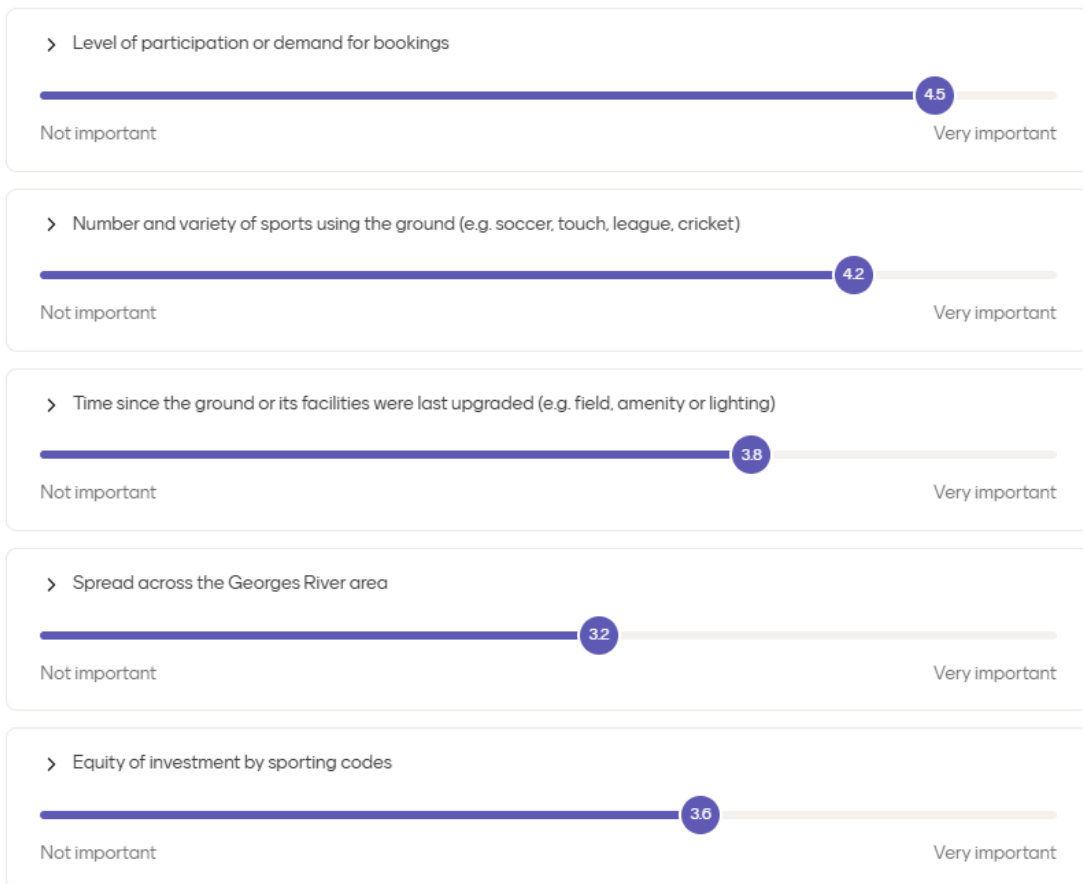
ATTACHMENTS

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| Attachment ↓ 1 | Lux Lighting SAC Workshop Results |
| Attachment ↓ 2 | The Lighting Component of the "Sports Grounds Amenities and Lighting Survey" YourSay Survey |



Lux Lighting SAC Workshop Results

Q1. How important is each of the following in deciding which grounds should receive lighting upgrades? 13 / 13



Q2. What factors should decide whether a field gets competition lighting (100 lux)? 13 / 13 23

- All groups
- multi-sport use
- night games
- competition level
- usage frequency
- safety considerations
- financial factors
- Uncategorized

multi-sport use

6 responses

- The fields that are most used by the various sporting codes esp for high level competition
- Number of matches are played on field Volvary of multi sports on field
- Participation levels, access for multiple sports, cost effectiveness, usage levels of facility itself, does the upgrade increase usage levels, safety and reduced risk through upgrade
- Grounds that can be used to play finals by most codes
- How many sports/games are played in that field
- How many fields are used at that venue.

night games

4 responses

- If sport has competition games at night
- If the field holds a sport that holds competition games at night.
- Conditions of existing lights, demand from sports whom use the field.
- Prior agreement of who pays for usage of improved lighting

competition level

3 responses

- Sports that play at premier or elite competition levels that might draw spectators/ economic benefits
- Promote higher level sports within the lga
- Higher grade level using it

usage frequency

3 responses

- Usage of venue / frequency of use
- Demand for use
- Frequency of competition booking demand

safety considerations

2 responses

- Safety factors
- Safety of participants

financial factors

1 response

- State of facility, would be better financially to upgrade a factor that won't need more upgrades in near future

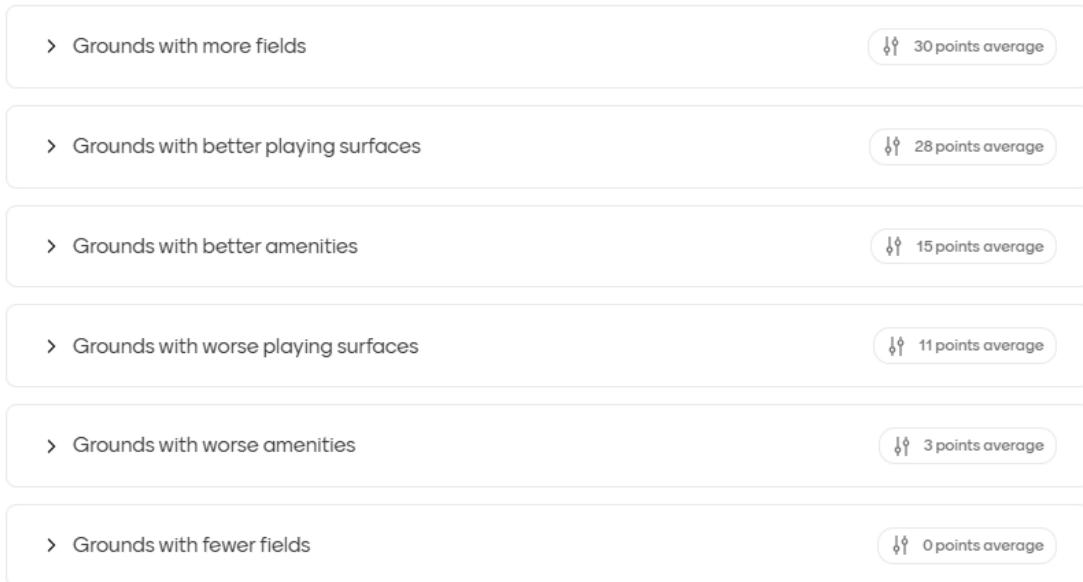
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4 responses

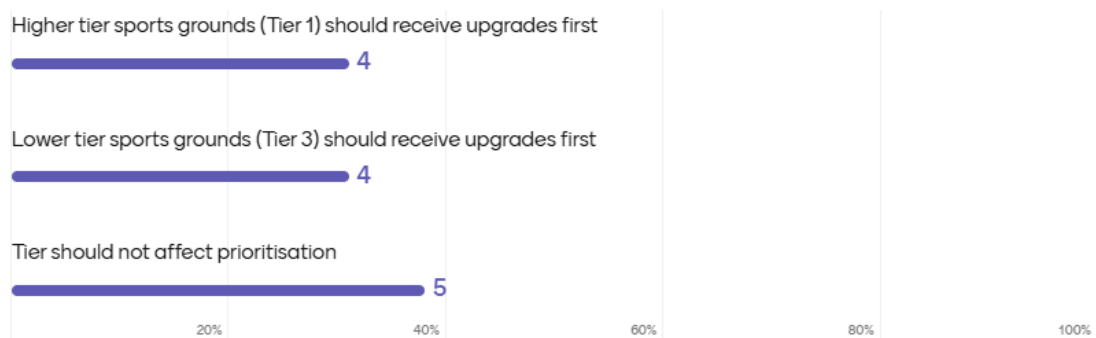
- Safety of participation's
- Premier Division or elite level sports that draw spectator's and
- No of players/spectators involved The level of the competition Seasons - winter or summer Safety
- Numbers of participants, demand for use, size of club that utilises the field.

