The Strategic Implementation Plan

The table below provides an overview of the Draft 15 year Strategy to address the current and future needs for sportsfields. The full list of recommendations is detailed in the Sportsgrounds Strategic Directions Analysis Report prepared by Otium Planning Group.

| Priorities | Short-term strategies (2017 to 2021) | Medium-term strategies (2022 to 2026) | Longer-term strategies (2027 to 2031) | Discussion Paper Actions |
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| A: Allocate sportsfields based on needs and growth. | Review and update the sportsground allocation processes, consider demand management measures, review agreements and undertake regular monitoring of actual use and impacts. | Ongoing review and action as appropriate | Ongoing review and action as appropriate | Action 1: Make better use of existing sportsgrounds. |
| B: Improve capacity and resilience of existing sportsfields. | Improvements including irrigation, drainage, lighting, reconfiguring fields, upgrade amenities and car parking to improve capacity of fields. Example locations: Allambie Heights, John Fisher Park | Improvements including irrigation, drainage, lighting, reconfiguring fields, upgrade amenities and car parking to improve capacity of fields. Example locations: Balgowlah Oval | Improvements including irrigation, drainage, lighting, reconfiguring fields, upgrade amenities and car parking to improve capacity of fields. Example locations: Boondah Reserve | Action 1: Make better use of existing sportsgrounds. |
| C: Build new sportsfields in new housing development areas (Warriewood and Ingleside) | Continue with action to acquire land through s94 plan and convert to sportsfields - Warriewood Valley Land Release | Develop stage 1 fields in Ingleside in accordance with proposed timing for provision and development of land (South) | Develop stage 2 fields in Ingleside in accordance with proposed timing for provision and development of land (North) | Action 3: Acquire and embellish additional private land as part of new housing developments |
| D: Partner with schools to provide additional sportsfields for the community. | Investigate opportunities for joint use/development, or greater use, of school grounds for community and school use. In the first instance, focus on schools with larger fields. | Upgrade identified school facilities to cater for training and competition as agreed with schools and Department of Education. | Upgrade identified school facilities to cater for training and competition as agreed with schools and Department of Education. | Action 1: Make better use of existing sportsgrounds. |
| E: Install synthetic surfaces on some existing sportsfields to enable greater use. | Proceed with installation of synthetic surfaces at Lionel Watts and Cromer 2. Undertake a feasibility study into the potential funding, location, management and viability of developing dedicated wet surface synthetic hockey fields. | Review feasibility of potential sites for synthetic surfaces and install where feasible and budget allows. Develop new synthetic hockey facilities subject to the outcome of feasibility studies | Review feasibility of potential sites for synthetic surfaces and install where feasible and budget allows | Action 2: Convert more sportsfields to synthetic |
| F: Convert suitable open space to sportsgrounds including golf course land. | Develop a masterplan for the conversion of the northern half of Warringah Golf Course to a Centennial Park style sporting area incorporating fields, playgrounds and passive open space and link with the proposal for a sports and community facility in District Park. Continue to review other potential | Convert the northern half of Warringah Golf Course to a Centennial Park style sporting area incorporating fields, playgrounds and passive open space to provide 5 Ha of additional sportsfields. | Based on the outcomes of a feasibility study (and if required) convert Balgowlah Golf Course to a sporting area incorporating fields and passive open space to provide 3 Ha of additional sportsfields. | Action 4: Convert existing open space to sportsfields e.g. golf courses |
| | opportunities for the conversion of suitable open space to sportsfields. Undertake a feasibility study for the conversion of Balgowlah Golf Course to a sporting area incorporating fields and passive open space. | | | |