



SPORT SERVICES REPORT

**2024 WINTER SEASON
6 APRIL - 1 SEPTEMBER**

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

With the winter sports season now concluded, we want to extend our heartfelt congratulations to all our sporting associations and clubs for their remarkable achievements.

The Sutherland Shire is proud to have some of the highest sports participation rates in NSW, and the Council is dedicated to meeting the needs of our large and diverse sporting community.

This inaugural report outlines our ongoing efforts to enhance services, and we'd like to highlight some key milestones from the past six months:

- **150+** winter sports field allocation inquiries processed
- **136,000+** hours dedicated to sports facilities
- **99%** customer service inquiry clearance rate
- **\$345,000** in grant funding secured
- Support for **6** local clubs with grant applications
- Drafting of a Sport Field Allocation Policy, with supporting guidelines in development
- Comprehensive review of golf and tennis facilities within the Shire
- Improved drainage, irrigation, and lighting at multiple sporting fields

Despite earlier weather disruptions, we congratulate our local associations, clubs, athletes, officials, and volunteers for a successful winter season.

Scott Pracy

Senior Manager, Sport & Leisure Services

VISION & OBJECTIVE

Sport Strategy 2022-2037



VISION

A sustainable and equitable approach to delivering high-quality sports infrastructure and facilities, that enables our community to be leaders in sports participation and performance.



OBJECTIVE

To provide our community with access to sports grounds, facilities and participation opportunities that encourage and facilitate a healthy and active lifestyle.

SUTHERLANDS SHIRE



SPORT ASSETS SNAPSHOT



Green sports field sites*

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Sports sites with formal assets

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Green sports field space^

.....



Total space allocated for sports use

*Excludes informal sports assets (eg netball ring in small park)
^Excludes golf courses and synthetic playing fields

2024 WINTER SEASON PARTICIPATION NUMBERS



40K+
Local winter season sport participants



*The above numbers reflect data provided by local sporting Associations via the Sport Services 2024 winter season participation survey issued in August 2024.