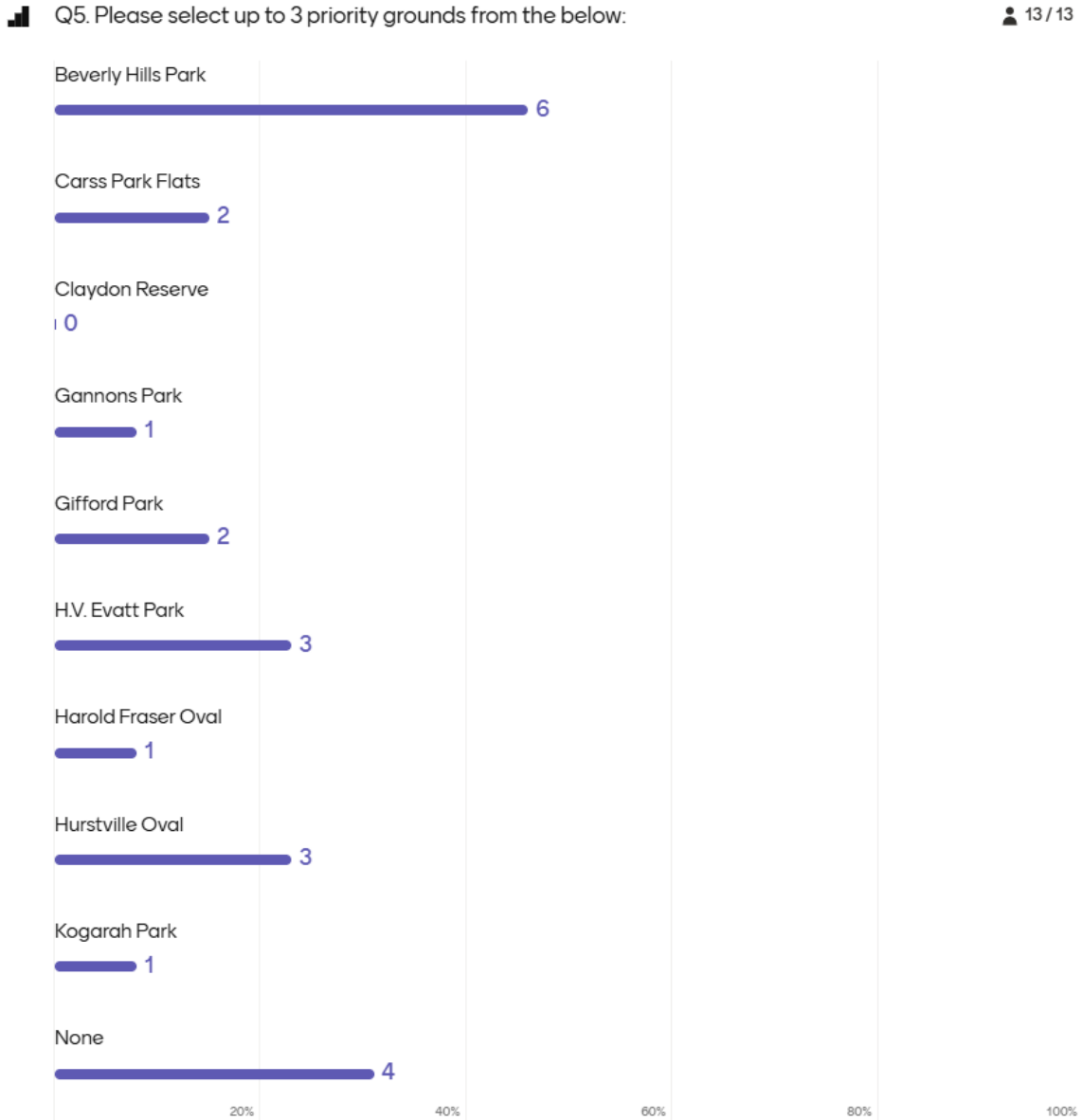


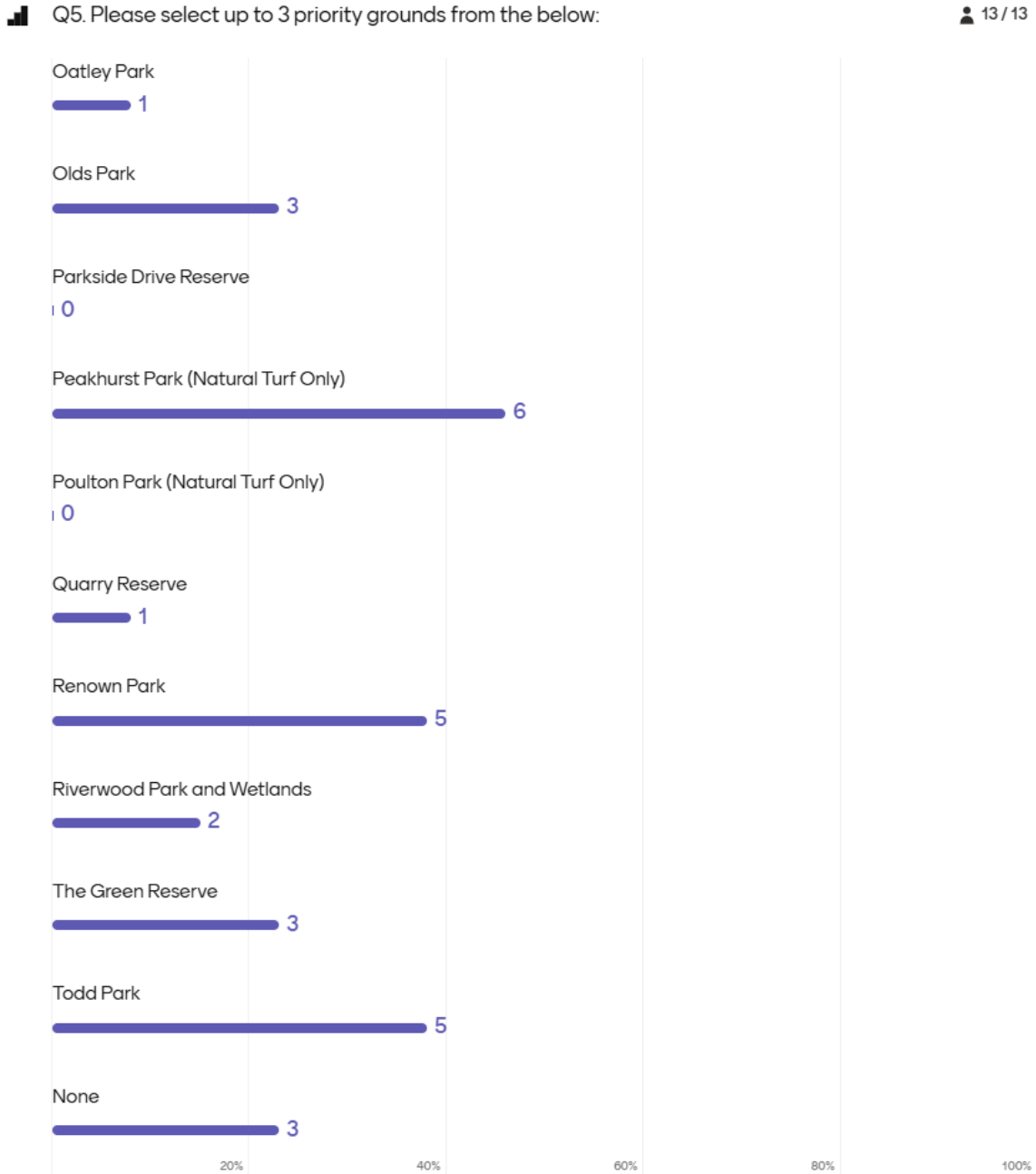
Q3. Should any of the below factors impact the prioritisation of lux upgrades? 13 / 13

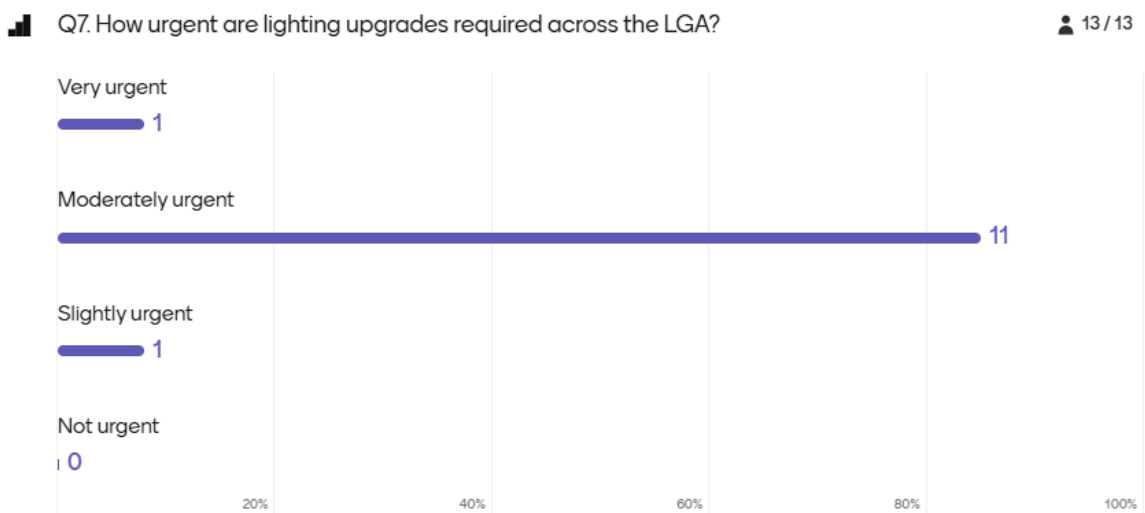
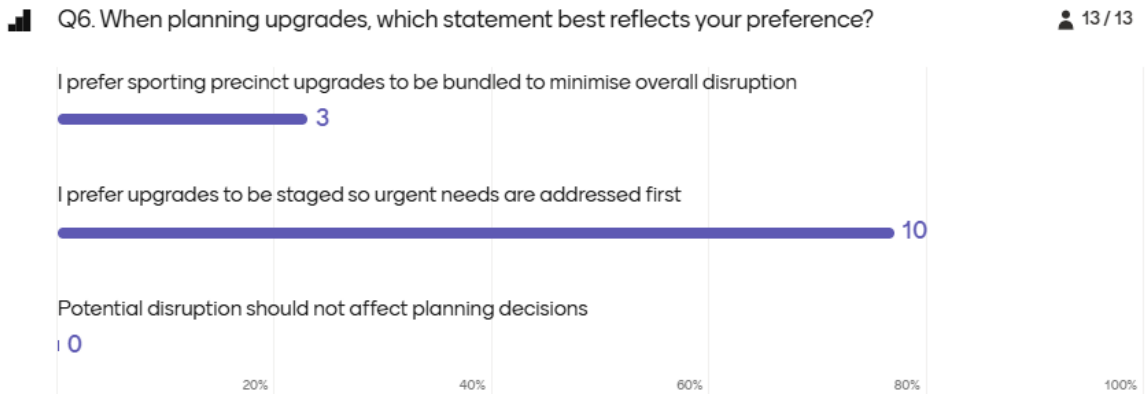


Q4. Should Council prioritise lighting upgrades differently based on the tier of the sports ground? 13 / 13









Q8. Is there anything else you would like to add to help guide future sports grounds lighting upgrades? 11 / 13 13

- All groups
- Facility Improvements
- Lighting Technology
- Stakeholder Engagement
- Upgrade Prioritisation

Facility Improvements

6 responses

- What is most important at field / venue - is it lighting? Or should facilities (bathrooms, storage, canteen etc) and / or turf be prioritised .
- Be upfront about future fees that may be applied to sports benefiting from your upgrades and get buy in before committing to the project
- Length of time reduced
- Parking areas need more upgrades with light
- Peakhurst Park, and Renown Park require urgent lighting upgrades.
- Share evenly amongst the different sports.

