



---

## PRESIDENTS REPORT

### Finals

As we approach the finals, the fact is not all teams will qualify. Yes we play to win and this club has had great success over its many many years. We absolutely must strive to achieve every success, but at the same time, we must remain true to our values and culture.

In times when we do not reach the finals, we need to fall back on these values and culture to:

- give us the resolve to get through the hard times
- steel us for the challenges ahead.

I cite the famous NFL coach Vince Lombardi, who said:

"it's not whether you get knocked down, it's whether you get up".

That is what Glebe has always done well. Each of us must continually challenge each other to work even harder and be better than the year before.

I take this opportunity on behalf of the committee to wish our finals teams every success. Whether it be our juniors, men or women, I ask all in the club to make every effort to support all these teams at every opportunity. We as a club are one of the best supporting clubs and I'm sure all players would love to have that traditional Glebe support on show. To those who didn't qualify for the finals, my commiserations. I trust you made many new friends, enjoyed the season, improved your game and are now really keen to support our finalists.

End of Season

As we approach the end of another season, it is very important to acknowledge the following key contributors in 2016.

1. Coaches / Team Managers - their efforts on a voluntary basis to devote their time to the players and to the success and enjoyment of the team.

2. Fellow players - the enjoyment we got from each other and the memorable moments we create for each other. Along with these, there are the funny, the sad and the frustrating moments that make the season what it is and why in the end we play and love it.

3. Club Committee/Volunteers - those who helped in whatever capacity to make the season what it was, covering areas such as the club bar, training, club bbq's, umpiring, social events and game day itself.

4. Club Supporters - those great souls that may or may not be still playing but create the game-day atmosphere for the

players and in general terms make all of our experiences so much better.

The fundamental reasons we play hockey each year are because we love the game, love the club, love the people around the club and love the culture of our club which has been built over nearly 90 years. We should all recognise and acknowledge the above contributions and we should all take the opportunity over the remaining weeks to either personally or as a team, thank the various people that helped to make the season as enjoyable as it was. I know we recognise these contributions formally, but it is nice to have people thanked on an informal basis. It means so much more to be recognised and thanked in this way.

Mr. Danny O'Brien  
Glebe District Hockey Club President

---

## MEN'S REPORT



The Glebe District Hockey Club Men's teams have had a somewhat tough 2016 season with only first grade progressing to the final series in September. But I can't say that every player and team which stepped on to the field wearing the Maroon and White colours of the Glebe District Hockey Club played to the best of their ability and upheld the true traditions of the club.

Club President Danny O'Brien has been for a while now brought to mine and the Management Committees attention that club standards and values have been slipping somewhat over the last two / three years. Up until recently I was particularly cognisant of what Danny was saying but never really held much weight behind it. Only now since I have been performing the Men's Club Captain role that I now see what Danny has been saying. Club standards have been slipping in that player's commitment not only to the team in which they play for but also to club. Which has resulted in diminished performances and player unavailability's to levels previously not been seen. It is not uncommon to have 20 – 30 players unavailable each weekend over the course of the season which puts a huge strain on players having to double up but also places undue pressure on the volunteers who serve to see that this grand old club of ours flourishes and prospers.

I myself am a product of the people who have contributed and gone before me and because of this I have probably

picked up the "old – school", attitude, beliefs, values and true traditions of the club which I hope I am passing on in some way to the next generation who will one day be in charge of taking this club forward in to the future. I have already held informal talks with senior members of the club about the construction of a set player expectations, which we will require each player to sign before the commencement of a new season. Whilst this initiative is still in its embryonic stages they will be a set of very simple expectations that I would expect all players to abide by. I imagine they would encompass the following:

- I. Playing Expectations (on and off field)
- II. Training Attendance (Top three grades)
- III. Fitness Training, Fitness Levels, Fitness standards and perhaps fitness testing
- IV. Administrative Matters
- V. Volunteering expectations - contributing to the common good

If any Club member past or present has any thoughts, feelings or opinions on the above please do not hesitate to contact me via the information contained at the bottom of this article.