2024 WINTER SEASON SPORT FIELDS ALLOCATIONS



84

Local sporting user groups



150

Total EOIs received



136K

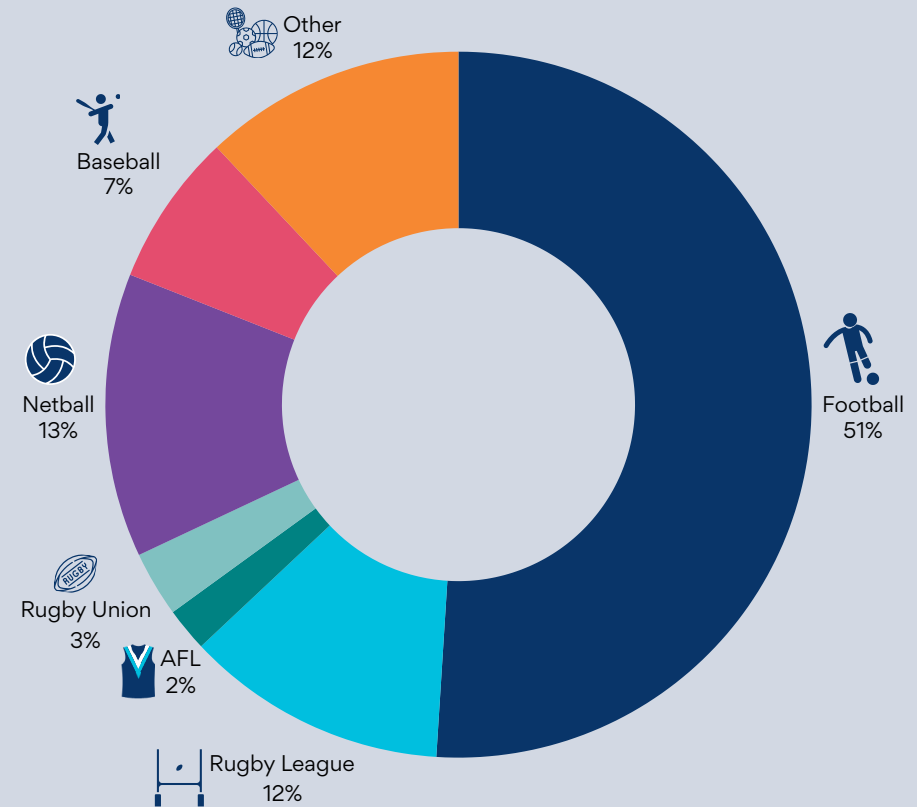
Total hours allocated



22K

Individual field slot allocations

ALLOCATIONS BREAKDOWN



*Figures above do not include school bookings, casual hire, special event or one off hire bookings.

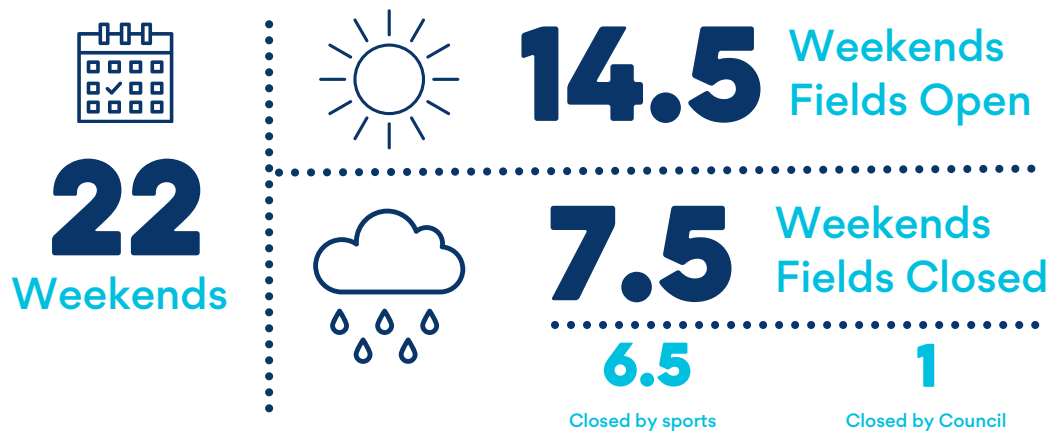
2024 WINTER SEASON WET WEATHER FIELD CLOSURES

MONTH BY MONTH ANALYSIS

MONTH	DAYS	RAIN EVENTS	DAYS CLOSED	RAIN FALL
April	25	5	2	229.3mm
May	31	17	12	222.9mm
June	30	8	4	319.7mm
July	31	15	8	85.5mm
August	31	7	2	29.4mm
Total	148	52	28	886.8mm