Lighting Technology

3 responses

- Age/quality of existing lighting should be considered
- Consider ground surface lighting instead of lighting from above.
- Can we consider ground surfaced lighting, instead of the traditional lighting from above?

Stakeholder Engagement

2 responses

- Sporting stakeholder views need to be thoroughly assessed prior to decision making to ensure the LGA gets what it actually need.
- Ensure effective communication

Upgrade Prioritisation

2 responses

- Prioritise around fields that have the most usage by the various code to maximise benefit
- Revisit assessment process , maybe arrive at a matrix to determine prioritisation, have a regular in house process to regularly keep up with levels

Make a submission

SURVEY RESPONSE REPORT

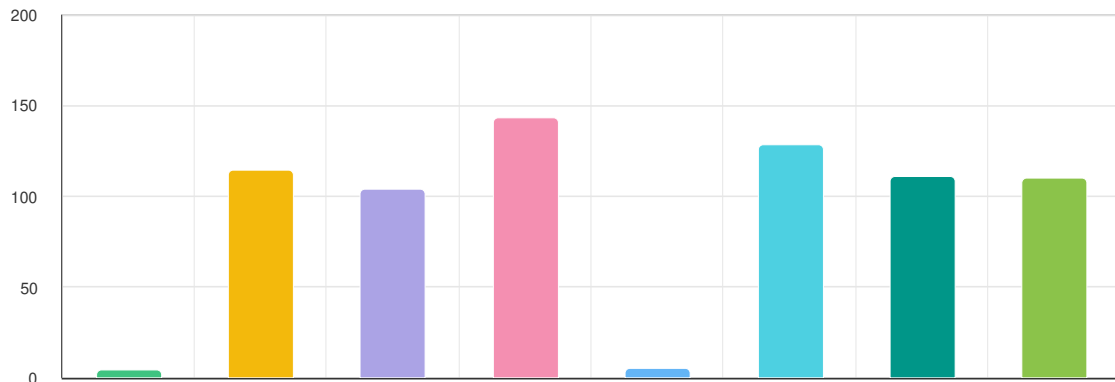
13 March 2018 - 04 May 2026

PROJECT NAME:

Sports Grounds Amenities and Lighting Survey

Make a submission : Survey Report for 13 March 2018 to 04 May 2026

Q1. How do you typically use sports grounds in the area?

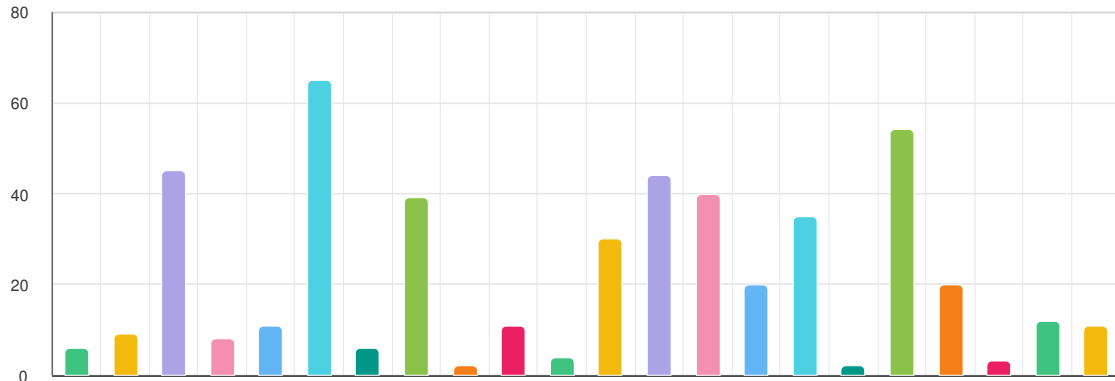


Question options	responses	%
● Other (please specify)	4	2.0
● I play organised sport	114	55.9
● I volunteer (coach, manager, official)	104	51.0
● I attend games as a spectator or parent	143	70.1
● I am a school or teacher	5	2.5
● I use sports grounds casually (walking, exercise, informal sport)	128	62.7
● My children/grandchildren use sports grounds	111	54.4
● I am a resident who lives near a sports ground	110	53.9

Optional question · 204 responses · 0 skipped
Question type : Checkbox Question

Make a submission : Survey Report for 13 March 2018 to 04 May 2026

Q2. Which sports grounds do you use most often?



Question options	responses	%
Other (please specify)	6	2.9
Beverly Hills Park	9	4.4
Carss Park Flats	45	22.1
Charles Pirie Reserve / Parkside Drive	8	3.9
Claydon Reserve	11	5.4
Gannons Park	65	31.9
Gifford Park	6	2.9
H.V. Evatt Park	39	19.1
Harold Fraser Oval	2	1.0
Hurstville Oval	11	5.4
Kogarah Park	4	2.0
Oatley Park	30	14.7
Olds Park	44	21.6
Peakhurst Park	40	19.6
Penshurst Park	20	9.8
Poulton Park	35	17.2
Quarry Reserve	2	1.0
Renown Park	54	26.5
Peakhurst Park	20	9.8

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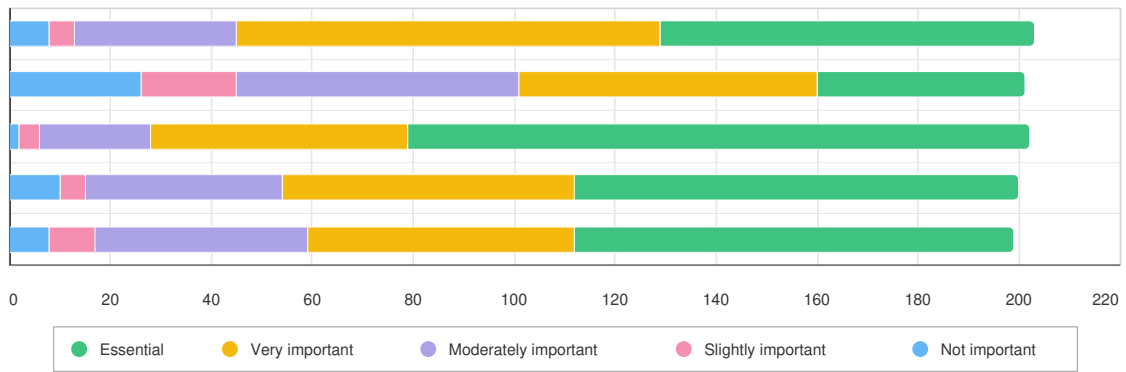
Question options	responses	%
● Riverwood Park and Wetlands	3	1.5
● The Green Reserve	12	5.9
● Todd Park	11	5.4

Optional question · 204 responses · 0 skipped

Question type : Checkbox Question

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Q3. Please consider the importance of the following statements



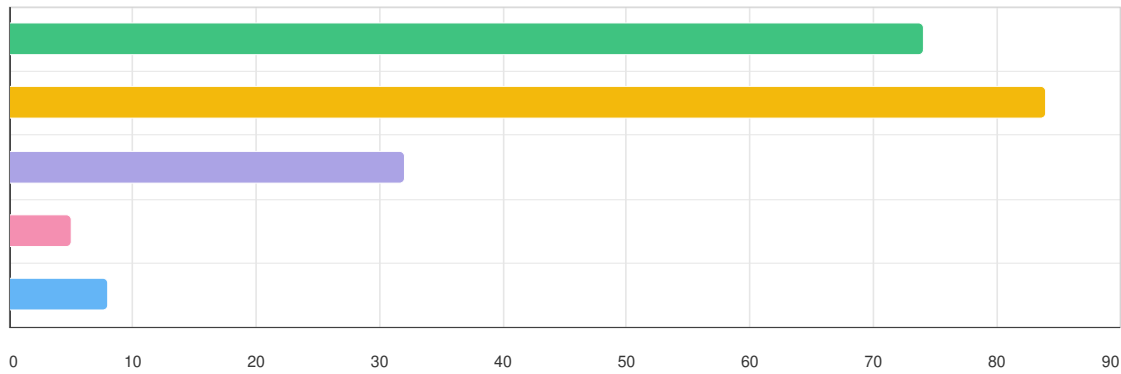
Question options ● Essential ● Very important ● Moderately important ● Slightly important ● Not important

