

SPORT SERVICES UPDATE

SUTHERLANDSHIRE



Welcome to the June 2024 Sports Services Newsletter

We are thrilled to welcome Scott Pracy as the new Senior Manager Sport and Leisure at Sutherland Shire Council. Scott brings a wealth of experience, having been with Council since 2006, where he has held various key roles. His journey includes serving as a Fire & Building Safety Officer, Development Assessment Officer, Building Regulation Supervisor, and most recently, as the Manager of Public Safety & Lifeguards for the past three years. Scott's multifaceted background and strong leadership skills make him a valuable addition to our Sport and Leisure division. As we embark on implementing our Sport Strategy and Leisure Strategy, Scott's collaborative approach to stakeholder engagement will undoubtedly enhance our team's capabilities. We look forward to leveraging his expertise to elevate our sports and leisure initiatives.



In the Spotlight

2024 UNDER 18 GIRLS' STATE CHAMPIONSHIP



Huge Congratulations to the Sutherland Shire Softball Association U18 Girls, who recently clinched the NSW State Championships at Blacktown International Sports Park, marking their first victory in a decade. In an intense grand final, the Sutherland girls triumphed over Manly Warringah with a score of 5-4. Despite weather-related rescheduling, the 2024 Under 18 Girls' State Championship took place on May 25 and 26, featuring eight teams of talented junior female softball players competing in a full round-robin weekend. 🏆🏆 [read more](#)

In each upcoming edition, we aim to showcase captivating sports stories from Sutherland Shire, highlighting extraordinary events, remarkable achievements, and heartwarming sportsmanship. Share your stories with us at sport@ssc.nsw.gov.au - whether brief or detailed, we're eager to spotlight the vibrant and uplifting narratives that define local sports in the Shire.

Completed Projects

Council is currently replacing synthetic cricket surfaces across various locations within the LGA. The project aims to upgrade the wickets to improve safety, durability and performance, ensuring they are suitable for both community and competitive play.

Projects Completed:

Cricket Nets: Glenn McGrath Oval, Lakewood City Reserve, Gwawley Park

Cricket Field Pitches: The Ridge 3 & 4, The Ridge 5 & 6, Solander Cricket Net (and gate repair)

Projects to be Completed:

Cricket Field Pitches: Kareela Oval No. 4, Seymour Shaw No. 2, Canberra Road Oval, Lilli Pilli Oval, Grays Point Oval, Loftus Oval, Sutherland Oval No.2



Local Olympians

With the Paris 2024 Olympics fast approaching, athletes from the Sutherland Shire are gearing up to make their mark on the biggest stage in sport. Whether it's swimmers, gymnasts, or track and field stars, we're incredibly proud of them as they compete in this year's events. May their dedication, hard work, and passion shine brightly, and may they achieve greatness beyond their wildest dreams. Go for gold! 🏆🌟

Special mention to local Water Polo Players

Women's Olympic Team

Rebecca Rippon (Head Coach, Cronulla Member)

Dani Jackovich (Cronulla Member)

Zoe Arancini (Cronulla SSL Team 2023, current Freemantle member) reserve goal keeper

Claire Durston (Cronulla Member)

Keesja Gofers (Shire resident, Sydney Uni member)

Men's Olympic Team

Vedran Cirkovic (Assistant Coach, Cronulla Member)

Milos Maksimovic (Cronulla Member)

Marcus Berehulak (Cronulla Member)

Angus Lambie (former Cronulla junior, current UNSW Wests member)

Chaz Poot (Shire resident, Sydney Uni Member)

Matt Byrnes (former Cronulla junior, current UNSW Wests member)



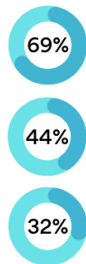
Tennis and Golf Strategy

TENNIS AND GOLF FACILITY PLANS CONSULTATION SUMMARY

Council invited all tennis and golf stakeholders to provide feedback on Council's tennis and golf facilities to inform their Facilities Plans. The purpose of the Plan is to make sure we can cater for the future needs of the sports and plan for the increasing demand for parks and open space in our community.



