

# BLACKTOWN KEY VENUES

## YEAR IN REVIEW 2018/19



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Another fantastic year has passed with over **2.2 million visitors** enjoying sport, leisure, recreation and fitness outcomes across the 9 Key Venues facilities.

# Chairman's message

As Chairman of Blacktown Venue Management Ltd., and on behalf of the Blacktown Venue Management Board of Directors it gives me great pleasure to welcome you to the 2018/19 Blacktown Key Venues year in review.

I am honoured to take up the position as Chairman of Blacktown Venue Management Ltd (BVM). What an exciting time! We continue to make great progress towards delivery of our new state of the art International Centre of Training Excellence (ICTE). The ICTE is a Blacktown City transformational project that we are proud to be a part of. I would like to take this opportunity to pay tribute to former Mayor and Chairman of BVM, Mr Stephen Bali MP, whose vision and drive helped bring this significant project to prominence. I am proud to accept the baton from Stephen and very much look forward to leading the BVM team on this exciting journey.

I have been a Director of BVM for over 9 years, serving alongside a dedicated Board of Directors and talented BVM staff. As a Board we are proud to be the custodians of facilities and services that are an integral part of our community. Blacktown Key Venues oversees 11 major sports and leisure facilities across the City: Blacktown Football Park (home of Blacktown District Soccer Football Association), Western Sydney Wanderers Centre of Football, Blacktown International Sportspark Sydney, Joe McAleer Oval (home of Blacktown Cricket Club), Rooty Hill Leisure Centre, Blacktown Tennis Centre Stanhope, Blacktown Leisure Centre Stanhope, Blacktown Aquatic Centre, Charlie Lowles Leisure Centre Emerton, Mount Druitt Swimming Centre and Riverstone Swimming Centre.

We are committed to providing the community with first class facilities, programs and activities across all levels of sport, leisure and recreation.

This commitment is demonstrated through the endorsement by Blacktown City Council of the Blacktown International Sportspark Master plan. This Master Plan will see the Sportspark at the forefront of sports training and recovery through the inclusion of the ICTE (International Centre of Training Excellence). This Centre will provide the latest in sports science and technology to further enhance the athlete and community experience. Blacktown will continue to be the benchmark of sport and leisure in Western Sydney.

I would like to acknowledge and thank my fellow Directors for their continued support, service and insight.

I would also like to acknowledge the ongoing support from Blacktown City Council, its Councillors and its officers. Thank you to Kevin Jones and the Key Venues team for another outstanding year of milestones and accolades. We look forward to working together on what is sure to be another exciting year for Blacktown Venue Management Ltd.



**Mayor Cr Tony Bleasdale OAM**  
Chairman  
Blacktown Venue Management Ltd

# CEO's message

First and foremost I would like to thank former Chairman Mr Stephen Bali MP for his vision and enthusiasm during his tenure as Chairman Blacktown Venue Management Ltd (BVM). His support for the BVM team has been unwavering and his guidance and counsel has been of tremendous value. We wish Stephen all the very best for his future as the elected member for Blacktown and we know his support for the City and for Key Venues will continue in State Parliament. I would also like to welcome the new Mayor of Blacktown City, Cr Tony Bleasdale OAM as our new Chairman. Tony has been a staunch supporter of BVM for many years and we very much look forward to him leading our team.

In 2018/2019 Blacktown International Sportspark Sydney hosted more than 5,000 events. Almost 600,000 people visited us at the Sportspark. 30 international sports teams from across various codes came to the Sportspark for training and competition recognising the quality of the Sportspark's facilities.

The ICTE continues to evolve and take shape. A technologically advanced facility, the ICTE will offer the best in sports medicine, prevention, rehabilitation and recovery to athletes and community alike. This will be a venue for all and will be the centrepiece of the Blacktown International Sportspark Sydney.

Our leisure and aquatic facilities also had an eventful year with over 1.7 million visitors!

Charlie Lowles Leisure Centre Emerton continues to offer a range of programs for the community including the learn to swim and fitness classes and is very much the 'go to' place for community events such as NAIDOC and 'Big Change for Small Change'.

The health and fitness facilities at Blacktown Aquatic Centre have been warmly welcomed by the community and the new crèche has proven a hit.

What another incredible year it has been for the Blacktown Venue Management team!

Blacktown Leisure Centre Stanhope has had another great year with the large scale events like the annual Blacktown City Family Sportsfest, Sydney Reptile Expo, 40th Model Railway Exhibition and a number of multicultural celebrations. Next door at the Tennis Centre the community continues to embrace these fantastic facilities with participation growing each year.

Our seasonal pools at Mount Druitt and Riverstone are enjoying a new lease of life with another successful summer under our belts. Aqua Zumba and Aqua Fitness classes are all the rage and the ever-popular Dive-In Movies returned for families to enjoy the latest blockbusters from the comfort of their pool inflatable.