Number of people benefiting from the field	74	84	32	5	8
Number of sports using the ground (soccer, touch, cricket etc)	41	59	56	19	26
Time since last upgrade (field, amenities OR lighting)	123	51	22	4	2
Upgrades spread evenly across suburbs	88	58	39	5	10
Upgrades spread evenly across sports codes	87	53	42	9	8

Optional question · 204 responses · 0 skipped
Question type : Likert Question

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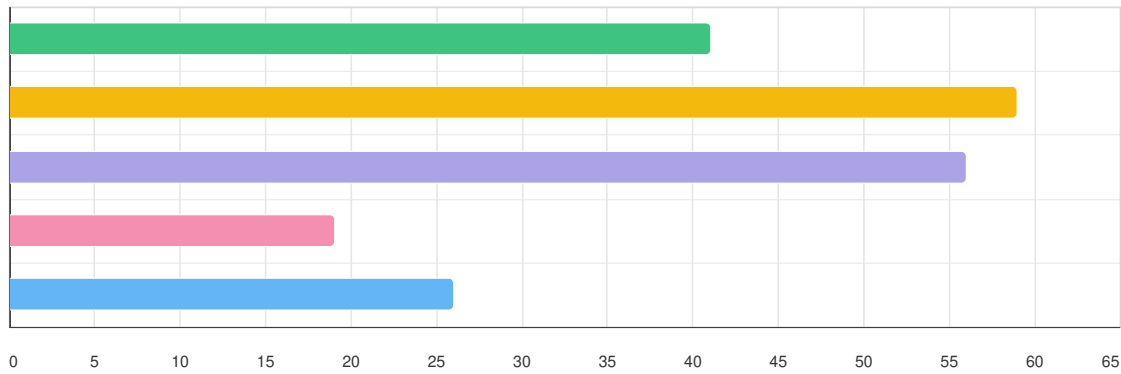
Q3. Please consider the importance of the following statements — Number of people benefiting from the field



Question options	responses	%
● Essential	74	36.5
● Very important	84	41.4
● Moderately important	32	15.8
● Slightly important	5	2.5
● Not important	8	3.9

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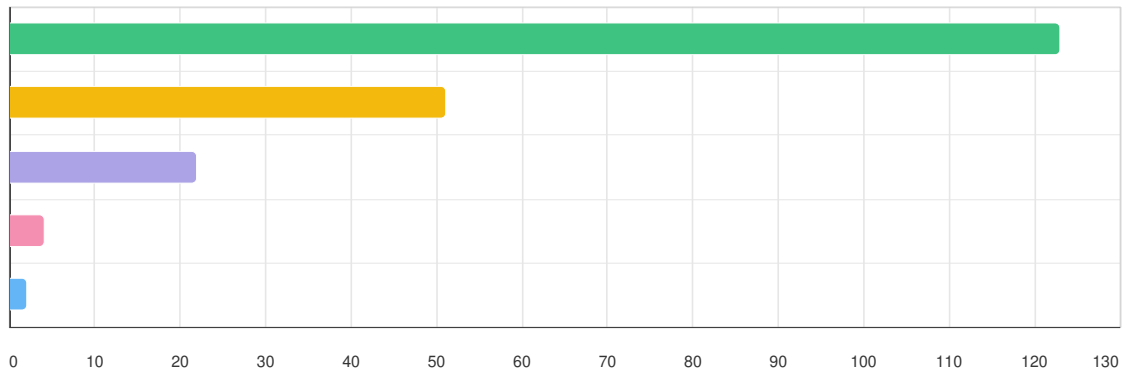
Q3. Please consider the importance of the following statements — Number of sports using the ground (soccer, touch, cricket etc)



Question options	responses	%
● Essential	41	20.4
● Very important	59	29.4
● Moderately important	56	27.9
● Slightly important	19	9.5
● Not important	26	12.9

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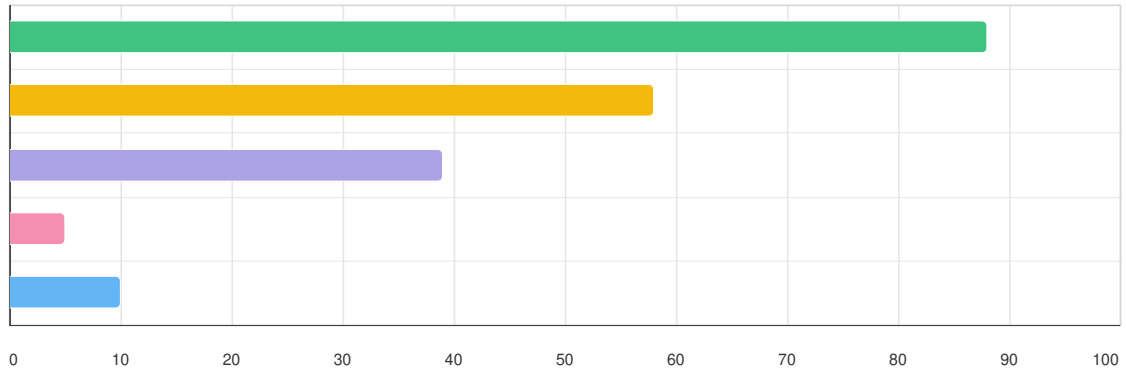
Q3. Please consider the importance of the following statements — Time since last upgrade (field, amenities OR lighting)



Question options	responses	%
● Essential	123	60.9
● Very important	51	25.2
● Moderately important	22	10.9
● Slightly important	4	2.0
● Not important	2	1.0

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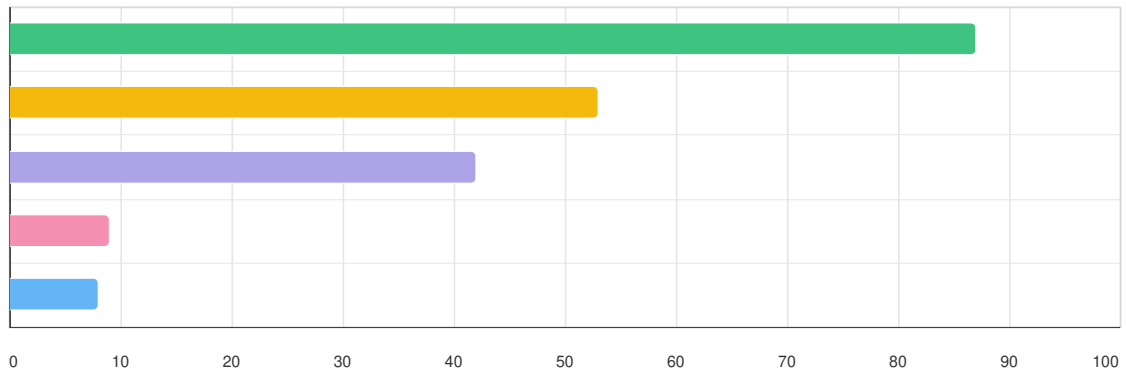
Q3. Please consider the importance of the following statements — Upgrades spread evenly across suburbs



Question options	responses	%
● Essential	88	44.0
● Very important	58	29.0
● Moderately important	39	19.5
● Slightly important	5	2.5
● Not important	10	5.0

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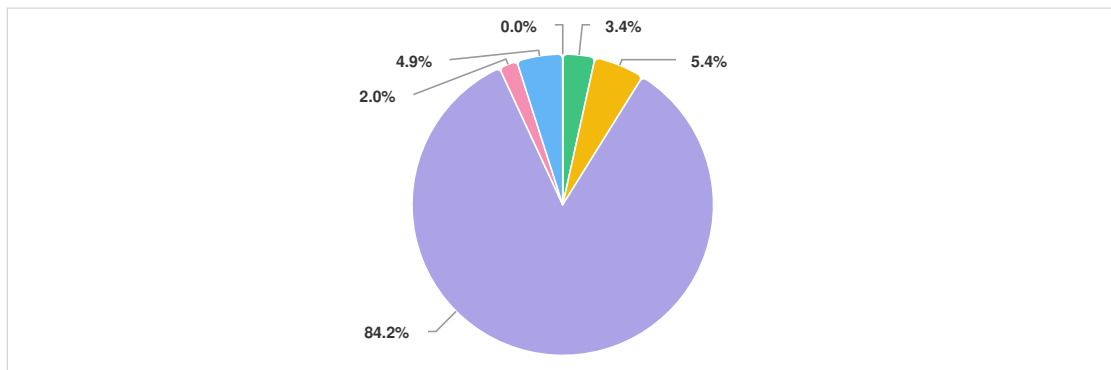
Q3. Please consider the importance of the following statements — Upgrades spread evenly across sports codes



Question options	responses	%
● Essential	87	43.7
● Very important	53	26.6
● Moderately important	42	21.1
● Slightly important	9	4.5
● Not important	8	4.0

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Q4. How often do you use sports grounds after dark?