It is noted in the book Under the Arches – A history of the Glebe District Hockey Club till 1993 that the Glebe District Hockey Club consolidated a reputation for being one of the most formidable opponents in Sydney Hockey. The corner stone of this reputation was noted as being the teams team spirit, determination and fierce will to win. It is also noted that it became a matter of great pride for a local boy to pull on the Glebe jersey. The fierce determination, pride, superior fitness and the mighty Glebe spirit allowed many Glebe teams to win in the dying minutes of countless matches. It is these values, beliefs, expectations and traditions that I think we must once again tap into if we are once again to be a formidable force in Sydney Hockey. Granted winning is not everything but when you join and play for a club such as the Glebe District Hockey Club you join a club steeped in traditions, history and lofty expectations.

By Mark Paterson  
Men's (pseudo) Club Captain

**Mr Mark Paterson**  
1/43 Hereford Street Glebe  
NSW 2037  
Email: [markgpaterson@icloud.com](mailto:markgpaterson@icloud.com)  
Phone: 0415 270 294

---

## WOMEN REPORT

Glebe women's have had a successful season with 3 out of 5 teams making the semi finals. These results could not be possible without the help of our coaches who have dedicated their time and effort for such a successful season.

**Semi Finals this weekend Sunday 4th September 2016,**

**2nd Grade @10:30am F2 (Olympic Park) and 4th Grade @2pm F2 (Olympic Park)**

### **1st Grade:**

Congratulations to the 1st grade women's team and coach Matt Wark who have secured their place in the SWHL Metro League 1 competition. It has been a tough season for them in this premier grade however they entered the 2016 season knowing this and with the goal of avoiding relegation. They have put up many strong performances against some top teams and have used the year to learn and build week in, week out. They have been rewarded by knowing they can hit the ground running in 2017, ready to take it to the top teams.

### **2nd Grade:**

Women's Second Grade grabbed a semi-final spot at the end of their last competition game against Macarthur on Sunday. Since their promotion into the SWHL ML3 competition in 2014, the team had finished in fifth place both years, and just missed out on Finals action.



Despite their poor start to the season (a draw and two defeats) the team fought back, and have been in the top four since Week 7. Just one defeat in the last nine rounds put the team on the brink of a place, and they took on fifth placed Macarthur knowing that a win or draw would see them qualify. The loss of youngster Layla Riley to an ankle injury on the eve of the match was put behind them, and they took the game to Macarthur. Strong midfield play from Alex Glading and Phoebe Kershaw put Glebe on top, and two goals just before halftime – both to Kate Gleeson – gave the team confidence.

Macarthur fought back hard after the break, and pulled one back from a penalty corner. Some good saves by keeper Rachel Lambe kept them at bay for a while, but they scored an equalizer with fifteen minutes to go, setting up a tense final period. Glebe continued to put the Macarthur defence under pressure, and Laura Schmahmann went close to grabbing a winner.

At the final whistle, the score remained at 2-2, and Glebe had held onto fourth place by the narrowest of margins. They face a **Minor Semi-Final against UTS at Homebush on Sunday 4th September 10:30am**



Third Grade were very unlucky this year with a slow start to the season they finished strong by only missing out on the semi finals by a couple of points. This team were extremely lucky to have the very vocal Jules from Holland and Josh to coach the team for the last couple of games.

#### 4th Grade



This team came from 7th position and had 1 win at the end of the first round. With our regular coach having a month holiday in Canada, Terrie (second grade captain) kindly offered to coach 4th grade in Phil's absence. In the 2nd round of the competition 4th grade managed to win 6 games and 3 draws to make the semi finals this weekend 4th September 2016 at Olympic park (F2) at 2pm.

## 5th Grade



Had a very successful season coming from the bottom of the table and finished the season holding a strong 4th position. 5th grade should be very proud of them in what they have achieved this season. A big thank you to John Parsons, who stepped into the role of coaching mid way through the season. Good Luck to 2nd and 3rd Grades this weekend. Go Glebe

Miss Melissa Newton  
Glebe District Hockey Club Women's Convenor.

---

## Women 2nd Grade Report

Women's Second Grade grabbed a semi-final spot at the end of their last competition game against Macarthur on Sunday. Since their promotion into the SWHL ML3 competition in 2014, the team had finished in fifth place both years, and just missed out on Finals action.