SPORTS FIELDS
WERE OPEN
81%
OF THE WINTER SEASON DAYS

WEEKEND SNAPSHOT



2024 WINTER SEASON SYNTHETIC FIELD HIRE



447

Confirmed Bookings



2,234

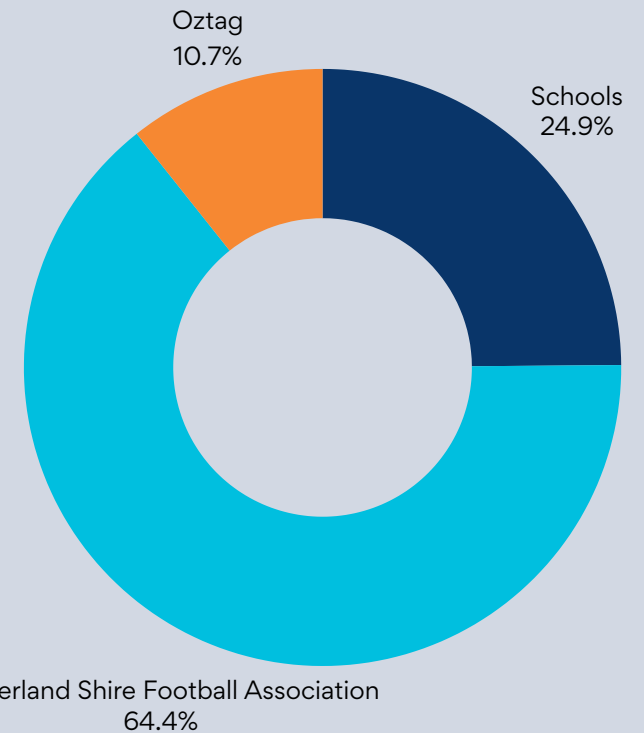
Confirmed Bookings



27%

Cancellation Rate

BOOKINGS BY USER GROUP





SCHOOL BOOKINGS: SPORT FIELDS



129

Total School
User Groups



11K

Total Allocated
Hours

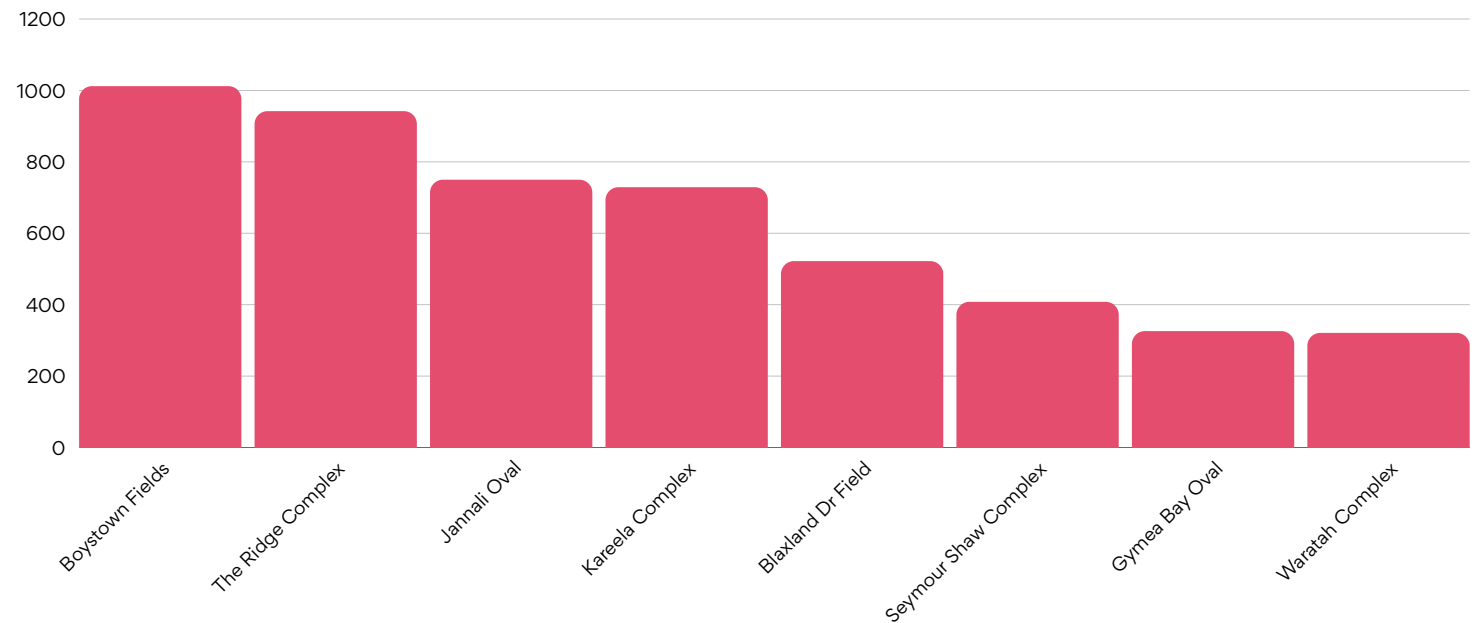


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Total Allocated
Sports Assets