On a personal note I would like to thank the Chairman, Deputy Chairman and Blacktown Venue Management Ltd (BVM) Board of Directors for their support and guidance over the past 12 months and acknowledge the ongoing dedication and professionalism from the fantastic team of staff that make up Blacktown Key Venues. You are the driving force in everything we do.



**Kevin Jones**  
Chief Executive Officer  
Blacktown Venue Management Ltd  
Manager Key Venues

# Blacktown Venue Management Ltd

Blacktown Venue Management Ltd is a company wholly owned by Blacktown City Council managing Council's Key Venues portfolio as a valuable asset for the Greater Western Sydney Community.

## Blacktown Venue Management Values:

- ▶ Integrity
- ▶ Leadership
- ▶ Selflessness
- ▶ Impartiality
- ▶ Accountability
- ▶ Openness
- ▶ Honesty

## Blacktown Venue Management Objectives

- ▶ To maintain, manage, operate and promote any venues and facilities identified as 'Key Venues' as quality local, regional, national and international standard facilities as applicable and servicing all levels of sport, recreation and leisure
- ▶ To maximise local community participation in the sporting, recreation and economic opportunities provided by Council's Key Venues
- ▶ To develop, enhance, utilise, maintain, operate and promote Council's Key Venue facilities and infrastructure in such a manner as to enhance user satisfaction, community involvement and the standing of the Blacktown community
- ▶ To promote the City of Blacktown through the operation and the use of Council's Key Venues
- ▶ To conduct its activities to provide long-term social and economic for the City of Blacktown

Our efforts are underpinned by people who are committed to the highest standards of professionalism and integrity and deliver professional and quality services to the community.

# Board of Directors



▶ **Cr Stephen Bali MP**  
Chairman  
September 2014 – September 2019



▶ **Kerry Robinson**  
Deputy Chairman  
2013 – Present



▶ **Cr Tony Bleasdale OAM**  
Chairman October 2019 - Present  
(Director 2010 – September 2019)



▶ **Cr Susai Benjamin**  
Director  
2016 – Present



▶ **Cr Brad Bunting**  
Director  
2017 – Present



▶ **Christine Deaner**  
Director  
2016 – Present



▶ **Dr Jim Taggart OAM**  
Director  
2016 – Present



▶ **Darryl Clout**  
Director  
2016 – Present

## Blacktown Venue Management Ltd Chairman

2014 – 2019	Cr Stephen Bali MP	2009 – 2011	Cr Charlie Lowles OAM
2012 – 2014	Cr Len Robinson	2004 – 2009	Cr Leo Kelly OAM
2011 – 2012	Cr Alan Pendleton OAM	2002 – 2004	Cr Alan Pendleton

# Blacktown Key Venues



Key Venues brings together 9 of Blacktown City's premier sport and leisure facilities.

- ▶ Blacktown Football Park
- ▶ Blacktown International Sportspark Sydney
- ▶ Joe McAleer Oval
- ▶ Blacktown Aquatic Centre
- ▶ Blacktown Leisure Centre Stanhope
- ▶ Blacktown Tennis Centre Stanhope
- ▶ Charlie Lowles Leisure Centre Emerton
- ▶ Mount Druitt Swimming Centre
- ▶ Riverstone Swimming Centre.

## Key Venues Goals

- ▶ Deliver first class activity and program choice
- ▶ Promote Blacktown City as the leader in sport, recreation and leisure
- ▶ Provide every visitor and customer a safe and memorable experience.

# Blacktown Key Venues Management Team



▶ **Kevin Jones**  
Chief Executive Officer



▶ **Nichole Edsall**  
Chief Operations Manager



▶ **Bryce Alley**  
Blacktown International Sportspark Manager



▶ **Matthew Cairns**  
Blacktown International Sportspark Grounds & Operations Coordinator



▶ **Adora Cabral**  
Blacktown Venue Management Strategic Financial Analyst



▶ **Kathryn Rieksen**  
Aquatic & Leisure Centre Coordinator (East)



▶ **Nyree Parkin**  
Aquatic & Leisure Centre Coordinator (West)



▶ **Lachlan Lawless**  
Blacktown Leisure Centre Stanhope Manager



▶ **Ros Pullen**  
Marketing & Communications Coordinator  
(September 2004 - September 2018)



▶ **Sarah Turner**  
Communications & Events Officer (Acting Marketing & Communications Coordinator November 2018 - July 2019)





▶ **Laura Partington**  
Communications & Events Officer (September 2018 - June 2019)



▶ **Kirsty Vassallo**  
Company Administration Officer & Company Secretary

# Health & Safety

 **539**  
Total public incident/accidents

 **2,290,254**  
Total Visitation

 **0.02%**  
Percentage of public incidents/accidents against visitation

Blacktown Venue Management Ltd is committed to Work Health & Safety (WHS) and follows Blacktown City Council's Work Health and Safety Policy (POL 100) as best practice.



This policy recognises due diligence must apply in managing work health and safety by providing a safe & healthy workplace for all workers and other persons.