Despite their poor start to the season (a draw and two defeats) the team fought back, and have been in the top four since Week 7. Just one defeat in the last nine rounds put the team on the brink of a place, and they took on fifth placed Macarthur knowing that a win or draw would see them qualify. The loss of youngster Layla Riley to an ankle injury on the eve of the match was put behind them, and they took the game to Macarthur. Strong midfield play from Alex Glading and Phoebe Kershaw put Glebe on top, and two goals just before halftime – both to Kate Gleeson – gave the team confidence.

Macarthur fought back hard after the break, and pulled one back from a penalty corner. Some good saves by keeper Rachel Lambe kept them at bay for a while, but they scored an equalizer with fifteen minutes to go, setting up a tense final period. Glebe continued to put the Macarthur defence under pressure, and Laura Schmahmann went close to grabbing a winner.

At the final whistle, the score remained at 2-2, and Glebe had held onto fourth place by the narrowest of margins. They face a Minor Semi-Final against UTS at Homebush on Sunday 4th September (time to be announced)

<b>Sydney Women's Hockey League - Metro League 3</b>									
	<b>TEAM</b>	<b>P</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>L</b>	<b>F</b>	<b>A</b>	<b>GD</b>	<b>PTS</b>
1	<b>Sydney Uni 3</b>	18	11	5	2	39	9	30	38
2	<b>GNS 3</b>	18	11	2	5	35	23	12	35
3	<b>UTS 2</b>	17	8	4	5	25	17	8	28
4	<b>Glebe 2</b>	18	7	7	4	24	16	8	28
5	<b>Macarthur 2</b>	18	8	4	6	24	27	-3	28
6	<b>UNSW 2</b>	18	6	7	5	17	16	1	25
7	<b>Manly 1</b>	18	5	7	6	24	15	9	22
8	<b>Briars 3</b>	17	3	4	10	9	36	-27	13
9	<b>Hills Strikers 2</b>	18	3	6	9	13	28	-15	12*
10	<b>RHH 3</b>	18	1	6	11	8	31	-23	9

Mr. Martin Bishop  
 Glebe District Hockey Club Women's 2nd grade coach

## JUNIOR REPORT



It seems like just yesterday we were finalising our registrations and entering Glebe teams into the SEHA and Metro hockey competitions for 2016, and yet here we are at the end of season. From the hugely popular and successful Minkey program and the budding talents in our Under 9 age group right through to our Under 17 Metro semi-finalists, we have had over 150 kids play hockey this season. Thank you to everyone who has participated, played, coached, umpired, supported and cheered throughout the year.



Undoubtedly a highlight of the season has been the reintroduction of the Glebe Carnival after a lengthy absence. Inclement weather had dampened spirits for over 10 years, but after a slight false start, Sunday 21st August dawned with clear blue skies and the carnival was played in radiant sunshine. Again, over 110 children from both Glebe and beyond attended, and enjoyed traditional carnival hockey at its best. Particular thanks to those older Glebe juniors who assisted with coaching, umpiring and supporting on the day.

Special note to Jasmine Howe, who in her debut coaching took her Under 11's side through the day to emerge victorious. Although it was hockey and fun that were the real winners on the day. A true sense of community and warmth was evident throughout the day, and the sight of so many senior club members present, supporting, coaching, reminiscing and enjoying some fabulous freshly baked goods brought a smile to many faces. It would be remiss however not to particularly thank Sue Heath, Lester Currie and Vernon Howe, who put the day together and have been strong advocates for our juniors throughout the season, as well as Ann Morey and her abundant cake stall, Googa for his tireless Clubhouse support and Kerry Hunt for her liaison with council to secure Jubilee for the day.

We wish our semi-final teams the U11B strikers, U11A Redbacks, U13A Redbacks, U15A Redbacks and U17A Redbacks good luck in their finals matches in the coming weeks. Glebe is hosting the SEHA Grand Finals this year, so please pop Sunday 11th September in your diary as a chance to come out and see the final games of the year at St Luke's. We are hopeful of seeing our Under 11's in action on the day!

We have distributed through your managers information regarding summer sports options, including particularly Indoor Hockey. Please contact [glebeindoor@gmail.com](mailto:glebeindoor@gmail.com) for more information and to register. It starts soon. Juniors Presentation Night will be held on the 21st September, starting at 6pm at the clubhouse. We encourage everyone to attend this great night, as an opportunity to reflect on the season and recognise the achievements and efforts of our juniors.