HIGHEST UTILISED FACILITIES

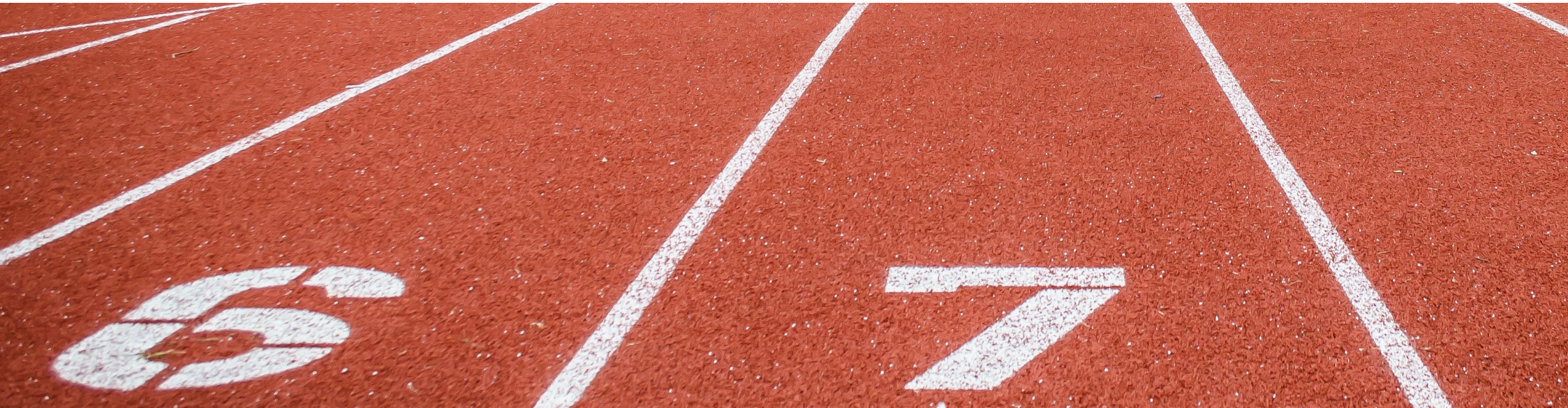
(Total booked hours)



SCHOOL BOOKINGS ATHLETICS FACILITIES

 ATHLETICS TRACK VENUE	 SHIRE SCHOOL GROUPS	 OUT OF SHIRE SCHOOL GROUPS	 TOTAL BOOKINGS
SYLVANIA	67	35	102
THE RIDGE	45	35	80
WARATAH SUTHERLAND	3	3	*6

*Due to wet weather field closures, the 6 booked events booked at Waratah Athletics Track did not take place.