Blacktown Venue Management Ltd in-line with Council's policy is committed to:

- ▶ Reducing the frequency of lost time incidents
- ▶ Ensuring compliance with legislative requirements and current industry standards relating to WHS
- ▶ Providing and maintaining safe structures, fixtures, fittings, plant, substances, systems of work, healthy work environment, adequate welfare facilities and access to those facilities
- ▶ Providing for safe use, handling and storage of plant, structures and substances
- ▶ Providing and maintaining written procedures and instructions
- ▶ Providing health and safety information, instruction, training and supervision to workers, contractors/sub-contractors and their workers, volunteers and other persons
- ▶ Consulting with workers, contractors, sub-contractors, volunteers, labour hire workers and others persons on WHS issues and performance
- ▶ Providing support and resources to manager and workers to help them fulfil their legal WHS duties
- ▶ Disseminating information to all workers, contractors and their workers, sub-contractors and their workers, labour hire workers, volunteers and other persons
- ▶ Ensuring hazards in the work environment are identified, assessed and controlled
- ▶ Monitoring the health of workers and the conditions at the workplace to prevent illness or injury of workers
- ▶ Providing injury management.

In addition to WHS policy, all Key Venues leisure and aquatic facilities work closely with Royal Life Saving Australia and operate within the guidelines for safe pool operation. Blacktown Aquatic Centre, Charlie Lowles Leisure Centre Emerton, Blacktown Leisure Centre Stanhope, Mount Druitt Swimming Centre and Riverstone Swimming Centre have all received 5 Star Water Safety Partner accreditation from Royal Life Saving – 5 star Royal Life Saving demonstrates the facilities commitment to aquatic safety standards.

This is a result of an independent audit that reviews procedures and facility features. Our ongoing commitment to water safety and education is further demonstrated through the promotion of Royal

Life Saving's 'Keep Watch @ Public Pools' initiative. This initiative has key messages for parents on how they need to supervise their children in an aquatic environment and tips for lifeguards on how to assist with supervision.

Lifejackets are now available across the 5 leisure and aquatic centres to provide additional safety for less confident swimmers. Staff continue to undertake professional development to provide the highest quality service with over 60 staff attending pool supervision training sessions.

# Blacktown Football Park

Our local and visiting football clubs love nothing more than to do their very best, at the very best venues.

Blacktown Football Park continues to provide quality surfaces and amenities for players, administrators and spectators.

- ▶ Headquarters of BDSFA (Blacktown District Soccer Football Association)
- ▶ Home of NSW Premier League team Blacktown Spartans

## Event Highlights

- ▶ BDSFA Gala Day
- ▶ Champions of Champions
- ▶ Summer Sixes Competition
- ▶ Corporate Games
- ▶ BDSFA Premier League Games
- ▶ National Football League International Combine Testing Day





# Blacktown International Sportspark Sydney

Blacktown International Sportspark Sydney is one of Australia's most comprehensive sports precincts which have earned a reputation for establishing and growing an inclusive culture of excellence from grassroots to the professional ranks.

Over half a million athletes, spectators and officials have descended on the Sportspark this year, making it Western Sydney's sports capital.

The Sportspark boasts first class sporting facilities for athletics, Australian rules, baseball, cricket, football, professional goalkeeping development and softball.

The Sportspark is home to 3 national sporting teams including the NSW Women's Cricket team, the Lend Lease Breakers, Australian baseball team, the Sydney Blue Sox and the Hyundai A-League team, the Western Sydney Wanderers Football Club.

The implementation of the Master Plan including an International Centre of Training Excellence is an investment in the sporting future of Western Sydney.

#### Facilities

- ▶ Athletics centre with IAAF standard MONDO synthetic track
- ▶ NSW Softball Centre with 4 softball diamonds
- ▶ 3 baseball diamonds
- ▶ 2 AFL/Cricket ovals
- ▶ Indoor practice centre for cricket
- ▶ Outdoor wickets including the first hybrid wicket in NSW
- ▶ Purpose built goalkeeping field



574,259  
Visitors



5,265  
Events



Home  
of 3 national sporting teams – Western Sydney Wanderers FC, Sydney Blue Sox & NSW Lend Lease Breakers



Hosted  
30 international teams for training and competition across Softball, Baseball, Cricket and Rugby League





# AFL

Blacktown International Sportspark Sydney is the chosen venue for a range of local, national and international AFL events, from grass root talent through to seasoned professionals.

Thousands of spectators have enjoyed an array of AFL talent this year, with players coming together in an environment that showcases a clear love for the game.

- ▶ Home to Western Magic & Blacktown Suns AFL Clubs
- ▶ Hosted all GWS Giants AFLW team NSW Home games

## Event Highlights

- ▶ North Eastern AFL competition games and finals
- ▶ JLT Community Series: GWS Giants v Sydney Swans
- ▶ Blacktown Suns & Western Magic match days
- ▶ Sydney AFL season including the final series
- ▶ National Inclusion Carnival.





# Athletics

The Athletics Centre is a place for budding stars, enthusiasts and athletes – offering elite level facilities for all.