Glebe District Hockey Club Junior Management Committee



## 2016 TUDOR-NOLLER CUP



The Annual Tudor-Noller Cup between U11 and U13 Glebe and Northern District teams was held at Pennant Hills on Sunday, 7 August 2016.

The Cup is named after the Tudor family and the Noller family, who both have done so much over so many years for their respective junior hockey clubs. Mark and Deb Noller and their four boys have been, and continue to be, such an important part of the Glebe District Hockey Club. The Cup is a great opportunity for the kids to play against another team outside their regular competition, and play at the wonderful Pennant Hills Hockey Centre.

Glebe was the current holder of The Cup. It was a great day for the games. As is traditional, the U11s played first. Glebe won 3 goals to 0. In the U13s, Northern Districts won 7 goals to 0. Accordingly, The Cup was decided on 1v1s v goalies. Northern Districts prevailed and The Cup passed to them. Well done to them.

It was a fun day with plenty of good support from family and friends. As always, Northern Districts was a generous and gracious host.

---

## Junior in Focus: Litiana Field



In her final year of juniors, we wanted to take a moment to recognise the outstanding achievements over the years as both a player and role model for Glebe Juniors of Litiana. Litiana currently plays with our U17A Redbacks in the Metro competition, as well as for her school and Glebe Women.

Her devotion to training and constantly seeking to improve her game is a fine example to the juniors around her. She is positive and encouraging of her teammates, and contributes to the club by umpiring, coaching and encouraging others. While playing for Glebe Women's First Grade at the highest standard each week, she has become an integral part of the team. Her coaches at both junior and senior level have reflected on her value to the team in skill, composure and support. Litiana is part of the Hockey NSW Accelerated Athlete Program for 2017, and has hopes and ambitions for further hockey honours.

Litiana has represented her school, SEHA, and NSW at the highest levels, and her recent trip to South Africa as part of the Australian Schoolgirls team has been a highlight of her career to date.

Throughout it all, she is an example to our youngest juniors of the value of hard work and dedication, of being sportsmanlike, supportive of your teammates and loyal to the Glebe club. Congratulations Litiana, and thank you.

---

## SOCIAL REPORT

Wow! What a great night the pub-crawl was. A huge crowd of about 100 started at The Merton Hotel on Saturday 30 July for dinner and drinks, and then kicked on to The Welcome Hotel and The Balmain Hotel, before some other planned stop off at hotels did not eventuate as last drinks were called prematurely. No problem, the majority of the crowd then got taxis to the clubhouse where the party raged into the early hours of the morning. Thanks to Rachel Borm who helped organised the event and especially to Laure Salou, who designed the immensely popular limited edition T-shirts that everyone wore on the night, and will no doubt keep as a memento for many years to come.

The club held a very successful fundraising BBQ at Alexandria Bunnings on 17 July, which was manned by the Men's Hockey Club and by some of the player's parents. Thank you to Mark Paterson for all of his help on the day. We have managed to secure another BBQ at the same venue for Sunday 6 November, which will be organised by the Women's club. Please free up some time to help out on this date if you can.



With the end of season coming up, there will be a number of social events for club members. An official end of season function will be held at The Merton Hotel this Friday 26 August and an after-party at the clubhouse. Then the following night on Saturday 27 August, there will be dinner and drinks at the Merton Hotel for the Men's club after their last preliminary round games. Hopefully our Men's 1st grade and some of our Women's teams make the finals and then there will be even more celebrations! Hopefully September proves to be a big month for the Dirty Reds. Finally, the Annual Presentation night will be held at The Grandstand Bar on Sunday 8 October. This will be a great night. Buy your tickets early to avoid disappointment and dress

Mr. Adam Campano  
Glebe District Hockey Club Social Convenor

---

## AROUND THE GROUNDS – THE GLEBE DISTRICT HOCKEY CLUB

Reader Feedback on the Article in the July 2016 Edition of the Red Rag Entitled: Is the Sydney Senior Men's Hockey Competition Organised Fairly?

**In the July Red Rag I wrote the following:**

"My suggestion is to make it compulsory for a club's first grade squad to contain at least seven or eight players who have played at least two full seasons of Under 13 or at the very least Under 15 junior hockey for the club. At least half of the first grade squad should be comprised of local junior players. This alteration to the rules of the Sydney Hockey Association First Grade Competition By-Laws would make it more attractive for clubs to foster their own junior talent and not to seek to bolster their first grade team by soliciting outstanding players from country NSW and from Overseas."