2024 WINTER SEASON TENNIS COURT HIRE



5,101

Confirmed Bookings



7,156

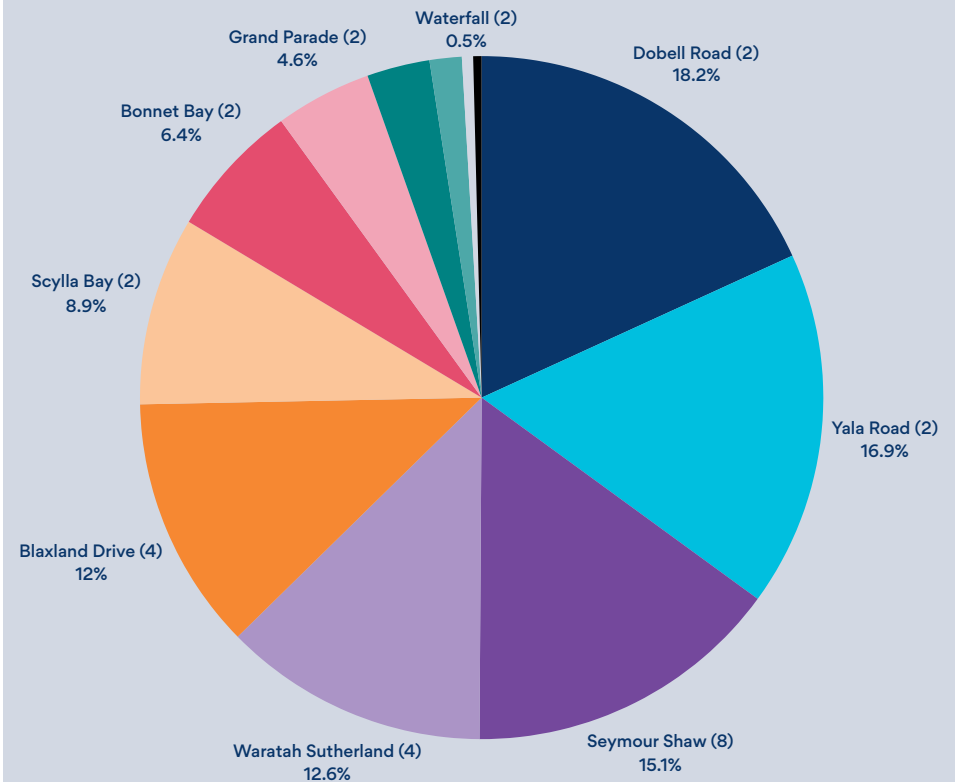
Confirmed Bookings



39%

Cancellation Rate

AVERAGE BOOKINGS PER COURT



SPORT SERVICES CUSTOMER ENQUIRIES

Sport related issues logged via council's customer request system for period:

1 January 2024 - 1 September 2024



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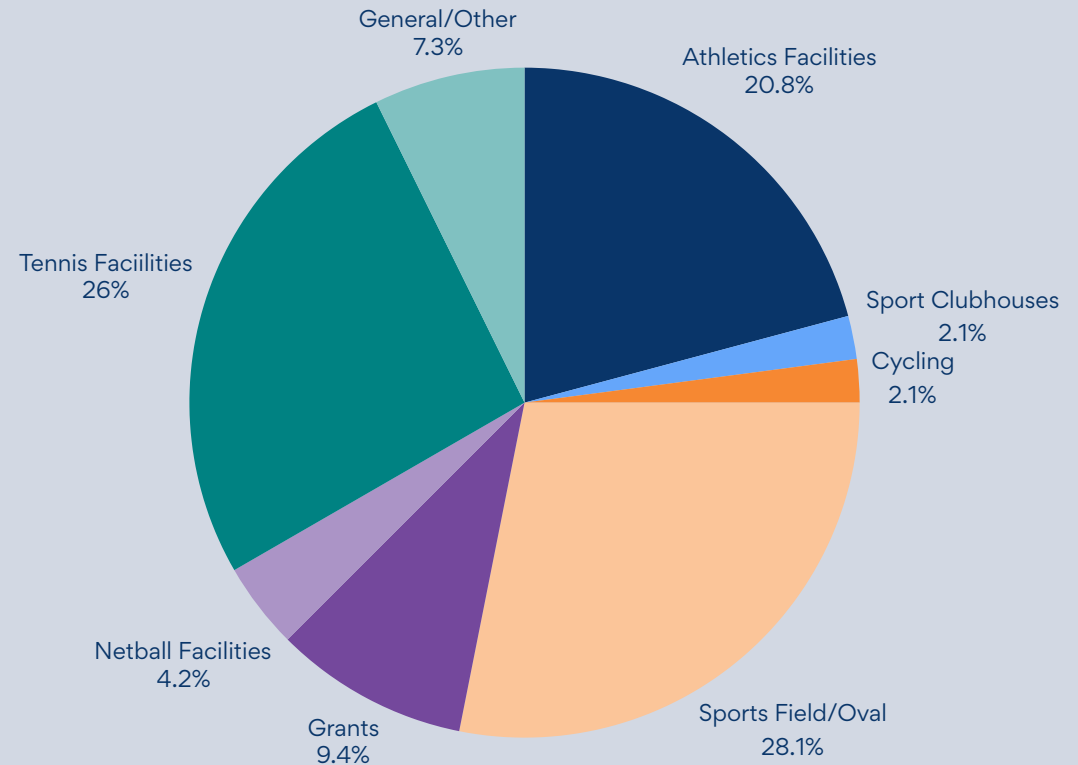
SPORTS ENQUIRY
ASSIGNED REQUESTS



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SPORTS ENQUIRY
CLOSED REQUESTS

SPORTS ENQUIRIES: BY CATEGORY



GRANTS & FUNDING UPDATE

‘Sport Services has focused on securing funding to upgrade our sport facilities and to complement our CapEx program.