337 Tennis
Survey
Responses



Play golf once or more a week



1,056 Golf
Survey
Responses

Like conditions of courses improved

Like greater access to tee times



Internal Stakeholder Consultation

External Stakeholder Consultation

Community Consultation Survey

Stakeholder Workshops

Draft Facility Plans

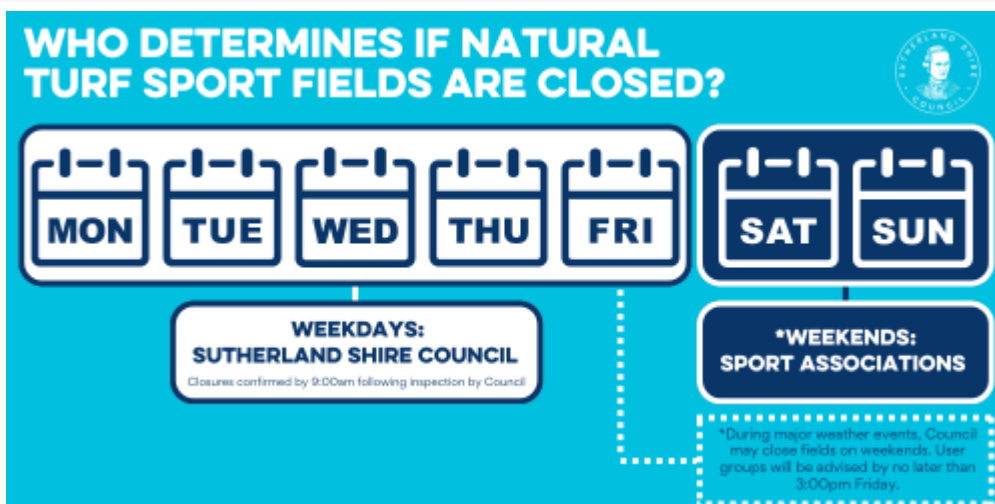
Community Consultation

Council Adoption

Wet Weather Communication Survey

Feedback from our recent Wet Weather Communication Survey has been received, and overall, the responses were positive. The Sport Services Team are reviewing internal processes and taking action where possible. A key highlight was the clarification on who is responsible for Ground Closures.

[Click here to view survey summary.](#)



Sports Field Floodlights

SMS Technology User Instructions

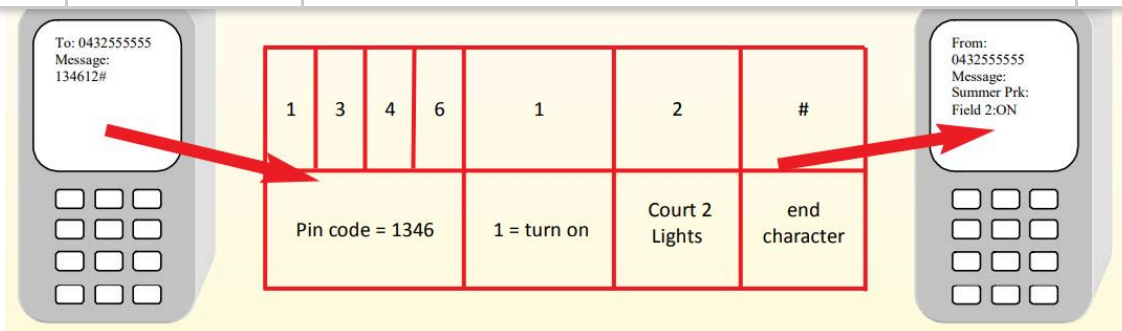
For sports fields that have floodlights operated by Illuminator SMS technology, hirers will be provided with a phone number and unique PIN code to activate the lights. To turn the lights ON or OFF, hirers must create an SMS text to the phone number provided, with the following message:

PIN Number > 'Switch Code' (1 = ON, 0 = OFF) > Field/Court Number > # (Refer graphic below for example)

Your PIN is to be kept secure as billing charges will be tracked to this PIN. For detailed instructions on how to operate the floodlight system, please refer to the [Club User Instructions](#).

Important Reminders:

- *There may be a warming/cooling down period of up to 15 minutes experienced during use, and users should communicate between each other to avoid sending consecutive / multiple commands to the system as this can cause system failures.*
- *Council are aware that floodlights are being left on, even whilst not in use, and relying on the timer to command the lights off. Council relies on user groups to be vigilant with the use of floodlights which helps to align with our good neighbour policy and climate strategy, and importantly avoids unnecessary charges.*
- *All floodlighting issues should be reported using Council's online reporting system. [Click here](#) to access the system, ensuring to select **Council Property Maintenance (inc signage)** from the category options.*



Share Our Space - NSW Public Schools

These holidays, go back to school with Share Our Space

Shake off the winter chills these school holidays by getting out and about with the Share Our Space program.

Share Our Space opens the outdoor areas of NSW public schools for families to enjoy using play equipment, sports courts and fields.

The schools open in the Sutherland LGA area are listed below, but please always check the [Share Our Space website](#) first as schools and days may change.

Alfords Point Public School, Bangor Public School, Caringbah Public School, Gymea North Public School, Jannali Public School, Kareela Public School, Sylvania Public School



NSW public schools open these holidays!

We're proudly sharing our space with the
local community



Important Reminders

Report It Online

A reminder that all maintenance and repair requests for the building structure or public areas are to be reported online. This allows for both users and Council to keep a record of the requests being made and to track the progress via [website](#).

Game Day Parking

With winter sports competitions well underway, the Council would like to remind all members to park in designated parking spaces.

We have received several complaints about field users parking on fields, grassed areas and obstructing driveways of nearby homes.

New contact for your club or organisation?

It is important that you keep us informed of any changes to your club/organisations management committee. If you have changed Presidents or staff please email us know the new name, contact number and email at sport@ssc.nsw.gov.au

Have you had new keys cut for your property?

Make sure you provide a copy of these keys to Council. We only use these in a case of an emergency and will let you know if we need to access the building. Contact property@ssc.nsw.gov.au

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