## **Feedback Received from Readers:**

Interesting article. The problem spans sports & continents. European Football (restricted somewhat by the freedom of movement laws) imposes a home-grown-player and home-trained-player quota on teams in top leagues. Of the 25 named in any given squad (from what I can work out) at least 8-12 must be home-grown (defined as having played for that club for 3 years prior to turning 21), with further proposals for home-trained quotas; players who've played for the club for 3 years prior to turning 18.

The thresholds are slightly different to those you propose for Sydney Hockey, but the problem and the fundamentals of the proposal are entirely the same really. Local talent gets short-shrift to imported assets, which over time leads to extreme situations like the English one; strongest competition in the world, but their national team has not even come close to winning an international competition in decades - there's some commentary on that in the first two articles.

Have Sydney Seniors has much luck at recent NSW championships? I can't recall NSW's last win at the Australian Championships, but I don't follow it closely.

Depending on the clubs political appetite, Glebe could stir the pot at Sydney Hockey by tabling such a proposal at the AGM.

<http://www.uefa.com/news/newsid=943393.html>

<http://www.thefa.com/news/thefa/2015/mar/greg-dyke-england-commission-homegrown-players-work-permits-march-2015>

<http://m.bbc.com/sport/football/32024808>

## **Further comments made to me by another player, a Glebe stalwart:**

He made the point that if a non-junior player had played with a Club for a substantial period of time, then that player should be granted "local" status and count in the junior tally. The period of time could be discussed, but he suggested 70-80 club games as an appropriate number.

The current player who made the comment to me is a Glebe player of long standing, having first played for Glebe in 1985. He was not a Glebe junior, and came to Glebe from another Sydney Club, where he had played junior and senior hockey.

The player putting the suggestion to me opined that despite the fact that he had played for Glebe for over 30 years, if he played first grade he would not be considered a "local" for assessing the number of non-junior players allowed to play in a club's first grade team, and to him this did not seem to be reasonable.

## **My Reply to this suggestion:**

I agree that a player who has not played junior hockey for a club, but who has shown a commitment to that club for at least 5-6 seasons should be able to be included in the local content provision. Anomalies will inevitably arise and contentious decisions would need to be adjudicated by the Management Committee of the Sydney Hockey Association on a case-by-case, player by player, year by year basis.

Should the ability to field junior teams affect the ability of a club to play in the First Grade of the Sydney Men's Hockey Association?

A District Club should, in my view foster the game of hockey within its district, and provides an opportunity for the children of the local area to play the game. It is a bonus if children from outside the local area play for a club. Children of ex-club players and relatives of ex-club players, because of close family and friendship ties often bring their children back to play for their old club, or the club of a close relative. Over the years Glebe, has had many children of ex-players come back to the Club to play in its junior teams. This tradition continues in 2016. This tradition is healthy, as longstanding friendships and social ties are nourished, nurtured and enriched. Both parents and children benefit from this practice. District clubs should accept any child who wants to play junior hockey for it, unless there are exceptional circumstances.

Primarily though, a district club should provide for the exercise, social, and emotional needs of the children within its district.

If a club is a dominant force in the Sydney Hockey Association first grade competition but fields no junior teams, should

that team continue to be allowed to play in the first grade competition?

My view is that this club should be relegated to second grade, until it can field at least four mixed (boys and girls) junior teams in either the Northern Junior Hockey Association, or the Sydney South East Hockey Association.

My perception is that in 2016 there is too little emphasis on the junior development of the game at local club level, and too much emphasis on having the best possible first grade team that a club can field, in an endeavour to win the first grade premiership, with the kudos and honour that go with it. Clubs that put a lot of time and effort into their junior teams are not rewarded and clubs that put very little time and effort into their junior teams are not penalized. Why is this situation tolerated?

Club development and club survival is predicated on a continuing flow of young people from the junior ranks of the club. The honor and glory of winning a first grade competition should not hide the fact that many of the players in the first grade team are non-juniors of the club and next to none of the "stars" from far away will ever help coach local junior players or accept administrative positions within the club. Short term glory for a club should not override a club's long term survival, or negate a club's community responsibility to provide exercise and socialization opportunities for children of the district.