Sport Services has diligently applied for multiple grants, with several successful outcomes and outcomes still pending.’



GRANT APPLICATIONS

SUCCESSFUL GRANT APPLICATIONS

Sport Services has been successful in the following four grant applications, totalling \$345,000.

 **\$40K**

The Ridge 1 & 2,
Cricket practice nets upgrade
**Cricket Australia Strategic
Infrastructure Funding**

 **\$40K**

Glenn McGrath Oval,
Cricket practice nets upgrade
**Cricket Australia Strategic
Infrastructure Funding**

 **\$40K**

ANZAC Oval,
Cricket practice nets upgrade
**Cricket Australia Strategic
Infrastructure Funding**

 **\$225K**

Gwawley Park Sports Field
Floodlighting Upgrade
**NSW Government
Office of Sport One-off Grant**

UNSUCCESSFUL GRANT APPLICATIONS

Sport Services were unsuccessful in two grant applications, totalling \$815,000.

 **\$615K**

Captain Cook Fields
Floodlighting Upgrade
NSW Government - Play Our Way Grant

 **\$200K**

Buckle Reserve
Floodlighting Upgrade
NSW Government - Level the Playing Field

COMMUNICATION & PROCESS

Sport Services has improved communication around grant funding opportunities and enhanced internal processes to ensure effective and efficient management of grant applications.













- ✓ Developing Standard Operating Procedures
- ✓ Developed Internal Grant Assessment Tool
- ✓ Developing Internal Grant Reporting Process
- ✓ Developed Grant Opportunities Newsletter
- ✓ Developing Online Guide for Sport Clubs
- ✓ Updating Grant and Infrastructure Webpages



CLUB SUPPORT

LETTERS OF SUPPORT

Sport Services received and supported 6 local clubs sport facility upgrades grant applications with 1 successful, 3 unsuccessful and 2 still pending.