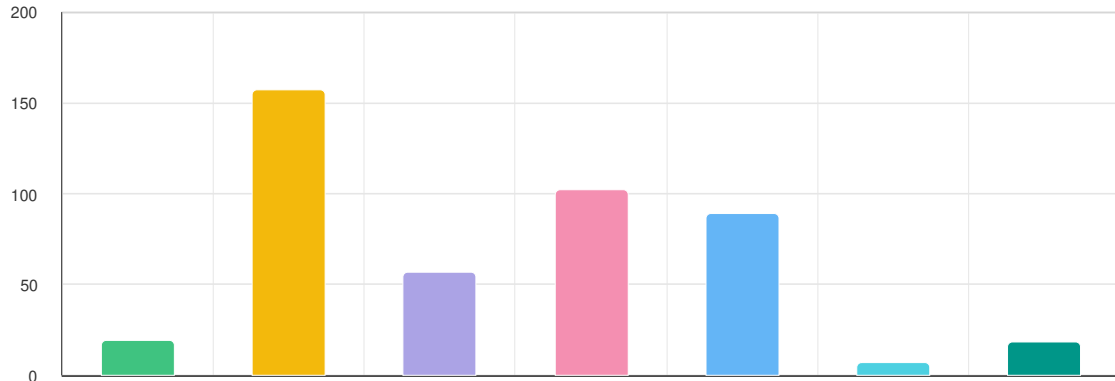


Question options	responses	%
● Never	7	3.4
● Rarely	11	5.4
● Evenings for training/casual use	171	84.2
● Weekends for games	4	2.0
● Competitions/matches only	10	4.9
● Unsure	0	0.0

Optional question · 203 responses · 1 skipped
Question type : Radio Button Question

Make a submission : Survey Report for 13 March 2018 to 04 May 2026

Q5. What stops you (or your group) using fields more at night?

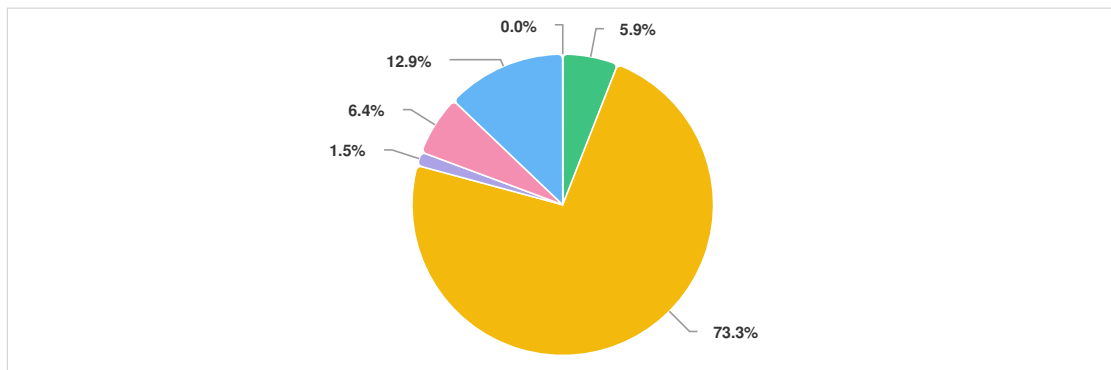


Question options	responses	%
Other (please specify)	19	9.4
Poor lighting quality	157	77.7
Lights turn off too early	57	28.2
Lights not bright enough for competition	102	50.5
Safety concerns	89	44.1
No night bookings available	7	3.5
Nothing stops me	18	8.9

Optional question · 202 responses · 2 skipped
 Question type : Checkbox Question

Make a submission : Survey Report for 13 March 2018 to 04 May 2026

Q6. If lighting upgrades happened at your main sports ground:



Question options	responses	%
● Other (please specify)	12	5.9
● I would use fields more often in evenings	148	73.3
● I would play higher level competitions	3	1.5
● My family would attend more games	13	6.4
● No change in how we use fields	26	12.9
● I'd use fields less often	0	0.0

Optional question · 202 responses · 2 skipped
Question type : Radio Button Question

Item: SAC008-26 Sport and Community Facilities Update

Author: Manager Sport and Community Facilities

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 and Community Facilities 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 major sporting events for the period of March 2026 to May 2026 (Attachment 1).

BACKGROUND

2. Georges River Council manages a broad network of sport and recreation facilities that provide essential opportunities for community participation, physical activity and social connection.
3. These facilities include aquatic centres, golf and tennis venues, indoor and outdoor sporting complexes, Jubilee Stadium, and a wide range of sports fields. Council continues to invest in the maintenance, renewal and strategic development of these assets to meet growing community needs, and the updates presented for the March 2026 to May 2026 period reflect ongoing improvements, operational achievements and planning initiatives across this diverse portfolio.

Managed Sporting Facilities

4. Council continues to oversee a diverse portfolio of aquatic, golf, tennis and indoor sporting assets. Key operational and capital updates include:
 - (a) Hurstville Aquatic & Leisure Centre (HALC) - Visitation remains strong with 114,000 visits for last month, marking the earliest achievement of the one-million-visits milestone. Membership remains stable; Learn to Swim programs continue to perform well with more than four thousand enrolments and strong occupancy, maintaining results above last year.
 - (b) Sans Souci Leisure Centre (SSLC) - Accessibility and safety improvements have been completed on the access road and parking concourse at Sans Souci Leisure Centre. This includes an increase in Mobility Parking spaces from two to four, new signage and line marking, a 15-metre no-parking zone to reduce congestion, clearer hatched and yellow line markings, and the installation of sandstone blocks along the access road. Community feedback has been strongly positive, particularly regarding improved pedestrian safety.
 - (c) Hurstville Golf Course - Georges River Council hosted its Charity Golf Day at Hurstville Golf Course on 17 April 2026, bringing together more than 40 groups, including two Council teams, for a successful day of sport and fundraising. The day raised \$23,293 for the St George Sutherland Medical Research Foundation (SSMRF). Council thanks Lugarno Lions, Hurstville Golf Club, BlueFit and the

organising committee for their support in delivering an event that reflects the strength of local partnerships and the community's commitment to important health services.

- (d) Norm O'Neill Cricket Centre – The summer cricket season is now wrapping up, with the facility transitioning into winter programming, including the St George winter cricket development program and the Sydney Sixers Sunday development program. A new external cricket coaching business has commenced using the facility, signalling a positive future growth opportunity for expanded coaching and development activity. The request for tender scope has been completed and will go out to market in May 2026.

St George Venues announced as naming rights partner for Jubilee Stadium

5. Council announced on 1 April the new naming rights partnership for Jubilee Stadium, confirming St George Venues as the official naming rights sponsor. The venue will now be known as St George Venues Jubilee Stadium under a three-year agreement with an option for a further three years. The partnership strengthens local investment in sport, supports jobs and enhances the region's events economy, with both organisations committed to increasing professional, grassroots and community activity at the stadium.

St George Venues Jubilee Stadium - Events

6. Between March 2026 and May 2026, six events were delivered at the Stadium:

- (a) NRL – Dragons v Cowboys and Pre Season Challenge

We welcomed back NRL to Jubilee Stadium for the 2026 season, with the Dragons hosting the North Queensland Cowboys on Saturday, 4 April 2026. A crowd of almost 8,000 saw the Cowboys take the win. The Stadium will host a further four NRL matches scheduled for the remainder of the NRL season.

- (b) St George District Rugby League – Junior Representatives v Panthers

- (c) AFC: Womens Asian Cup 2026 – Exclusive Training.

Council played host to the member nations of PDR Korea, Bangladesh, Chinese Taipei and the eventual champions, Japan, over the duration of the tournament. The feedback was exceptional from all teams, they made special mention of the quality of our playing surface and the teams organisation and presentation for each of the sessions.

- (d) FA: Cameroon National Team Training

- (e) McDonalds TV Commercial

- (f) St George Venues – Naming Rights Launch

Jubilee Stadium Precinct Master Plan and Plan of Management

7. Council is progressing the Jubilee Stadium Precinct Master Plan and Plan of Management, which guide the long-term use, improvement and management of the precinct, including Jubilee Stadium, Kogarah Park, community facilities and surrounding public spaces. Following Crown Lands approval, the draft documents were publicly exhibited from 11 February to 27 March 2026, supported by community information sessions and a statutory public hearing. All submissions received during the exhibition period are now being reviewed, with next steps to be reported back to Council.

Sportsfield Bookings

8. The summer sporting season has now concluded, and the winter season has officially commenced. The transition between the two has taken place smoothly, with facilities, user

groups, and programs now operating under winter arrangements. This included the relocation of several sports codes due to the Riverwood Park sports ground upgrades.

9. Expressions of Interest for the 2026/27 Summer Sports Season opened 1 May 2026, and submissions will close 31 May 2026. Noting that Riverwood Park will be excluded from the EOI due to the scheduled major upgrades.

Sports Projects

10. Sports Grounds Amenities and Lighting community consultation: This survey on sports ground amenities and lighting has now closed, following strong engagement from players, families, volunteers, residents and other park users. The survey, open from 30 March to 22 April 2026, sought feedback on how amenities such as change rooms, canteens and storage should be shared, as well as how lighting upgrades should be prioritised across the area. This work responds to increasing demand for sports fields, recent audits and collaboration with the Sports Advisory Committee to develop draft principles for amenities sharing and lighting. Council is now reviewing all submissions, which will inform future planning and be reported to the Sports Advisory Committee and Council.
11. Multi-Sport Indoor Stadium Feasibility Study: At its meeting on 28 April, Council endorsed the report on the Indoor Multisport Stadium Feasibility Study, approving the progression of Stage 1 – the Strategic Business Case.