Schools, clubs and professionals continue to flock to this outstanding facility, with the Athletics Centre a venue of choice for athletics carnivals, training and community events.

### Event Highlights

- ▶ 37 zone athletics carnivals
- ▶ 4 regional athletics carnivals
- ▶ Blacktown Relay for Life



# Baseball

The 3 dedicated diamonds at Blacktown International Sportspark Sydney once again proved the perfect place for local scene baseball players, as well as international powerhouses, to show off their love for the sport.

The Baseball Centre has and always will be a destination for excellence.

- ▶ Home of the Sydney Blue Sox ABL team and all season home games
- ▶ Headquarters of Baseball NSW.

## Event Highlights

- ▶ World Boys Baseball Tournament
- ▶ Senior Country Championship
- ▶ Gaynor Cup Trials
- ▶ Baseball NSW State Championships
- ▶ 2018/19 Sydney Blue Sox home games
- ▶ LG Twins Spring Training
- ▶ Senior League State Championships
- ▶ Australian Youth Championship
- ▶ State League Competition and Finals
- ▶ Women's League Competition and Finals
- ▶ Baseball NSW high performance training



# Cricket

The grounds and pitches at Blacktown International Sportspark Sydney are recognised internationally for their pristine condition.

Once again the grounds attracted a vast array of enthusiasts and participants in all forms of the game. It is through this game that the Blacktown community have a chance to enjoy high class cricket in their backyard.

- ▶ Training venue for Cricket NSW Blues and NSW Lend Lease Breakers squads

## Event Highlights

- ▶ Women's National Cricket League (WNCL) matches for NSW Lend Lease Breakers
- ▶ NSW Blues & Lend Lease Breakers pre-season training
- ▶ WBBL match between Sydney Thunder v Melbourne Stars
- ▶ Cricket NSW school gala day
- ▶ Community Cricket Regional Finals
- ▶ U15 State Challenge





# Football

- ▶ Home of Western Sydney Wanderers FC A-League, W-League and National Youth league teams for training and administration
- ▶ Home of Progressive Goalkeeping

## Highlights

- ▶ Western Sydney Wanderers travelled to Porirua to compete in the Blacktown- Porirua Sister Cities Shield match against Wellington Phoenix who took out the game 3-1
- ▶ Opening of permanent training and administration headquarters for the Western Sydney Wanderers FC at the Sportspark
- ▶ Western Sydney Wanderers FC school holiday clinics and development program
- ▶ Progressive Goalkeeping training held weeknights
- ▶ Progressive Goalkeeping school holiday clinics ran each holiday period.





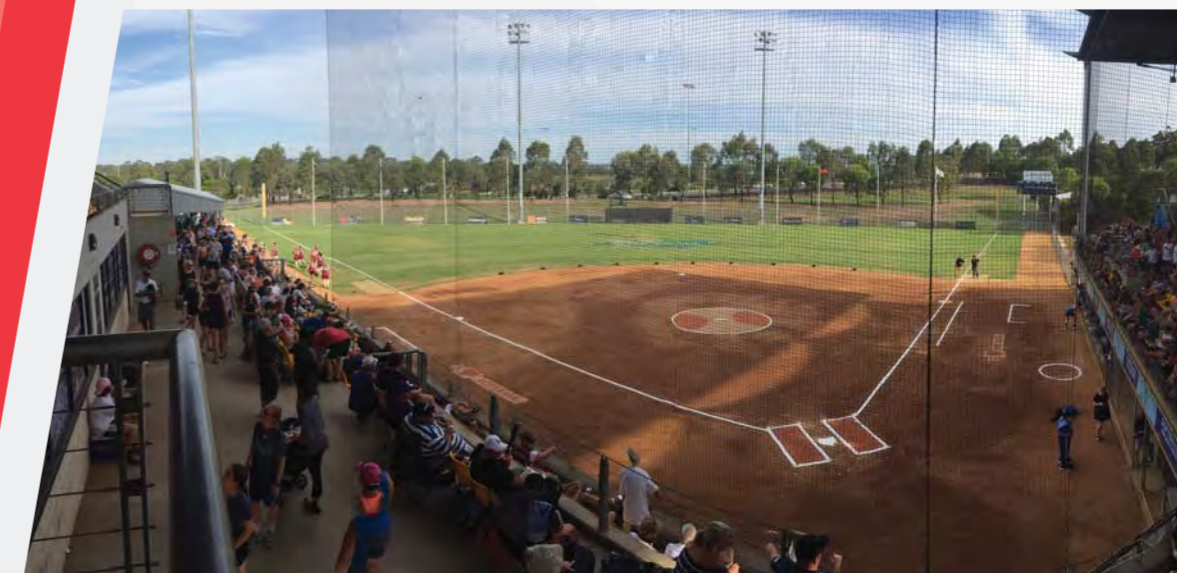
# Softball

Australia's softball legacy will continue to be built from the grassroots up as Blacktown International Sportspark Sydney supported another year of softball at every level.

