

CONNECTING ALL THROUGH PLAY

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CONNECTING ALL THROUGH PLAY

The community of the Northern Beaches has a strong focus on inclusivity, and loves to get out into the environment to enjoy all that this region has to offer.

- With the whole of the Northern Beaches now one Council, Northern Beaches Council and the NSW Government have an opportunity to connect our communities by bringing people of all abilities and ages together through the **\$10.3 million Connecting All Through Play** program.

The inclusive playground program will increase the capacity and improve the quality of the Northern Beaches regional and district playground environments to maximise inclusion and participation. It will provide two new all-abilities playgrounds, equitable access to major playgrounds and pilot an innovative inclusive local playground program.

These works will be designed to not only create exciting and vibrant play spaces but to connect the community, in particular, children of all abilities, to natural areas.

Sporting facilities and Surf Life Saving Clubs are hubs for active play and central elements of the lives of Northern Beaches residents. \$4 million will be invested in upgrades to make them more inclusive and increase capacity for all.

The greater accessibility of these major play spaces will enable people of all-abilities to participate in play and reap the benefits of increased physical activity, social interaction and mental stimulation.

The Program

\$10.3 million will be invested in inclusive and active play across the Northern Beaches. The Stronger Community Fund will contribute \$5 million and fund the priority works, \$4 million will be invested from the Merger Savings Fund, while the balance will be funded from other sources such as government grants.

1. Inclusive Play - \$6.3 million

The Northern Beaches have three all-abilities playgrounds located at Collaroy, Manly and now Newport Beach. The Connecting All Through Play program will deliver a regional network of inclusive accessible playgrounds by:

- Creating two major new all-abilities playgrounds at Manly Dam and Lionel Watts Reserve that will be destinations for residents from across the Northern Beaches area
- Investing in inclusive and accessibility upgrades to the 50 district playgrounds across the Northern Beaches, to provide access to the Northern Beaches most exciting playgrounds so everyone of all abilities and ages can connect through play
- Piloting an innovative local neighbourhood inclusive playground program to bring communities together.