Promoting Respect and Safety in Sport

12. Council's June 2025 resolution (NM046-25 Promoting Safety and Respect in Local Sporting Matches) has progressed with the delivery of de-escalation training in November 2025 and ongoing collaboration with key partners. Council has partnered with St George Police Area Command, Bayside Council and Football St George through bi-monthly meetings to support this work and strengthen respectful-behaviour initiatives across local sport.
13. Council has applied for grant funding through the NSW Office of Sport's Game On for Change program to support initiatives that promote respectful behaviour and prevent domestic, family and sexual violence through sport. Outcome announcements are expected from May 2026 onwards. If successful, the grant will enable the delivery of a program that leverages Georges River Council's strong sport community to support safer homes. Sports Advisory Committee representatives, grant program partner Football St George, as well as coaches and volunteers, will be part of the program delivery with the goal to strengthen reporting, build respectful behaviour, and support clubs to manage disclosures.
14. Football St George is delivering the Good Game Framework (Attachment 2) to support and respond to Council's Notice of Motion on promoting safety and respect in local sport. The Framework focuses on rewarding positive behaviour, preventing dissent, violence and abusive conduct, and reinforcing Football Australia's Standards of Respect, noting these behaviours are ones "the individual is able to make the decision to escalate or de-escalate." It provides incentives for teams that uphold respectful conduct and applies escalating sanctions for repeated breaches, with opportunities for clubs to mitigate penalties through proactive action.
15. Council also developed the Sports Ground Access Policy in July 2025 to support and implement this resolution.

Grants Calendar

16. Upcoming opportunities relevant to sporting organisations include:

(a) Venue Hire Grants 2026-2027

- Open year round, 8 week processing time
- For venue bookings from 1st July 2026 to 30th June 2027
- \$40,000 cap for applicants
- Applicants must make a tentative booking first through the Entertainment team

(b) Community Grants and Micro Grants (up to \$25,000), open 6th July 2026

Clubs are encouraged to seek advice from Council's Grants and Projects Officer via grants@georgesriver.nsw.gov.au prior to applying.

Draft Fees and Charges 2026/27

17. The draft budget and draft fees and charges were approved at the April Council meeting to go on public exhibition for community feedback and a further report to be brought back to Council once the 28-day consultation period concludes.

Summer Wrap Up

18. Council distributed its Summer Wrap-Up newsletter at the beginning of April to all registered subscribers, providing a comprehensive update on a wide range of activities across the season. The newsletter included information on Sportsground and Operations bookings, operational turf and building maintenance works, progress on capital projects, recent achievements and positive stories from the local sporting community, key grant opportunities available to clubs and organisations, and an overview of upcoming initiatives and events.

2026 Local Government Excellence Awards

19. Georges River Council has been recognised as a finalist in two categories at these annual industry awards, acknowledging leadership in customer experience and organisational reform within the sport and recreation portfolio.
- (a) Council is a finalist in the Customer Experience category for *A Customer-Centred Sport Framework*, recognising the transformation of Council's sport systems to directly address long-standing community pain points. By placing sporting organisations at the centre of service redesign, Council delivered clearer policies, fairer pricing, streamlined digital access and more equitable use of facilities through a whole-of-organisation approach.
- (b) Council is also a finalist in the People, Workplace and Wellbeing category for *One Goal, One Centralised Sports Team*. This project is distinguished by its workforce-led approach to reform, combining operational change with a strong focus on staff input and cohesion in the successful unification of two former sport and recreation departments, into a single, people-centred operating model. Through genuine staff engagement, Council delivered clear accountability, improved collaboration, consistent service delivery whilst strengthening community confidence.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

20. No budget impact for this report

RISK IMPLICATIONS

21. No risk to Council identified.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

22. No community engagement outlined above in relation to the Sports Grounds Amenities and Lighting community consultation.

FILE REFERENCE

D26/105278

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment [↓](#)1 FINAL Sports Advisory Committee - Sport Community Facilities and Events Update - 14 May 2026

Attachment [↓](#)2 Football St George Good Game Framework Summary 2026 - Sports Advisory Committee Meeting 14 May 2026

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Sport and Community Facilities Update

Georges River Council Sports Advisory Committee Meeting

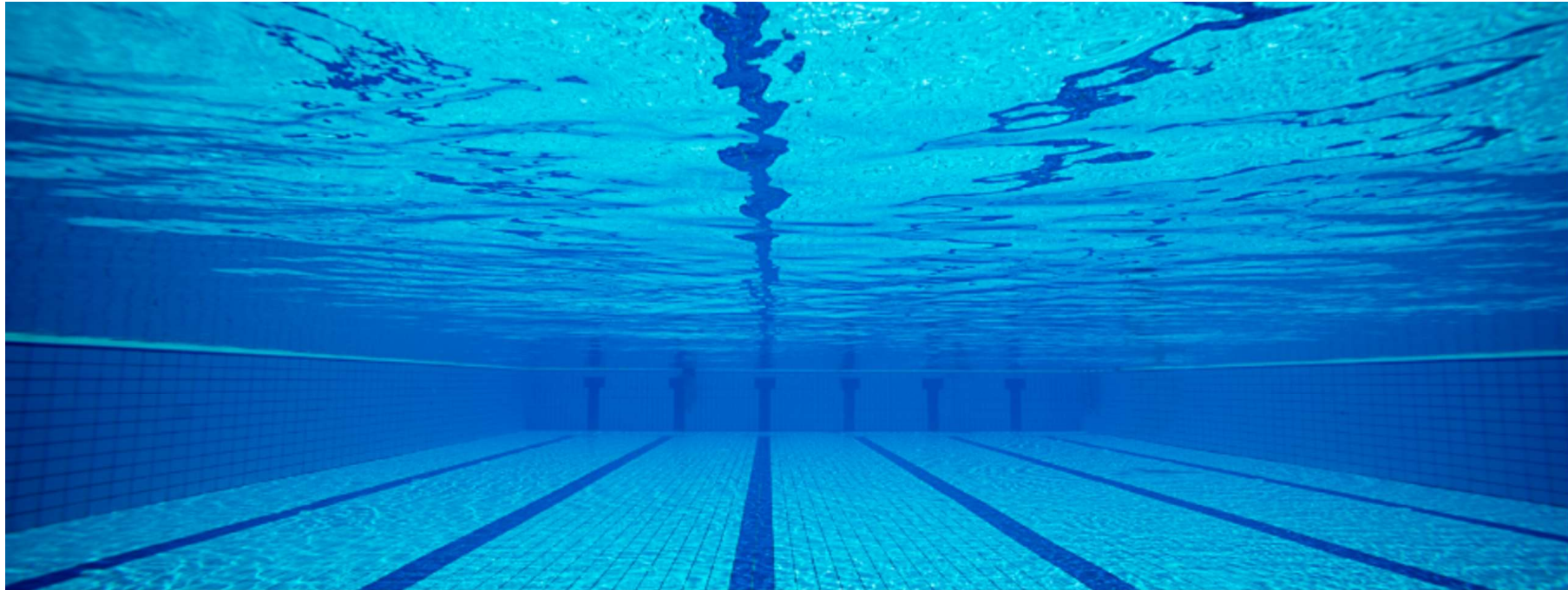
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Manager Sport and Community Facilities

Executive Manager, City Presentation and Operations

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Managed Sporting Facilities



Managed Sporting Facilities



Hurstville Aquatic & Leisure Centre (HALC)

Visitation strong with 114,000 visits last month, marking earliest achievement of 1 million milestone

Sans Souci Leisure Centre (SSLC)

Access and parking improvement works

Hurstville Golf Course (HGC)

GRC Charity Golf Day – 17th April 2026

Norm O'Neill Cricket Centre (NOCC)

Out to selective tender – May 2026

Ken Rosewall Tennis Courts

Evolution Tennis awarded the tender - Council Meeting February 2026





St George Venues Jubilee Stadium - Update





St George Venues - awarded as Naming Rights Sponsor for Jubilee Stadium

Stadium Events :

- Women's Asian Cup – training
- Cameroon Men's National Team - training
- NRL: Dragons v Cowboys
- St George District Rugby League Junior Representatives: Dragons v Panthers

Field of Play renovations

Changeroom flooring renovations

Jubilee Stadium Precinct Master Plan and Plan of Management – Public Exhibition period closed, future report to Council





Sport and Recreation Update



Sports Bookings



Riverwood Park -
sport relocation



Seasonal transition
to Winter sport



Summer EOI –
Opened May 1st, and
Closing 31st May



Sports Projects

Sports Amenities & Lighting consultation



Multi-Sport Indoor Stadium – Feasibility Study progresses







Sportsground Maintenance



Natural Turf Autumn Renovation

- Over-sowing of cool-season rye grass on selected fields
- Decompaction of playing surface
- Fertiliser application