- ▶ Headquarters of Softball NSW
- ▶ 22 international teams played or trained on the diamonds

## Event Highlights

- ▶ Asia Pacific Cup held with teams from USA, Japan, China, Chinese Taipei, NZ and Italy
- ▶ Summer Slam Series
- ▶ Chinese Taipei U19 v NSW
- ▶ Washington Huskies v NSW U19s
- ▶ Washington Huskies v NSW Firestars
- ▶ Blacktown Junior International Challenge
- ▶ Under 19 National Championships
- ▶ Under 15 Boys & Girls State Championship
- ▶ Over 35 Men & Women's State Championships
- ▶ Open Mens & Women's State Championship.



# Joe McAleer Oval

- ▶ 46,742 visitors
- ▶ Home of Blacktown City & District Cricket Association

## Event Highlights

- ▶ Gordon Cooper Variety Youth Blind Cricket NSW Shield match between Sydney Thunder & Sydney Sixers teams
- ▶ Blacktown Warriors training
- ▶ Sydney Cricket first and second grade season matches



# Blacktown Tennis Centre Stanhope

## Facility Overview

- ▶ 16 plexi-cushion courts
- ▶ show court with spectator seating for 1500
- ▶ grandstand seating for 288 spectators on the show court
- ▶ administration and tournament office
- ▶ function and meeting rooms overlooking the show court
- ▶ children's play area with tennis rebound walls.

## Information

Blacktown Tennis Centre Stanhope was the chosen venue for 5 international, national, state and regional competitions including:

- ▶ Todd Woodbridge Cup
- ▶ Champion of Champion
- ▶ Winter Gold AMT
- ▶ Inter-district
- ▶ Blacktown Spring JT

Blacktown Tennis Centre Stanhope is also home to Blacktown Tennis Inc. who train regularly at the venue, along with hosting their competition meets.

The coaching program run internally by the Centre has offered 2,170 classes for juniors and adults to improve their skills on court.

Social tennis providing the opportunity for fun and fitness has grown with a new social competition running 1 night a week alongside the more competitive Wednesday matches.



89,260  
Visitors



2,107  
Hours of court hire



2,170  
coaching sessions for juniors and adults



14  
major tennis competitions







# Blacktown Aquatic Centre

## Facility Overview

- ▶ indoor 8 lane 50 metre competition pool with spectator seating for 1000
- ▶ outdoor 6 lane 50 metre pool
- ▶ outdoor toddler pool
- ▶ crèche
- ▶ gym
- ▶ group fitness studio
- ▶ half pipe skateboard ramp and mini skate ramp
- ▶ café.

## Information

Blacktown Aquatic Centre is a modern, family friendly leisure and aquatic facility located in the heart of Blacktown. The centre boasts a welcoming reception area, newly refurbished health and fitness studio and gym, crèche area, change room facilities, indoor and outdoor pools and a skate ramp.

The health and fitness programming at the centre now caters to people of all ages, offering classes to suit all ability levels from low impact yoga, pilates and young at heart over 50's programs, to high intensity classes including tabata, body pump and aqua zumba.

Not just a venue for health and fitness programming, Blacktown Aquatic Centre hosted 35 swimming carnivals between December 2018 to March 2019. Competitive swimming is just one element of the aquatic environment at Blacktown Aquatic Centre, with Council's Aqua Learn to Swim program continuing to teach children as young as 6 months old, all the way up to adults, the important life skill of learning to swim.



**479,545**  
Visitors



**35**  
school, zone and regional swimming carnivals held



**1,800**  
Group fitness classes held



**5**  
Star Royal Life safety rating



**HOME**

to 6 swim clubs:

- ▶ Blacktown City Swim Club
- ▶ Blacktown RSL Youth Swimming Club
- ▶ Seven Hills - Toongabbie RSL Swimming Club
- ▶ Blacktown City Masters
- ▶ Blacktown Diggers
- ▶ Special Olympics



# Blacktown Leisure Centre Stanhope

## Facility Overview

- ▶ indoor 25 metre 10 lane lap pool
- ▶ wave pool
- ▶ program pool
- ▶ toddler pool
- ▶ 2 group exercise studios – 1 for spin classes
- ▶ squash court
- ▶ spa sauna & steam room
- ▶ 4 court indoor stadium
- ▶ café
- ▶ crèche
- ▶ function rooms, meeting room, social lounge
- ▶ Dennis Johnson library – Overseen by Blacktown City Libraries.



855,096  
Visitors



5  
Star Royal Life  
safety rating



5,080  
attended group fitness classes

## Information

Blacktown Leisure Centre Stanhope continues to be the flagship leisure and aquatic facility in Blacktown City, providing leisure, fitness and recreation opportunities for the community.

The stadium hosted over 27 major sporting & cultural events including:

- ▶ Blacktown City Family SportsFest
- ▶ 2019 National Futsal Championships
- ▶ 40th Hills Model Railway Exhibition
- ▶ Skate NSW Rhythmic Championships
- ▶ NSW European Handball Championships
- ▶ Kids Style Markets

The Centre also hosts regular classes and programs for dance groups, basketball, futsal, football including Ready Steady Go Kids, Little Kickers, My Hoops and NSW Health Go for Fun program.