Clubs who benefit from having synthetic fields - one, two or even three fields on Council land, in my view have an obligation to put something back into the local community that provides them with Council land. Clubs that fulfil this obligation should be rewarded and clubs that do not should be penalized. In 2016, some clubs with synthetic fields on council owned land do a fabulous job of encouraging children to play hockey and are to be applauded. Other clubs with synthetic fields on council owned land do very little to encourage local children to play hockey. They spend precious little time or energy on providing sporting opportunities for children from within their district.

I read regularly how Hockey Australia and Hockey NSW are trying to encourage the development of hockey as a sport within the community, and to encourage people to play the game. The attitudes of the Australian and State Hockey Associations seem a long way away from what I see at the grass roots of the game, far away from the ivory towers occupied by our games' administrators.

Fostering juniors from the local area is not an optional extra for a district club, it is very much a core activity, and should be treated as such by the Hockey Associations at all levels.

The Australian, State and City Hockey Associations, in my view, are long on rhetoric, verbiage and fantasy and very short on reality and practicality. The average person in a local district is very much considered as cannon fodder and milch cows, for the representative scene and the representative players. Club players are levied a considerable amount of money support the elite.

Incentives should be in place to give local children of a district an opportunity to try hockey as a sport, to provide children of the local district with the opportunity to play a team sport with their friends, of both genders. Too much emphasis is placed on the top 5% of hockey players and too little emphasis is given to the vast majority of players who play the game for exercise, social contact and the camaraderie that the game at club and district level provides. Local hockey is important and should be nurtured, encouraged and helped in any way it can be. Money should not be moved from the pockets of the average club player, or the average hockey players' parents up the chain to the Australian, State and City Hockey Associations to provide for the representative elite.

The more juniors a local club fields each week, the more the State and the Australian Hockey Association benefit financially. A club that fields few junior teams provides less to the coffers of the State and Australian Hockey Associations. It should be the reverse situation. A club that fields few junior teams and does not meet its quota should be asked to contribute as much to the NSW and Australian Hockey Associations as the club that fields the most junior teams in the Sydney Hockey Junior Competitions.

Reward the clubs who foster local juniors and penalize clubs that have no, or very little, commitment to the children of the local area.

Emphasizing the importance of local content in a club's first grade team is a good place to start in initiating a push to help hockey prosper at the level of the local field, the local schools and the local area.

Change will be hard to achieve on this front, as there are many people with positions within the State and Sydney Hockey Associations who will feel threatened by the prospect of the changes that I suggest.

Comment and input from readers about this article are welcome. Contrary views and suggestions from readers are particularly encouraged. If you think this article is out of touch, biased, or irrelevant feel free to say so. All letters to the Editor of the Red Rag will be published in the next Edition of the Newsletter.

## **Please read the article shown below.**

It is the first time in more than 20 or 30 years that the City of Sydney Council, has shown any interest in the needs and requirements of outdoor sporting clubs in the local Glebe Area.

Is a synthetic surface field in the Glebe Area possible? It was impossible a few months ago, now it is just unlikely. Read the article and advise the Club on how it can convince Council that a synthetic surface field on Federal Park Annandale will benefit more people than it disadvantages.

The GDHC approached Leichardt Council about the possibility of siting a synthetic surface field on Federal Park Annandale in the mid-1980s. Over 30 years later is now the time to re-visit this proposal? This time the Club would be applying to the City of Sydney Council, which took over the Glebe Area from Leichardt Council in 2003.

## **Open Space, Sports and Recreation Needs Study**

Article taken from the Sydney, YourSay.com.au published by the City Of Sydney Council in August 2016.

Thank you to everyone who provided feedback on how the City proposes to plan, manage and provide new parks, open space and sports and recreation facilities in the City of Sydney.

This will help the City to meet the demands of Sydney's growing population, and manage competing demands for open space and sports facilities. For example, the City will allocate more than \$400 million over the next 10 years to improve existing assets, as well as provide new parks, sports and recreation facilities across the local area.

The public exhibition was held from Tuesday 17 May to Friday 1 July 2016. During this time we asked for your feedback on how well you think this Study outlined the current and future challenges faced by the City, and sets benchmarks for future open space. We also asked for your feedback on our strategic directions and key actions which are our road map for providing open space, sports and recreation in the future.