Synthetic Surfaces & Floodlights

Synthetic Surfaces

Grooming and redistribution of rubber granules



Floodlights

Testing and repairs undertaken





Respect & Safety in Sport

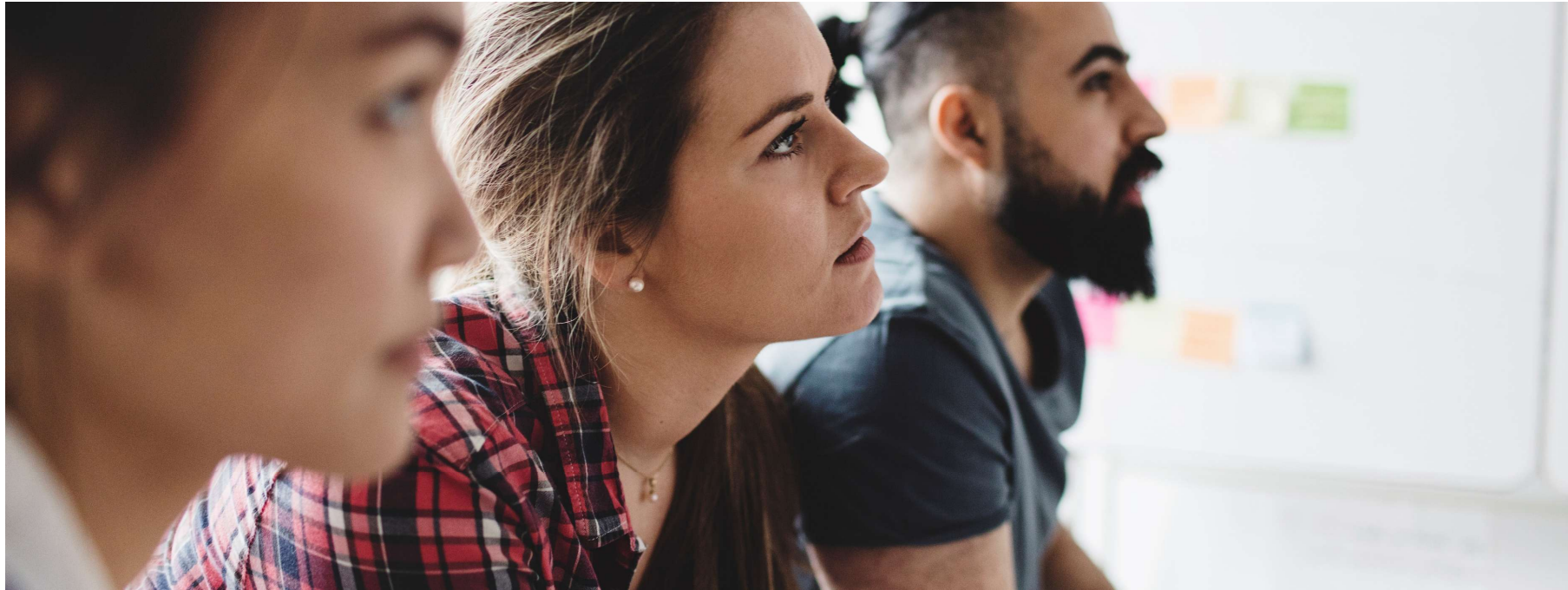


Promoting Respect and Safety in Sport



- June 2025 resolution progressed with ongoing collaboration with St George Police, Bayside Council and Football St George.
- Grant application submitted to NSW Office of Sport's Game On for Change
- Football St George delivering the Good Game Framework
- Council has developed a Sports Ground Access Policy to support implementation of the resolution.





Upcoming Grant Opportunities Council and External



Grant Opportunities

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- Applicants must place their Hire booking

*Community Grants and Micro Grants (up to \$25,000), **open 6th July 2026***



2026 Local Government Excellence Awards

Finalists Announced

Customer Experience category:
A Customer-Centred Sport Framework

People, Workplace and Wellbeing category:
One Goal, One Centralised Sports Team



Questions





Football St George – Good Game Framework – Summary

Purpose

The Good Game Framework (GGF) sets out the pillars under which this environment will be managed. These pillars are:

1. Rewarding positive behaviour
2. Encouraging discipline and responsibility
3. Education and Communication
4. Decision making
5. Demerit points

Football Australia's XI Standards of Respect

The guiding principles of a **respectful game of football** are set out in Football Australia's (FA) XI Standards of Respect (included below). These Standards are part of FA's Member Protection Framework which aims to build a safe and inclusive environment for everyone to participate in our sport.

The full document can be found here [Football Australia's XI Standards of Respect](#)

Defining a Good Game

The game has been played in and concluded in a manner that upholds the FA XI Standards of Good Behaviour, and without:

1. Dissent towards match officials by players or team officials (Y2 caution)
2. A violent conduct offence (R2 send-off)
3. A spitting or biting offence (R3 send-off)
4. An offensive, insulting or abusive language/action offence (R6 send-off)
5. Spectator incident (incident report)

These five (5) behaviours are behaviours where the individual has full control over **what happens next**. That is, the individual is able to make the decision to **escalate** or **de-escalate** the situation.

Application

Specific behaviors outside the framework are:

1. Two (2) dissent towards match officials in one match (Y2)
2. Violent conduct (R2)
3. Spitting or biting (R3)
4. Offensive, insulting or abusive language and/or actions (R6)
5. Incidents involving violent, abusive or anti-social conduct by spectators



Rewarding Good Behaviour

Team reward for complying with GGF on the following basis:

1. For a team that completes the first nine rounds without receiving any sanctions under the Good Game definition they will receive one (1) additional competition point
2. For a team that completes the second nine rounds without receiving any sanctions under the Good Game definition they will receive one (1) additional competition point
3. For a team that completes the entire season without receiving any sanctions under the Good Game definition they will receive one (1) additional competition point

For clarity, the maximum number of additional competition points that will be awarded to an individual team is three (3).

The number of games for reward eligibility may be varied in specific circumstances such as wet weather or competitions that run for less than 18 weeks.

Consequences of Unacceptable GGF Behaviour

Sanctions in this section are in addition to any other sanctions applicable to the offence.

The sanction is a maximum sanction per match – they are not cumulative within a match. If there are two offences outside the framework in a single match, then only one (1) counts for the purposes of the Good Game Framework.

First Offence

The team will receive a suspended one competition point deduction.

Second Offence

The team will receive a two competition point deduction – being the suspended first offence competition point plus a further point for the offence in that match.

Third Offence

The team will receive an additional point deduction

Fourth Offence

The team will be referred to the FSG judicial process for consideration as to their ongoing participation in the competition

Mitigation

Clubs are able to mitigate the sanctions through positive action within their club.

THIS IS A SUMMARY DOCUMENT ONLY – PLEASE SEE THE FULL FRAMEWORK FOR ALL DETAILS

Item: SAC009-26 Community Impact Consultation

Author: Coordinator Community Capacity Building

Directorate: Community and Culture

Matter Type: Committee Reports

SAC009-26

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Georges River Council Sports Advisory Committee receive and note:

- (a) The extensive community consultation planned to inform the review of the Customer Experience Strategy 2022-2027 and the Social Justice Charter 2022-2026.
- (b) The request to respond to and disseminate consultation surveys to their networks.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

1. Council is currently reviewing two key strategic documents that play a vital role in shaping positive outcomes for the Georges River community:
 - Customer Experience (CX) Strategy 2022-2027 (for review)
 - Social Justice Charter 2022-2026 (for review)
2. The two documents encompass customer experience, equity and community impact in alignment with all pillars of the Community Strategic Plan 2025-2035.
3. The review will be informed by extensive community consultation spanning community organisations, community members and Council staff.
4. The Sports Advisory Committee (Committee) represents a diverse cross-section of the community, including varied of age groups, cultural backgrounds and gender identities, and has valuable insights as regular users of Council's facilities and sports fields.
5. To ensure feedback captures a broad and representative range of community perspectives, Council seeks the support of members of the Committee in responding to a consultation survey and disseminating a survey to their networks, to ensure responses capture the insights of a broad range of community members.

BACKGROUND

6. In 2026, Council is undertaking the review of two key Council documents that improve community outcomes for Georges River, shaping how services are designed and delivered, and ensuring services are easy to access, effective and equitable.
7. The Customer Experience Strategy 2022-2027 was developed to deliver excellence in customer experience for the Georges River community. It focuses on Council's approach to how people experience Council services and interactions.
8. The Social Justice Charter 2022-2026 sets Council's commitment to fairness, inclusion and equity. It guides how Council considers access, participation and outcomes for all communities through four principles:
 - Participation – everyone has the opportunity to shape their community
 - Equity – everyone has fair and balanced access to opportunities, resources, information, facilities and services
 - Respect – everyone in the community is respected and valued

- Empowerment – everyone is supported to thrive in the way they choose
9. In delivering the CX Strategy 2022-2027 and the Social Justice Charter 2022-2026, Council has improved community outcomes in Georges River by:
 - Translating key documents into community languages
 - Upskilling the local community sector with facilitated training
 - Celebrating dates of significance for local communities
 - Empowering the community through opportunities including NAIDOC Week funding, public art and financial assistance
 - Linking community to key services at events including Migrant Information Day and Seniors Expo
 - Designing and delivering action plans to address homelessness, domestic and family violence and dementia
 - Introducing Bookable, an online booking system for parks and venues, and
 - Delivering capacity-building sessions on Council processes, such as running community events and development processes.
 10. Aligning the two documents ensures a coherent approach to customer experience, social justice and community impact, strengthening strategic clarity, accountability, and Council's ability to demonstrate meaningful impact.
 11. Council is currently undertaking consultation to understand what makes engaging with Council and participating in Georges River community life feel easy, effective and equitable.
 12. Council seeks the support of members of the Committee in responding to a consultation survey, in line with the following:
 - Role of community representatives - Representatives should provide collective community feedback, focusing on shared experiences rather than individual issues.
 - Identifying barriers - Focus on major barriers affecting many, including practical challenges (e.g. access to information).
 - Addressing diverse needs - Consider systemic and cultural barriers impacting sub-groups (e.g. people with disabilities, culturally diverse communities).
 - Strategic priorities - Suggestions should highlight patterns and priority issues to improve ease of access to services, effectiveness and equity.
 13. Council also seeks the support of the Committee in disseminating a survey to their networks, to ensure responses capture the lived experience insights of a broad range of community members.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

14. No budget impact for this report.

RISK IMPLICATIONS

15. *Strategic Risk 6: Reputation - The risk of Council's identity, brand and standing being negatively impacted, reducing Council's ability to engage in sound decision-making and being able to take strategic action whilst maintaining essential services and support for the community.* There is a risk to Council's reputation if the review does not reflect identified community needs. This may undermine community trust in Council's ability to create community impact for Georges River's diverse community. Council will mitigate reputational risk through research, and broad and targeted consultation.