# Charlie Lowles Leisure Centre Emerton

## Facility Overview

- ▶ indoor 8 lane 25 metre pool
- ▶ program pool
- ▶ outdoor 7 lane 50 metre pool
- ▶ indoor leisure pool with water slide
- ▶ 2 court indoor stadium
- ▶ beach volleyball court
- ▶ warm water therapy pool

## Information

Charlie Lowles Leisure Centre Emerton has continued to be the choice of venue for a number of sporting & community events including:

- ▶ Penrith Hockey Competition
- ▶ Series Futsal Competition
- ▶ Blacktown City Swim Club Short Course Carnival
- ▶ Emerton Swim Club Regional Meet
- ▶ Youth Off the Street - Community Futsal Competition

The Centre is also home to Emerton Swim Club who train 4 nights a week with the Aqua Swim Academy program and host fortnightly intra club meets.



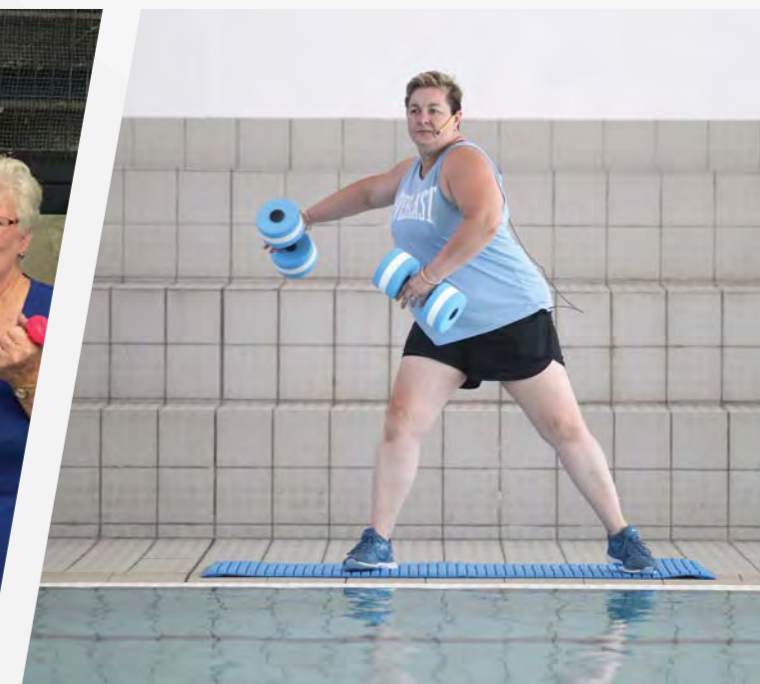
245,852  
Visitors



5  
Star Royal Life  
safety rating



789  
Health & Fitness classes



# Mount Druitt Swimming Centre

## Facility Overview

- ▶ Outdoor 8 lane 50 metre pool with covered grandstand
- ▶ Program pool
- ▶ Toddler pool
- ▶ Kiosk

## Information

Mount Druitt Swimming Centre continues to be the local pool for the Mount Druitt community, opened from September 2018 to April 2019.

The pool is home to Rooty Hill RSL Swim club who train at the venue 3 times per week, as well as holding their swim meets.

Mount Druitt Swimming Centre was also the chosen venue for community events ranging from the annual Dive in Movies where families can enjoy recent blockbusters from the comfort of their pool inflatable to the Family Fish-in which sees the community looking for the perfect catch with over 600 trout placed in the pool during the winter season.

345 customers also enjoyed the Aqua Zumba exercise classes which are included with pool entry to the venue.

Mount Druitt Swimming Centre has continued to be the choice of venue for a number of community events including:

- ▶ Waitangi Day
- ▶ Mt Druitt Festival
- ▶ Dive in Movies
- ▶ Didjurigar Netball Club Presentation
- ▶ Family Fish In
- ▶ Tokyo Swimming Association Training Session



59,139  
Visitors



26  
school swimming carnivals



5  
star Royal Life Saving  
Safety Partner



# Riverstone Swimming Centre

## Facility Overview

- ▶ Outdoor 7 lane 50 metre pool
- ▶ Program pool
- ▶ Leisure pool
- ▶ Kiosk

## Information

Riverstone Swimming Centre continues to be the local pool for the community, offering a great variety of leisure opportunities for families to enjoy.

The pool is also home to the Riverstone Dolphins Swimming Club who train at the venue during the week, along with being a venue of choice for the Department of Education swimming and lifesaving programs which students participate in.

The Dive in Movies returned to the centre in January with 228 patrons enjoying the blockbuster, The Jungle Bunch, while lazing in and around the pool.

Some key events held at the pool included the School Swimming Scheme, School Groups - Lifesaving and the Riverstone Dolphins 25th Anniversary Meet.