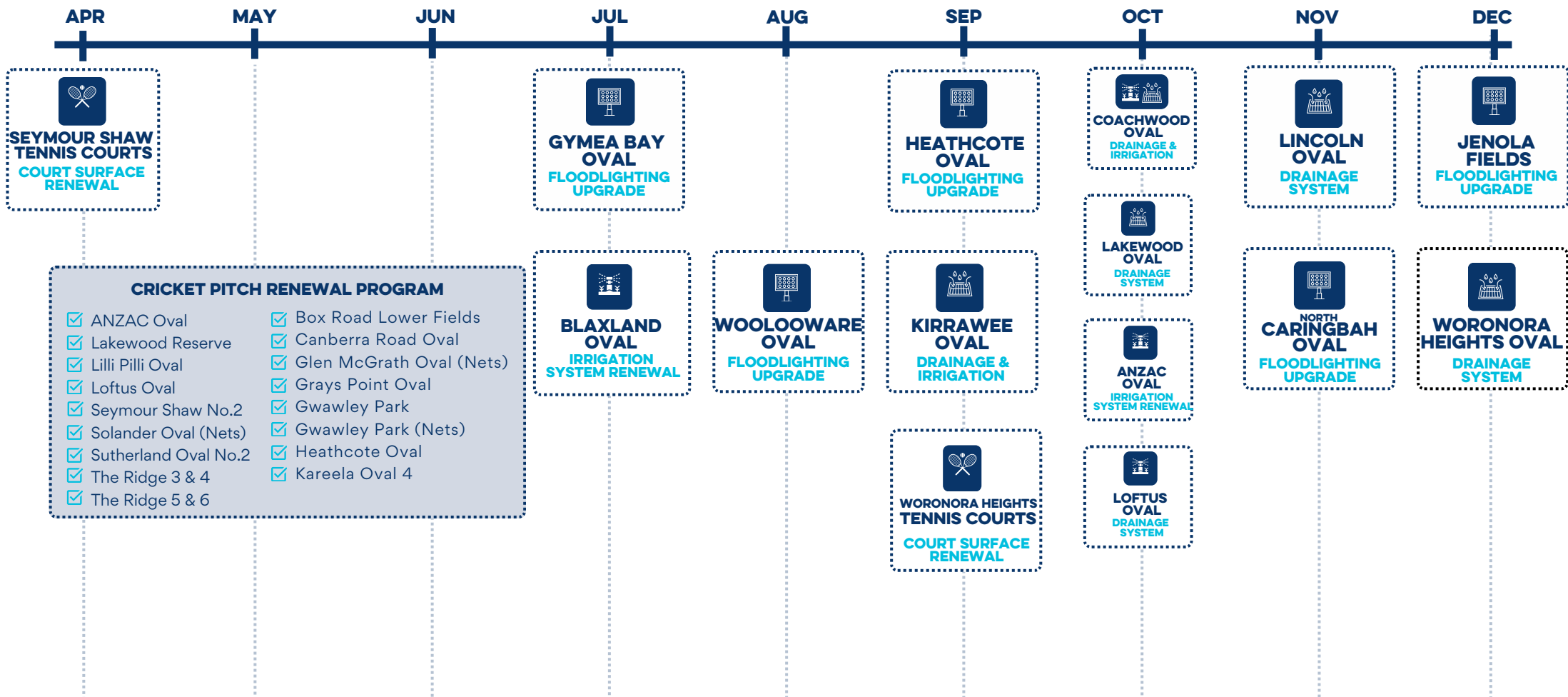
 \$100K MENAI ROOSTERS RUGBY LEAGUE	AKUNA OVAL CHANGEROOMS UPGRADE NSW Government	 Status: Successful
 \$180K COMO-JANNALI FOOTBALL CLUB	JANNALI OVAL CHANGEROOMS UPGRADE	 Status: Unsuccessful
 \$200K YARRAWARRAH BASEBALL CLUB	YARRAWARRAH RESERVE FENCING UPGRADE	 Status: Pending
 \$300K CRONULLA JUNIOR AFL CLUB	GWAWLEY PARK CHANGEROOMS UPGRADE	 Status: Unsuccessful
 \$100K SOUTHERN DISTRICT RUGBY CLUB	FORESHAW PARK CHANGEROOMS UPGRADE	 Status: Pending
 \$1.5M ST. JOHN BOSCO YOUTH CLUB	BOYSTOWN OVAL NEW CLUBHOUSE	 Status: Unsuccessful