The consultation is now closed and will be reported to Council later in 2016. You can still view the draft Sports and Recreation Needs Study 2016 (in the document library) and read a wrap up of the consultation below.

Thanks for being part of planning for open space, sports and recreation in the City of Sydney.

- About the Study

About the Study

- Thanks for giving us your feedback on parks and recreation

## **6 days ago**

Continue reading Thank you to everyone who gave us feedback on the City's draft Open Space, Sports and Recreation Needs Study. The Study was placed on public exhibition from Tuesday 17 May to Friday 1 July 2016.

There was a good response, including more than 1,200 visits to the SydneyYourSay page; 728 study document downloads; 92 completed feedback forms and 19 submissions. The majority of participants indicated they were current users of open space, parks, sports and recreation facilities in the City of Sydney.

Overall, the response to the Study was positive, with support for the City's strategic directions and the proposed capital works expenditure over the next 10 years.

Through this public exhibition, the City has gained a good understanding of the future priorities of people who use open space, parks and sports and recreation facilities, as well as an indication of the strategic directions and actions which are supported by the community and stakeholders.

A number of specific comments, suggestions and requests were captured throughout the consultation process, including:

- Requests for new skate facilities in the City of Sydney;
- Requests for hockey facilities, including for the Glebe Hockey Club;
- The important role of parks and recreation facilities in promoting health and well-being and community connections;
- Requests for upgrades to community and recreation facilities in Pyrmont/Ultimo.

These issues and others and included in the Submissions Report which will be reported to Council later in 2016.

- New facilities

### 3 months ago

Continue reading The study proposes providing more sports and recreation facilities throughout the City of Sydney. Some of the key suggestions are included below:

- 5 new sports fields are estimated to be provided consisting of Gunyama Park, Green Square, Perry Park, Alexandria and 2-3 fields through s.94 open space acquisition plan funding;
- 1 non-standard size sports field at Federal Park, Annandale;
- 3 casual active recreation spaces proposed for Garraway Park, Green Square, McPherson Park, Ashmore Estate and Harold Park, Forest Lodge;
- Develop partnerships with schools and other agencies to increase public access to sport field facilities;
- 2 indoor and 2 outdoor courts at Perry Park, Alexandria;
- Provision of half / non-standard size courts in new and upgrade park projects when feasible;
- New aquatic centre at Green Square;
- New district level playground at Federal Park;
- Recommendation to assess feasibility to provide City Centre play space;
- Additional skate facilities at Federal Park, Sydney Park and Green Square; and
- Increasing diversity of recreation facilities such as outdoor gyms, walking paths, chessboards and amenity to support companion animal exercise.

- Key findings about sports facilities

### 3 months ago

Continue reading The City has completed a Sports Facility Demand Study. This process included consultation with facility managers, schools, sporting organisations and local Councils, which neighbour the City. The study showed that demand for sporting facilities often exceeds supply, which is underscored by a high population of young people (18-39 years) in the City of Sydney and 74.5% of residents living in high-density housing.

City Centre sport and recreation opportunities such as lunchtime field and court sports are under pressure with Domain parklands and recreation centres such as KGV at over capacity to accommodate demand.

The City is experiencing changes to the way sport is played and the way sports fields are used. The casualisation of sport to “show up and play” has seen an increase in the popularity of small team, half-size field sports such as 6-a-side soccer, touch football and Oztag.

By 2031 the number of additional fields required compared to current provision could be as high as 20 fields. This provision will only be possible through the use of synthetic fields to increase current sports field capacity, partnerships with other sports field providers and allowing some areas of passive open space to be converted to active sports fields. A subregional approach is also required to sports field planning and management.

There are currently 91 full-sized outdoor sports courts in the City of Sydney catering for tennis, basketball, netball and other sports. Demand for an additional 17-18 multi-purpose courts will be required by 2031.

There are currently 21 full sized indoor sports courts in the City of Sydney catering for basketball, netball, volleyball and other sports. Demand for an additional 11 indoor multi-purpose courts will be required by 2031.

Hockey Australia have warned against a savage cut to their funding amid failures at Rio

JON RALPH, Herald Sun  
August 16, 2016 3:36pm

HOCKEY Australia bosses have warned a savage cut to their \$5 million funding under the Winning Edge program would severely impact their ability to rebound from a disastrous Olympic campaign.

