



# How to engage with your local council

Lake Macquarie City Council provides an extensive range of sports facilities across the LGA that cater for a variety of organised sport activities and are used by over 100 Lake Macquarie based clubs.

Currently, Council's sports facilities are:

1 Archery range	5 Australian Rules football fields
7 Athletics tracks	7 Baseball diamonds
1 BMX tracks	21 Cricket turf pitches
35 Cricket synthetic pitches	31 Cricket practice nets
1 Croquet Facility	2 Equestrian facilities
106 Netball courts	1 Petanque facility
77 Football fields	30 Rugby League/Union fields
22 Tennis Facilities	

There are 109 Sporting Amenities Buildings supporting these fields & facilities. (Council has 321 Community Buildings within the LGA, including but not limited to Sports Amenities, Swim Centres, Community Halls, Public Toilets)

# Facility Improvement:

## Five funding sources

**Council Capital Funding** – The Sports Facility Strategy directs this funding. On average one amenities project, one lighting and one playing surface project a year.

**Section 94 Funds** – Projects are listed with the Section 94 Contribution Catchment plans. When funds are available works are programmed.

**Asset Replacement Funds** – Funding is allocated based on Assets condition. This may constitute replacement of part or the whole of the asset.

**Sustainability Funding** – Council programs to trial compost and reduce water consumption have delivered projects benefiting Sports Facilities. Topdressing, resurfacing and irrigation projects have been delivered, future projects subject to annual funding requests.

**Club or Grant Funded** – Council will support well considered, communicated, and fully funded improvements to community facilities.

# Indicative costs of Facility Improvements

Amenities buildings (dressing rooms, storage, canteen, toilets)

- \$600K - \$1M

Sports Field Lighting

- \$120K-\$180K for 1 Football Field
- \$180K-\$300K for 2 Fields

Full Surface replacement

- \$250K for 1 Football Field

Irrigation

- \$90K for 1 Football Field
- \$130K for 2 Fields

Sports Field Drainage

- \$40K for 1 Football Field
- \$80K for 2 Fields

Car Parks

- \$300K for 30 Spaces

## Grants Available

- Community Building Partnership Program
- Department of Sport and Recreation Grants
- Legacy of Asian Cup Grants – Sports Specific Grants
- Club Grants
- Sponsorship Grants – Holden, Commonwealth Bank

Lake Macquarie City Council does not provide Grants as funds are allocated to Sports Facility Strategy Projects.

## Council Support & Grant Process

- Discuss your Clubs proposed project with Council
- Realistic timeframes for Council consideration prior to Grant Deadlines
- If supported, Letter of Support issued
- Grant Submission Preparation
- Approval Process
  - Supply of Plans – Development Application quality
  - Assessment of Plans
  - Issue of Consent to proceed with Project
- Contacting Council Community Projects Officer
- Delivering the Project
- Completing documentation for Council and Grant provider.

## Recommendations: Planning for Grants

- Create a relationships with all stakeholders; State Members, Councillors, Council staff & other facility users
- Have a single contact person for Council – provides a continuity of information and builds a relationship
- Plan early – Don't wait for Grants to open to start planning
- Have a collection of grant projects in planning
- Select appropriate projects for the grant Terms & Conditions

## Thankyou

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