67,483  
Visitors



20  
school swimming carnivals



5  
star Royal Life Saving  
Safety Partner





# Aqua Learn to Swim

## Information

Aqua Learn to Swim continues to provide a safe, rewarding, fun and educational experience for all participants, ranging from as young as 6 months old, all the way up to adults.

The program has grown from teaching children how to swim, to now spreading important messages about water safety and active supervision when in and around the water through a number of community awareness programs.

A key part of the learn to swim program is Pip the Penguin, the Aqua Learn to Swim mascot, who is always at the forefront of promoting swimming lessons and water safety.

The past year has seen Aqua Learn to Swim staff and Pip the Penguin visit all of Council's Kids Early Learning child care centres to deliver a water safety talk and offer the children an opportunity to take photos with Pip.

Aqua Learn to Swim has also been present at a number of community events run by Blacktown City Council including Blacktown City Festival, Blacktown City Family SportsFest, Local Government Week and the Medieval Fayre.

One of the key messages that the Aqua Learn to Swim program promotes is that learning to swim is important for people of all ages and abilities. Aqua Learn to Swim not only offers a term program, but also a range of holiday and specialised programs including Acceler8 Intensive School Holiday Program, Swim Start, Swim Abilities and more.

Aqua Learn to Swim was recognised in the 2019 AUSTSWIM NSW Awards as a finalist in the 'Swim School of the Year' and AUSTSWIM Teacher of Swimming and Water Safety Awards.



Number of students enrolled

Term 3 2018  
7,047

Term 4 2018  
8,175

Term 1 2019  
8,336

Term 2 2019  
7,664



Total classes held for the year  
5,710



# Looking forward

Blacktown City Council has developed 'Our Blacktown 2036' on behalf of the community of Blacktown City, as its long term Community Strategic Plan.

This plan identifies the main priorities of our community and aspirations for the City over the next 2 decades and beyond. Its directions and objectives are comprehensive and are based on principles of sustainability and social equity.

Our Blacktown 2036 outlines Blacktown City Council's practical approach to achieving the community's aspirations for the City. Alongside the strategic directions are a set of transformational projects that complete the vision for the City, ensuring that Our Blacktown 2036 is delivered.

Two key transformational projects scheduled for Blacktown Key Venues as part of the 'Our Blacktown 2036' strategic plan are the Blacktown International Sportspark Sydney Master Plan and the International Centre of Training Excellence.

## **Blacktown International Sportspark Sydney Master Plan**

A 10-year visionary master plan will build on the international reputation of the Blacktown International Sportspark Sydney. Planned improvements include a public square hotel, athlete hostel, food and beverage facilities, transport, and traffic connections.

## **International Centre of Training Excellence**

A technologically advanced facility for sports science and training which will form the centrepiece of the new Blacktown International Sportspark Sydney. The facility will include an accelerated recovery centre full of leading edge rehabilitation equipment to assist in the speediest possible recovery.



# Thank you to our 2018/19 hirers

Abul Rento Badminton  
Academy of Sport Speed & Agility Australia  
Afford Funathon  
AFL Sydney Juniors  
AFL Sydney Seniors  
AFL Indigenous Academy  
AFL NSW/ACT  
Alfred Sayas Basketball  
Always Kingdom Church  
Anglicare  
Arndell Anglican College - Primary  
Arndell Anglican College - Senior  
Arnel Tiamzon Basketball  
Athletics NSW  
Aus Sub Taekwondo  
Aussie Masters Blacktown  
Australian Christian College  
Australian Futsal Association  
Australian Islamic College of Sydney  
Australian Taekwondo  
Austswim  
Axis Plumbing  
Banks Public School  
Barnier Public School  
Baseball NSW  
Baulkham Hills Netball  
Beaumont Hills Public School  
Bert Oldfield Public School  
Bidwill Public School  
Billy Soria Basketball  
Blackett Public School  
Blacktown Basketbal Association  
Blacktown Boys' High School  
Blacktown City Council  
Blacktown City Council Running Festival  
Blacktown City Masters Swimming  
Blacktown City Netball  
Blacktown City Swim Club  
Blacktown City Swimming Club  
Blacktown Diggers Swimming Club  
Blacktown Districts Soccer Football Association  
Blacktown Girls' High School  
Blacktown Masters  
Blacktown Primary Schools Sports Association Zone  
Blacktown PSSA - Quakers Hill Public School  
Blacktown PSSA Zone  
Blacktown Relay For Life  
Blacktown RSL Youth Swimming Club  
Blacktown Secondary School Sports Association Zone  
Blacktown South Public School  
Blacktown Tennis Inc  
Blacktown West Public School  
Blacktown Zone - High Schools  
Blackwell Public School