CAPITAL WORKS PROJECTS

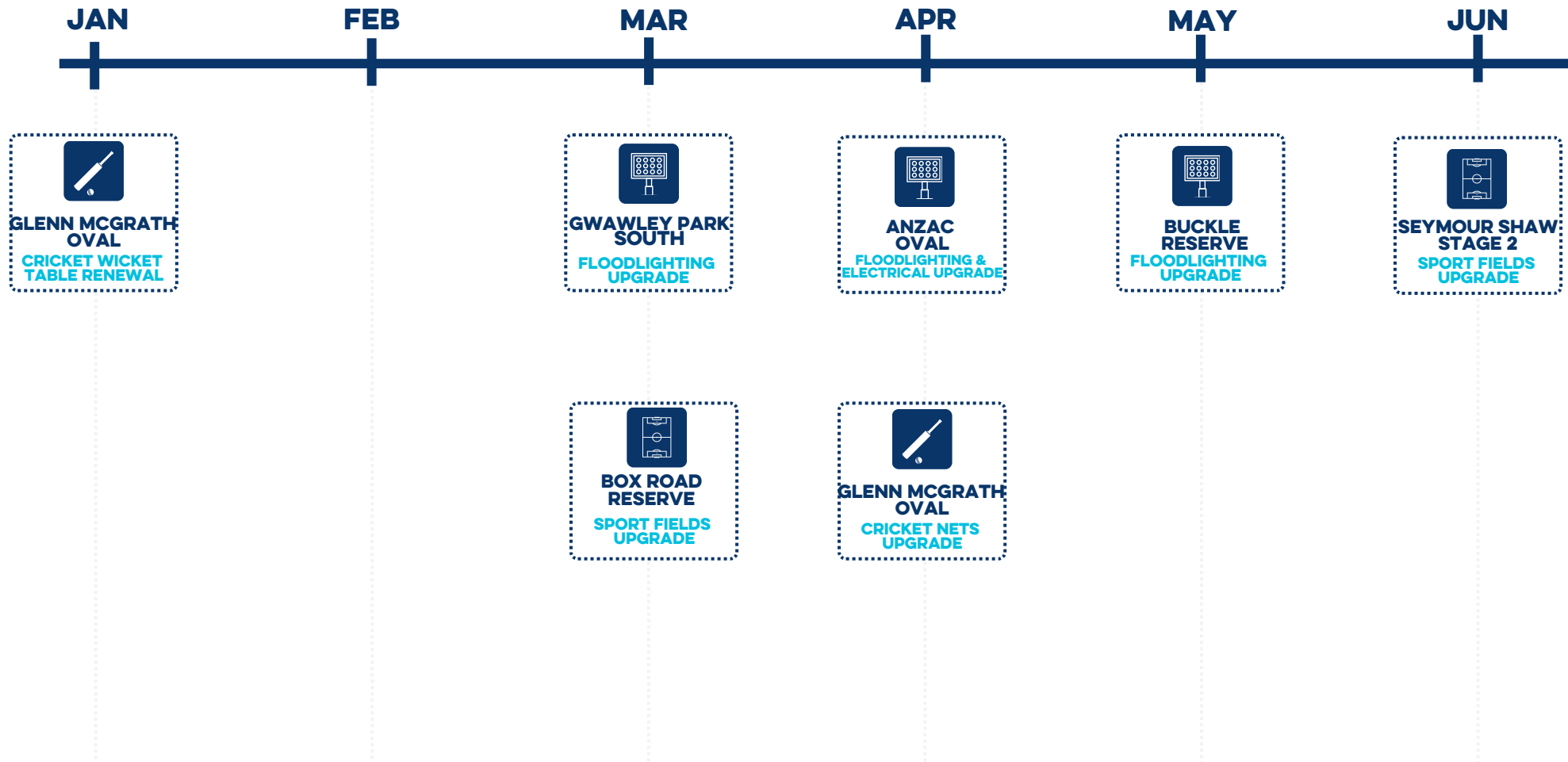
Capital works projects are major works on Council owned and managed land. These include optimising the use of existing facilities, developing additional facilities at existing sporting reserves, as well as developing new sports facilities.

For more information about the current key projects we're delivering for our community [click here](#).

2024 PROJECTS COMPLETED OR UNDERWAY



2025 PROJECTS PLANNED FOR COMPLETION



SPORT STRATEGY ACTIONS



Draft Sport Field Allocation Policy



Draft Wet Weather Guidelines



Draft Change of Season Guidelines



Tennis Facilities Plan



Golf Facilities Plan



Develop Design Standards for Sports Field Amenities Buildings



Business Proposal Submitted



Sport Field Assessment Audit

PLANNING AHEAD

-  **2024/25 Summer Season: 14 September 2024 to 16 March 2025**
-  **2025 Winter season Expressions of Interest Window: 1 - 30 November.**
-  **Change of Season Window (Summer to Winter): 17 - 28 March 2025**
-  **2025 Winter Season Dates: 29 March - 31 August 2025**
-  **For the latest information and updates on grants and funding that can assist your sport association or Club, [click here](#).**
-  **To subscribe to Council's Sport Services newsletter, [click here](#).**

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