16. Strategic Risk 8: Social Cohesion - *Failure to identify and/or respond to the changing socio-economic needs of our community. Social cohesion erosion and growing socio-economic gap negatively impact social stability, individual well-being, and economic productivity.* Council will mitigate the risk of social cohesion erosion by consulting with community and embedding community recommendations in the review, ensuring representation of community and supporting stronger social cohesion.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

17. Community engagement will be conducted including:
- Key community organisations representing the diverse Georges River community
 - Community members who live in, work in and visit Georges River
 - Council officers
18. Council will undertake a targeted approach to consultation to ensure vulnerable and marginalised groups are represented.
19. The Committee is a significant stakeholder in consultation as it includes key community organisations representing a broad spectrum of age, cultural and gender identities who regularly engage with Council's facilities and sports fields.

FILE REFERENCE

D26/113832

ATTACHMENTS

Nil

Item: SAC010-26 Sporting Infrastructure Capital Works Update
Author: Manager City Technical Services
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.

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

D26/118865

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment [↓](#)1 Sports Advisory Committee - Capital Works Presentation May 2026



2025/26 Capital Works Program

Sporting Infrastructure

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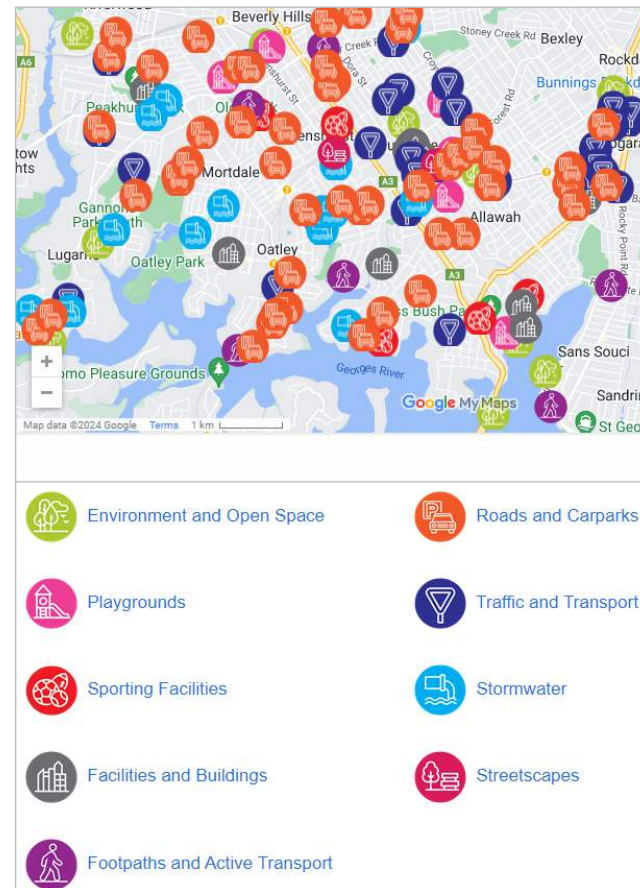
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Project Updates

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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: Procurement - December 2026



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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: Construction – March 2027



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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:

Construction – June 2026



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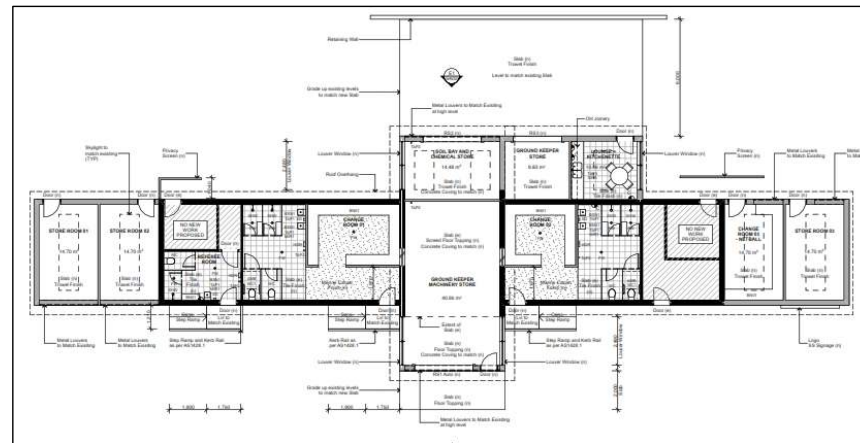


Olds Park Sporting Amenities Building Roof Replacement

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: Construction – May 2026



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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 – Complete
Construction – June 2027



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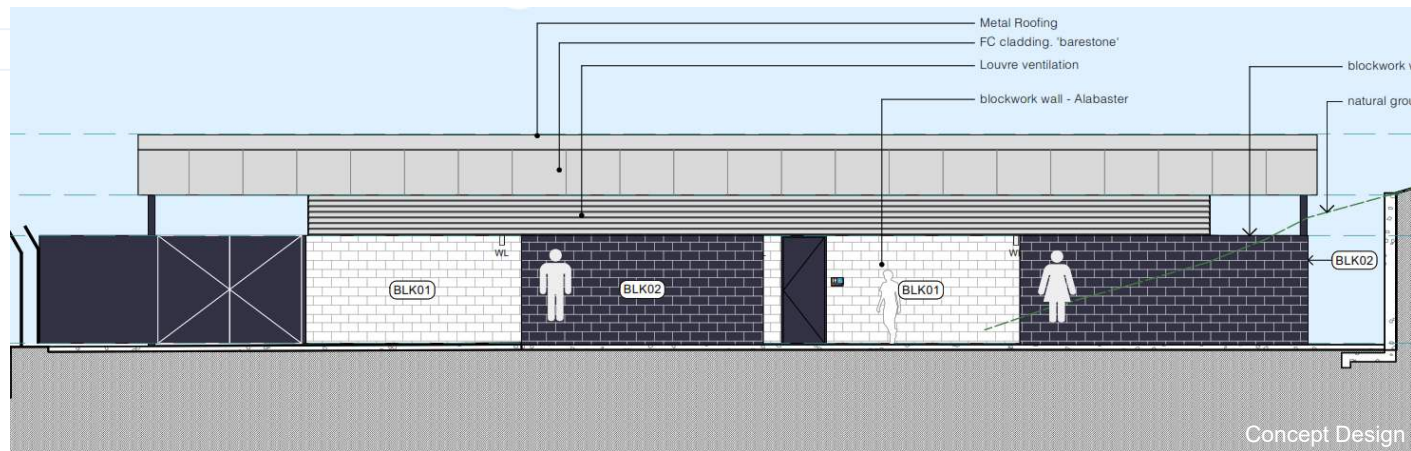


Jubilee Stadium Eastern Amenities

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: Design – Complete
Construction - TBA



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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



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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 - August 2026
Construction – June 2028



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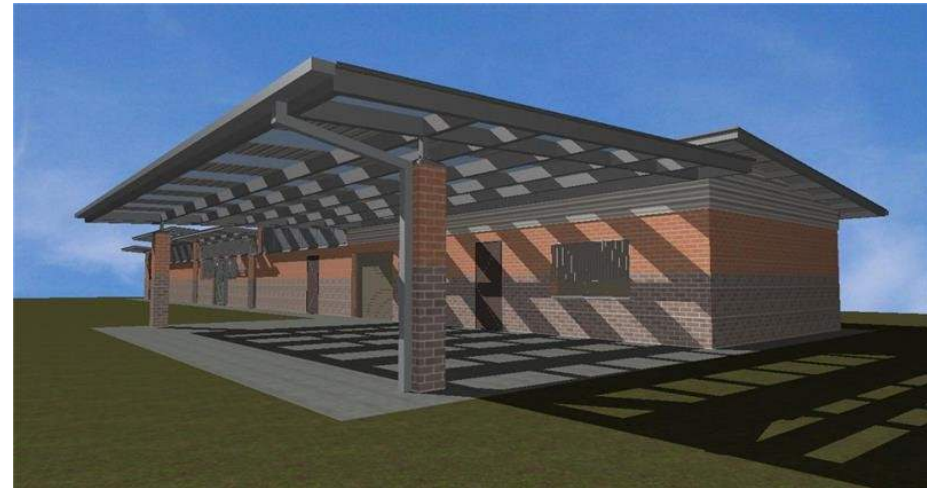


Gifford Park Sporting Amenities

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 – December 2026
Construction – June 2028



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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 – March 2027
Construction – June 2028



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2025/26 Project



Todd Park Sporting Amenities

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: Consultation - June 2026
Construction - TBA





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Item: SAC011-26 Carss Park Aquatic Facility

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 within this report from Executive Manager City Futures on the Carss Park Aquatic Facility.

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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 February 2026, the following actions have occurred.
 - (a) Fortnightly Project Control Group meetings.
 - (b) Monthly SteerCo meetings.
4. Milestones completed since the last update include:
 - (a) The 80% detailed design for the facility is complete.
 - (b) Contractor procurement is underway.
 - (c) Proposals have been received from several suitably experienced aquatic facility contractors.
 - (d) Contractor appointment remains on track for late July 2026.
5. Project Completion (PC) is on track for late 2027. The PC will be dependent on the final design and planning pathway. Timeframes include time contingency for weather. The intention is to have the pool open for the 2027 summer season.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

6. There are no budget impacts for this report.

RISK IMPLICATIONS

7. 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

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

FILE REFERENCE

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ATTACHMENTS

Nil

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