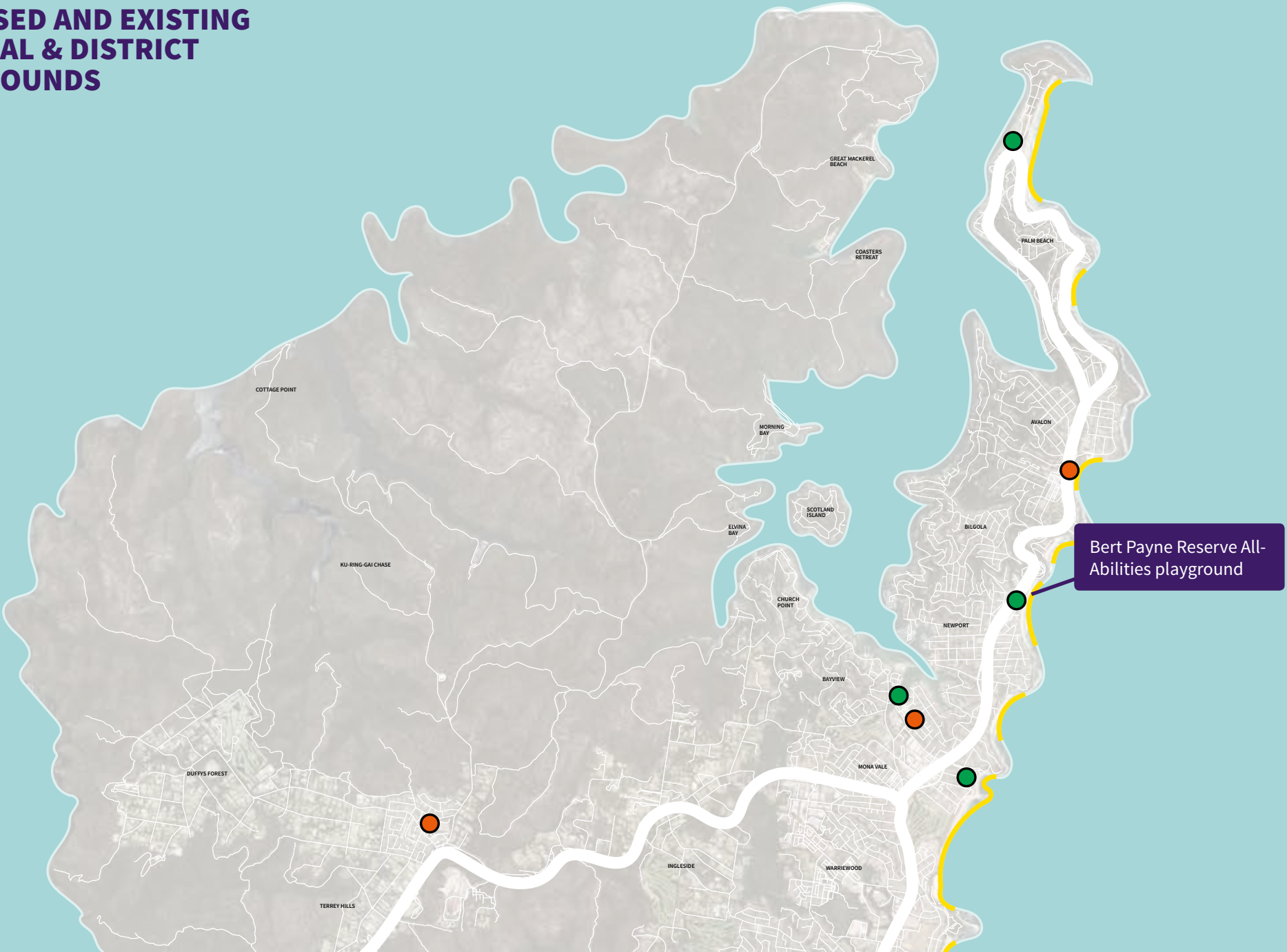
2. Active Play - \$4 million

A priority of Council is to encourage active play and provide opportunities for residents across the Northern Beaches to be fit, healthy and enjoy everything this region has to offer. The Connecting All Through Play program will:

- Invest \$2 million in sporting facilities to improve and increase capacity of our existing facilities
- Invest \$2 million in Surf Life Saving Clubs for priority upgrades to improve accessibility, inclusiveness and the critical role of Surf Lifesavers



