

SPORT SERVICES UPDATE

SUTHERLANDSHIRE



Welcome to the September 2024 Sports Services

Newsletter

Stay updated on all the latest local sports news, events, and community highlights for this last quarter. Whether you're an athlete, coach, or volunteer we've got something for everyone.

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Winter Season Wrap-Up

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.

As we transition into the summer sports season, we'd like to highlight some key milestones from the past six months:

- Processed over 150 expressions of interest for sports field allocations.
- Allocated over 136,000 hours across 156 sports assets, resulting in more than 22,000 individual field slot allocations.
- Secured \$345,000 in grant funding, supporting six local sports clubs in their applications while enhancing our grant management processes.
- Developed a draft Sports Field Allocation Policy that has been placed on public exhibition, which will be reviewed for adoption by the new council. We are currently developing

with plans currently being drafted to address the future needs of the sports.

- Delivered improved drainage, irrigation, and lighting at multiple sporting fields across the Shire (see capital projects update below for details).

Despite the weather interruptions earlier this year, it was inspiring to see how our community navigated these challenges together. We sincerely thank you for your efforts.

Wishing everyone a fantastic summer sports season!

In The Spotlight



Celebrating a Year of Success: The Sydney Mixed Abilities Rugby Team (S.M.A.R.T.) Powerful Owls

This August marked the first anniversary of the Sydney Mixed Abilities Rugby Team (S.M.A.R.T.) Owls, and we are thrilled to share their journey with you. Over the past year, the team has thrived with monthly 'TRY! Rugby' introductory training sessions held at the Old Bush Road Oval in Yarrawarrah, along with games scheduled throughout December - July.

The inaugural match, just four months after the team's formation, was a highlight of their first year. The Powerful Owls played against the Engadine Golden Oldies squad before the annual

The excitement continued with their second game, which drew a huge crowd as they faced the Southern Lions of Perth—the oldest Rugby Union Mixed Abilities team in Australia. Their performance demonstrated the potential of what they can become by supporting players of all abilities and capabilities. The momentum from this match fuelled the teams success for the rest of the season, and collaborated with the Southern Lions' coaches in a valuable coaching clinic and sausage sizzle, enhancing our training sessions for the future.

The Powerful Owls largest game to date was a thrilling event at the Engadine Golden Oldies Annual Sydney Cup Gala Day, where they competed against teams from as far afield as Bathurst and Vincentia, as well as numerous Sydney-based teams in between.

They train year-round and welcome new players or anyone interested in trying out a new sport for a bit of exercise. Each training session concludes with a sausage sizzle and plenty of laughs between the players. To support or follow the SMARTOwls, visit their Facebook **Sydney Mixed Ability Rugby Team**.

In each upcoming edition, we aim to showcase captivating tales from the world of sports in Sutherland Shire. Whether it's an extraordinary event, a remarkable team or individual achievement, or a heartwarming account of sportsmanship, we want to highlight the diverse and remarkable aspects of our local sporting community. Drop us a line at sport@ssc.nsw.gov.au and provide us with a glimpse into your story. Whether it's a few words or a detailed account, we're keen to shine a spotlight on the vibrant and uplifting narratives that define local sport in the Shire.



It has been a busy 6 months with several projects being delivered across the Shire, to improve and enhance our sport facilities for the community. Projects that have been completed include:

- Seymour Shaw Tennis Court Surface Renewal
- Blaxland Oval Irrigation Upgrade
- Gymea Bay Oval - Floodlight Upgrade
- Woolooware Oval - Floodlight Upgrade
- Heathcote Oval - Stage 1 Floodlight Upgrade
- Kirrawee Oval - Drainage and Irrigation Upgrade
- Woronora Heights Tennis Court Surface Renewal
- Cricket Pitch Renewals Program - Completed at ANZAC Oval, Kareela Oval No. 4, Seymour Shaw No. 2, Canberra Road Oval, Lilli Pilli Oval, Grays Point Oval, Loftus Oval, Sutherland Oval No.2.

Additional projects are due for completion before the end of the year. For more information and the latest update on Council's Capital Work program, make sure to check out Council's [website](#).

Leisure Centres!



As the sporting season changes and the weather warms up, it's the perfect time to shake up your training sessions or start preparing for the next season. Our Leisure Centres offer the ideal setting for your team to try something new, with access to heated indoor and outdoor pools, spa, steam room, and fully equipped gyms. Make the most of our facilities and keep your team motivated all year round!

Find out more today: [Leisure Centres](#)

Winter Allocations Expressions of Interest



We are excited to announce that the Expression of Interests (EOI) for allocation of sports fields for the Winter 2025 season will open at the beginning of November.

Council is now requesting a delegate from all interested stakeholders to complete a mandatory form, which includes submitting the required supporting documentation as outlined in the [Draft Sport Field Allocation Policy](#).

Once the form is completed and the documents are reviewed, Council will send a password to the nominated email to access the EOI submission in Bookable.

The form will be sent out in mid October 2024 to those subscribed to the Allocations mailing list, so please keep an eye on your email inbox for further updates. EOIs will open on 1 November 2024, with outcomes to be advised by 20 December 2024.

If you would like to receive the form or EOI notifications you can [update your preferences](#) or [unsubscribe](#) from our mailing list at any time.

NSW public schools are public places!

Come and share our space.



NSW public schools open these holidays!

We're proudly sharing our space with the
local community



With spring comes an urge to get outdoors and shake off the cold of winter. Families around the state will be able to do just that through the NSW Department of Education Share Our Space schools.

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

The Share Our Space schools in the Sutherland area these holidays are listed below. Always check the Share Our Space website first for details as schools and days may change.

- Bangor Public School
- Caringbah Public School
- Engadine Public
- Gymea North Public School
- Jannali Public School
- Taren Point Public
- Yowie Bay Public

Personal Trainer Permit Reminder



As the weather warms up, it's wonderful to see our community staying active and healthy! A friendly reminder: all Commercial or Sport Fitness Trainers using Sutherland Shire Council Open Spaces must have a current Council Permit.

Group activities of 10 or more people are restricted in certain areas, including public ocean pools, car parks, roadways, and within specific distances of memorials, playgrounds, and residential properties. Sporting facilities with allocated groups or school bookings also require authorisation for use outside designated times, with priority given to community sporting clubs. Trainers are also required to display their Council-issued flag or sign clearly during all training sessions.

For more information on the permits, including exclusion zones, head to our [website](#).

Important Reminders

Change of Season Field Usage

It's important to remember to keep off the fields in preparation for the upcoming season. Field usage during the change of season period must obtain council approval. Unapproved use during

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

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](#).

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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