Australian hockey has arguably had its worst Olympics ever, with the men failing to reach the medal rounds for the first time in 44 years and no Olympic medal since 1984.

In the space of 16 hours in Rio the men capitulated in a 4-0 defeat against Holland and the women's 4-2 quarter-final loss to New Zealand was just as deflating.

### National Investment

Hockey Australia's Government funding unchanged for 2015-16

Minister for Sport the Hon. Sussan Ley MP has announced the Australian Government will invest more than \$134 million directly into Australian national sporting organisations (NSOs) and athletes in 2015-16.

Almost \$100 million will be invested in NSOs for high performance with more than \$22 million devoted to participation. \$12 million will be provided to more than 750 eligible athletes under the direct athlete support program known as dAIS. In 2015-16, Hockey Australia will receive the same amount of funding from the Australian Government, through the Australian Sports Commission, as it has in 2014-15. Of the Government's \$100 million investment in high performance, Hockey Australia will receive \$5,840,000. Of the \$22 million ring-fenced for participation, Hockey Australia will receive \$661,800.

Cam Vale, Chief Executive of Hockey Australia, said, "The funding we receive from the Government through the Australian Sports Commission is essential for the successful operation of our sport at grassroots level and the success of our iconic national teams, the Hockeyroos and Kookaburras.

"The funding, which we dedicate to implementing our strategic plan, Hockey's Winning Edge: 2014-2018, should never be taken for granted. It is not an entitlement. It is tax payers' money and we respect the need to continue to work hard to maintain our focus on the high performance, participation and governance outcomes that justify this investment in hockey. "

### **Participation**

As part of the Australian Sports Commission's (ASC) participation game plan Play.Sport.Australia, the ASC has developed a new participation investment model based on a categorisation approach and framework.

This new framework provides a simpler, more consistent and transparent approach to participation funding. The categorisation is based on participation data from the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) and data gathered through the ASC's Annual Sports Performance Review (ASPR).

Hockey is categorised as a Category B sport meaning it is a sport with strong club membership and a significant reach in an important participation category (children, adult or exposure). The other Category B sports in 2015-16 are bowls, golf, gymnastics, rugby union, surf lifesaving, swimming and touch football.

Hockey Australia is supportive of the new categorisation framework.

Cam Vale said, "While there are undoubtedly challenges with classifying sports, Hockey Australia fully supports the National Sporting Organisation Participation Investment Categorisation Framework. It provides clear transparency and accountability for all sports and acts as an incentive to align our strategic plan in participation to achieve the next level of classification, something we will strive to do."

### **The future**

Future categorisation will be informed by ASPR participation data and a new ASC sector-wide national AusPlay Survey that will commence in 2016-17. This survey will capture more comprehensive sport and other recreational activity data at a population level than previously collected via the ABS or the Exercise, Recreation and Sport Survey.

The participation investment has been allocated based on the categorisation model, with a fixed funding amount per category. The 2015-16 funding allocation will be a transition year for NSO participation funding, with the full application of the investment model to take effect from 2016-17. With the exception of skate, baseball and softball, sports have not had a significant change in funding for 2015-16, as there is one year transition in NSO participation funding in 2015-16. In 2015-16, the previous Whole of Sport funding category has been removed. The investment previously classified as Whole of Sport (\$3.8m in 2014-15) has been redistributed to either high performance or participation funding in 2015-16. The Whole of Sport investment allocations for baseball, softball and table tennis have been re-classified as high performance funding for 2015-16 based on their potential to contribute to Australia's Winning Edge targets.

### **High performance**

As the Rio Olympic and Paralympic Games are just over 12 months away, there have been minimal changes to high performance investment allocations. Hockey's investment is unchanged.

**SOURCE: ADAPTED FROM AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT ANNOUNCEMENT**

## Documents

- o Investment Allocation 2015-2016 (PDF)
- o High performance investment allocation model (PDF)
- o National sporting organisation investment categorisation framework (PDF)
- o Australian Sports Commission
- o Visit the ASC website at [www.ausport.gov.au](http://www.ausport.gov.au).

Dr Harry Wark  
Glebe District Hockey Club Life Member and Club Historian

August RED RAG Newsletter sponsored by:

---