PROPOSED AND EXISTING
REGIONAL & DISTRICT
PLAYGROUNDS



PROPOSED NEW
Lionel Watts All-Abilities
playground and active
recreation area

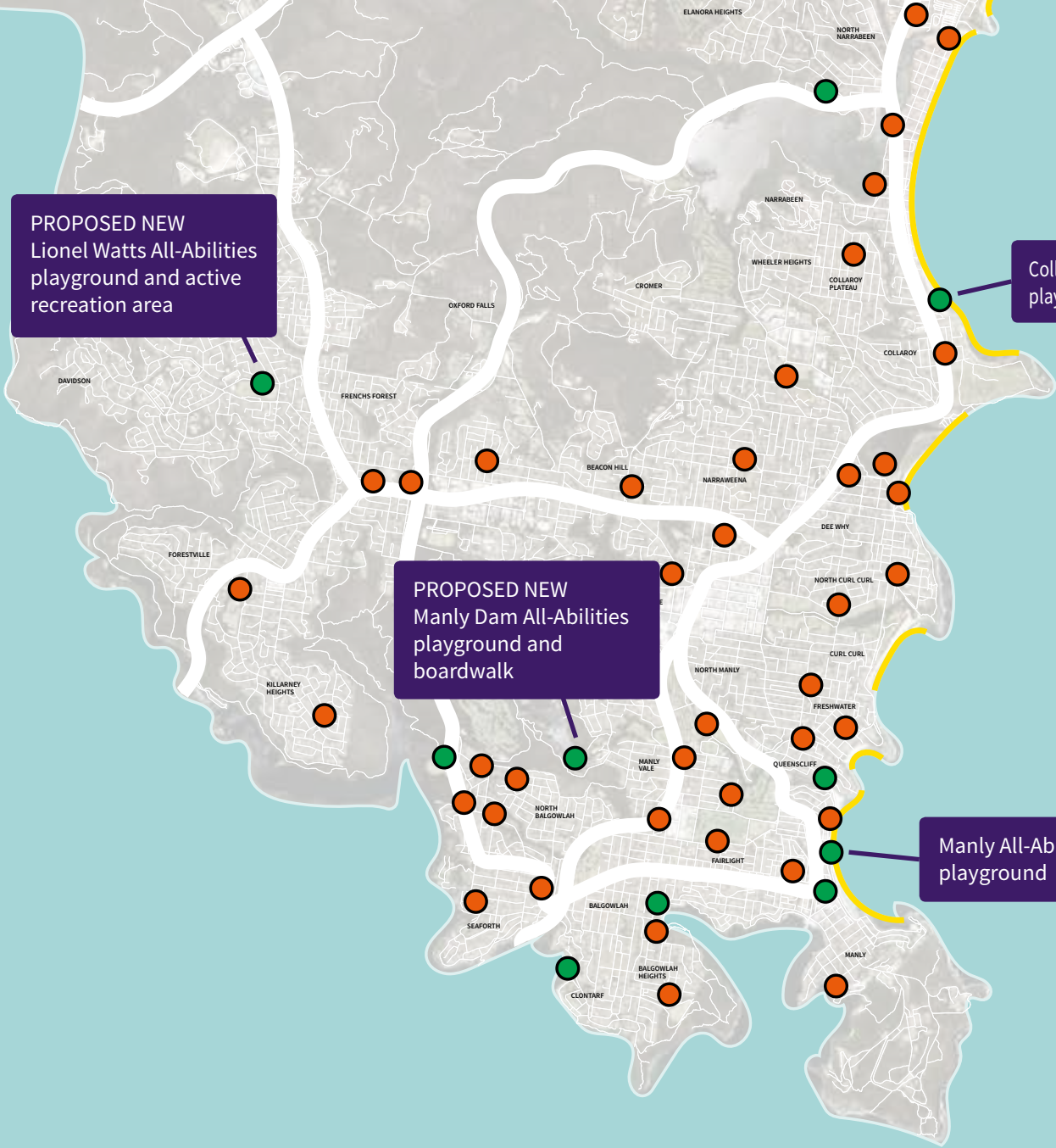
Collaroy All-Abilities
playground

PROPOSED NEW
Manly Dam All-Abilities
playground and
boardwalk

Manly All-Abilities
playground

LEGEND

- REGIONAL
- DISTRICT
- BEACH



COMMUNITY BENEFITS

- Build community capacity by creating spaces where all the community, of all generations and abilities, can come together and play
- Collaborate with children and others to design play spaces and experiences connecting the users to the spaces
- Provide spaces that develop better physical, social and mental skills
- Provide equal geographic access to all ability playgrounds across the Northern Beaches
- To provide access to existing major playgrounds within the Northern Beaches
- Risk-based play will improve decision making and adaptability
- Provision of a diversity of different play experiences.
- Support and encourage physical activity and wellbeing
- Increase capacity of our existing sporting facilities so more people can play, more often
- Upgrade facilities to make Surf Life Saving Clubs more accessible and support lifesaving.



COLLAROY ALL-ABILITIES PLAY GROUND

INCLUSIVE PLAY - MAJOR PROJECTS

Vision: To transform the Northern Beaches into the world's most innovative destination for inclusive play experiences

Manly Dam All-Abilities Nature Playground

- Provide a challenging play space that connects children of all-abilities to the natural area that surrounds them
- Integration of a variety of inclusive physical, sensory and educative play opportunities.

Manly Dam Boardwalk

- Creation of an accessible boardwalk to provide a safe connection between different recreation areas at Manly Dam
- The community will not have to share a busy road to walk or ride between the two recreation areas
- Provide equitable access to one of Sydney's most valued natural areas.



Lionel Watts All-Abilities Playground

- New all-abilities playground similar scale to Collaroy All-Abilities Playground
- Integration of a variety of inclusive physical, sensory and educative play opportunities.

Accessible Playground Program

- \$900,000 for access works to provide opportunities for everyone to access the Northern Beaches favourite playgrounds.

Innovative local playground program

- Piloting an innovative local neighbourhood inclusive playground program, providing experiential and accessible play spaces in local park playgrounds, supporting community linkages and inclusivity.



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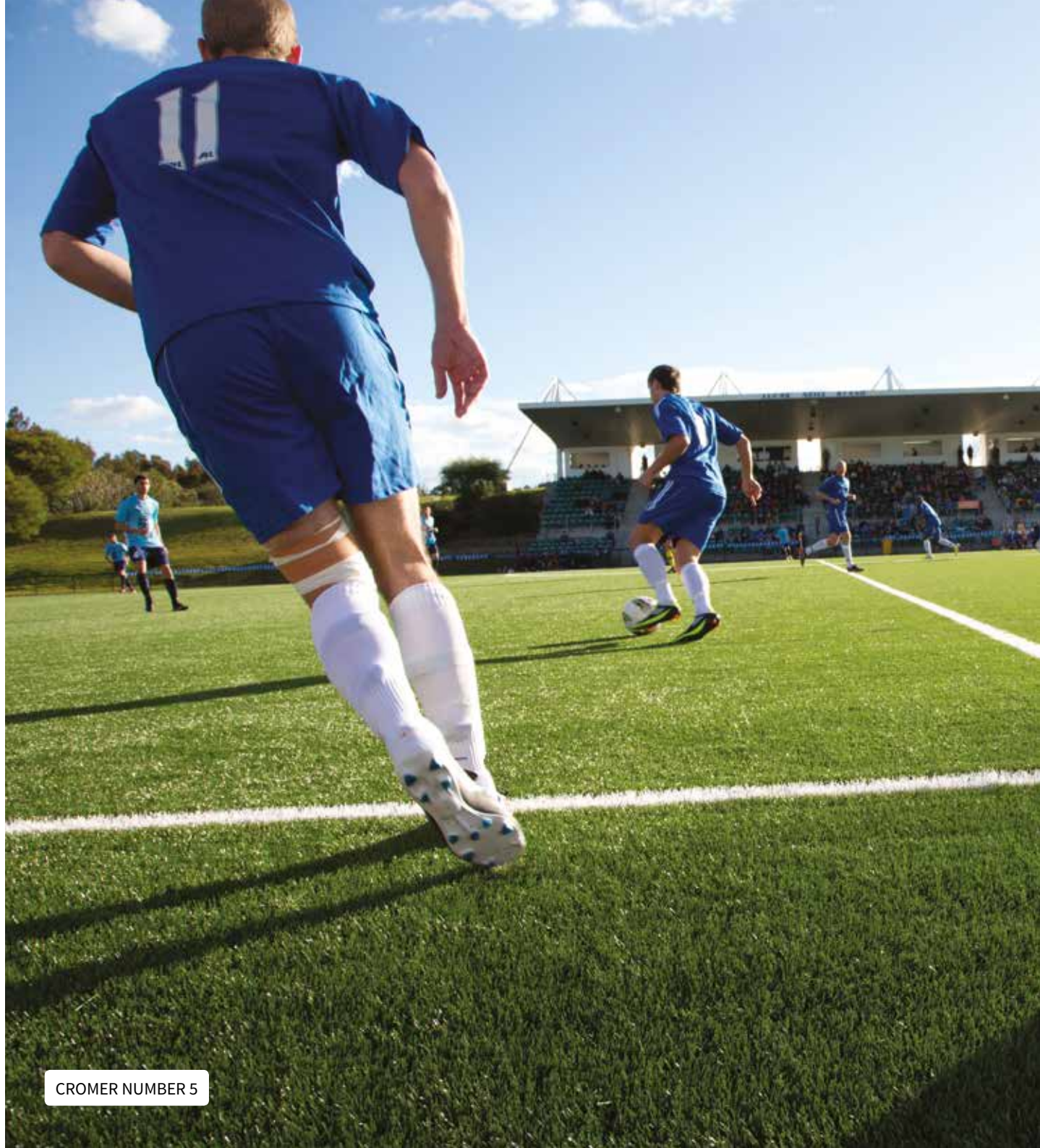
ACTIVE PLAY PROGRAM

Sporting facilities

- \$2 million investment in sporting facilities to improve and increase capacity of our existing facilities
- Support and encourage physical activity and wellbeing
- Increase the capacity of our existing sporting facilities so more people can play, more often
- Priorities to be determined in consultation with Manly Warringah Pittwater Sporting Union and major sporting Associations
- Examples could include lighting, irrigation, building works, redesigns, upgrades

Surf Life Saving Clubs

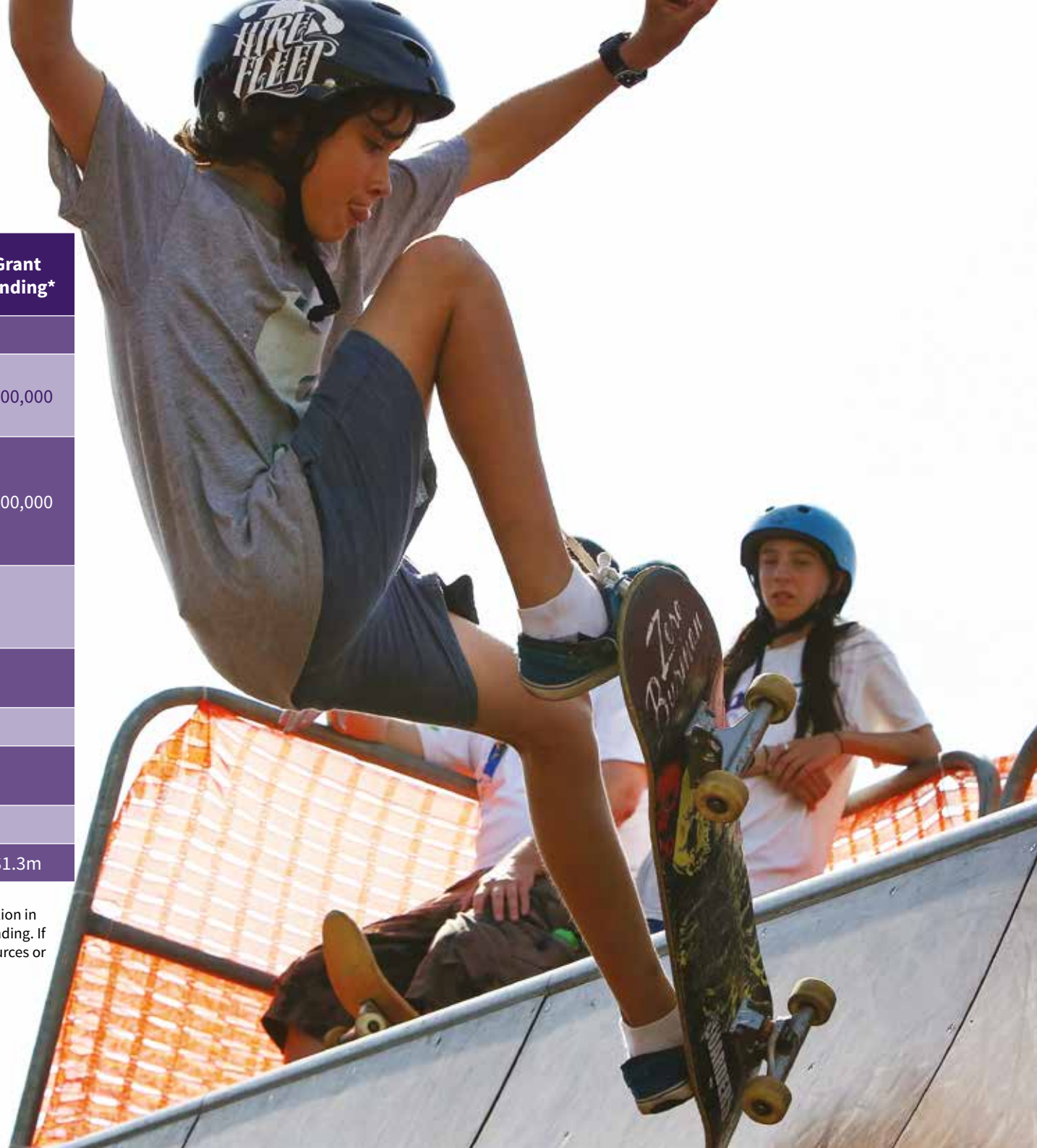
- \$2 million investment in Surf Life Saving Clubs for priority upgrades to improve accessibility, inclusiveness and the critical role of surf lifesavers
- Priorities to be determined in consultation with Surf Lifesaving Northern Beaches
- Examples could include accessibility improvements such as lifts, building works, lifesaving facilities



ESTIMATED INVESTMENT FOR THE CONNECTING ALL THROUGH PLAY PROGRAM

	Stronger Community Fund	Merger Savings Fund	Grant Funding*
Inclusive Play			
Manly Dam Playground and Boardwalk	\$1.25m	\$1m	\$500,000
Lionel Watts Playground and community hub (including skate park)	\$1.75m		\$800,000
Accessible Playground Program		\$900,000	
Local Play innovation pilot		\$100,000	
Active Play			
Surf Life Saving Clubs	\$1m	\$1m	
Sporting facilities	\$1m	\$1m	
Total	\$5m	\$4m	\$1.3m

*To realise the vision of the Connecting All Through Play program, \$1.3 million in additional funds is required through grants or other external sources of funding. If funding is not received, Council will seek to identify alternative funding sources or modify the program accordingly.



TIMEFRAME

Accessibility works
Complete June 2018

Lionel Watts Playground and Community Hub
Complete October 2018

Manly Dam Playground and Boardwalk
Complete February 2019

Sports facilities
2017-2020

Surf Life Saving Clubs
2017-2020



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