Blue Mountains Primary Schools Sports Association  
Bossley Park High School  
Brave Hearts Rooty Hill Leisure Centre  
Breaking Barriers  
Brian Cruz Basketball  
Caddies Creek Public School  
Canley Vale High School  
Career Point Tutoring  
Caroline Chisholm College  
Castle Hill High School  
Castle Hill Primary Schools Sports Association  
Catherine Mcauley  
Catholic Education Diocese Of Parramatta  
Cherrybrook Carlile Swimming Club  
Chifley College Bidwill Campus  
Chifley College Dunheved Campus  
Chifley College Mt Druitt Campus  
Chifley College Mt Druitt High Zone Sports Association  
Chifley College Shalvey Campus  
Christian Schools Sports Association North Met Zone  
Christian Schools Sports Association Primary State Athletics Carnival  
Christian Schools Sports Association West Metropolitan Primary Zone  
Clairgate Public School  
CMA  
Colyton High School  
Colyton Public School  
Comsec Group Pty Ltd T/A Traffic Control Licences  
Coreen School  
Couples For Christ Basketball  
Crawford Public School  
Creative Dance Academy  
Crestwood High School  
Crestwood Public School  
Cricket NSW  
CSSA Met West Zone - Primary & High School  
CSSA State - Primary  
CSSA - Tyndale State Primary  
Cumberland Zone  
Dawson Public School  
Department Of Education/School Sport Unit  
Desere Music School  
Diggers Swimming Club  
Doonside Public School  
Doonside Technology High School  
Dragons Basketball  
Dural Public School  
Eastern Creek Public School  
Elevation School Of Performing Arts  
Emerton Public School  
Emerton Social Club Basketball  
Emerton Swim Club

Emmmaus Catholic College  
Erskine Park High School  
Erwyn Bolina Rooty Hill Leisure Centre  
Evans High School  
Fairvale High  
Freeman Catholic College  
Friday Boys Club Basketball Rooty Hill Leisure Centre  
Girraween High School  
Glendenning Public School  
Glenwood High School  
Glenwood Netball  
Go For Fun  
Good Shepherd Primary School  
Greystanes High School  
Gymnastics Nsw  
Halinda School  
Hambledon Public School  
Hassall Grove Public School  
Hawkesbury District Basketball Association  
Hebersham Public School  
Hills Hornets Basketball  
Hills Model Railway  
Hills Zone Sports Association  
Hong Taekwondo Australia  
Hoop Dreamz  
Hot Mama Dance  
Independent Sporting Association  
International Soccer Academy  
Irfan College  
James Erskine Public School  
John Palmer Public School  
John XXIII Catholic Primary School  
Kellyville High School  
Kellyville Public School  
Kellyville Ridge Public School  
Kenthurst Public School  
Kids Style Markets  
Kingdom Ministry Rooty Hill Leisure Centre  
Kings Langley Public School  
Lansdowne Zone  
LANSW Region 6  
Lethbridge Park Public School  
Life Church - Stanhope  
Lifestyle Solutions (Aust) Ltd  
Little Kickers  
Logos Productions Dance  
Lovely Bayaca Volleyball Rooty Hill Leisure Centre  
Lynwood Park Public School  
Macquarie Zone - High Schools  
Mad Basketball  
Madang Ave Public School  
Malek Fahd Islamic School  
Maraylya Public School  
Marayong Heights Public School  
Marayong South Public School  
Marian Catholic College

Mary Immaculate Primary School  
McCarthy Catholic College  
Mercado Jonah  
Metella Road Public School  
Metro North West Swimming Association  
Michael De Guia Rooty Hill Leisure Centre  
Minchinbury Jets Football Club  
Minchinbury Public School  
Mission Australia Housing  
Mitchell High School  
MNSE Solutions Tutoring  
Mountain Majik Futsal Association  
Mountain View Adventist College  
Mt Druitt Public School  
Mt Druitt Samoan Seventh Day Adventist Church  
Mt Druitt Primary Schools Sports Association  
Mt Druitt Secondary Schools Sport Association  
Mt Druitt Tutorial Centre  
Mt Druitt Zone  
Mt Druitt Zone PSSA  
My Hoops  
Nagle College  
Nagle Netball Club  
National Parks & Wildlife Service  
Nepean Christian Schools Secondary  
Nepean Zone Secondary Athletics  
Netball NSW  
North West Met Secondary Zone  
Northcott High School  
North Shore AFC  
Norwest Christian College  
Noumea Public School  
NSW Basketball Association  
NSW Baton Twirling Association  
NSW Blue Warriors  
NSW Corporate Games  
NSW Department Of Education  
NSW Futsal Referees Association  
NSW Hanball/Aust Handball Federation  
NSW Institute of Sport  
NSW State League Football Referees  
Our Lady of Lourdes Primary School  
Our Lady Queen of Peace Greystanes  
Oxley Park Public School  
Parklea Public School  
Parks & Leisure Australia  
Parramatta Diocesan  
Patrician Brothers College  
PDSSSC Regional  
Pelotone Premier Cycle & Fitness Studio  
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Penrith Anglican College - Senior  
Penrith District Netball Association Inc.  
Penrith Indoor Hockey  
Pitt Town Public School  
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Polonia Football Club  
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Professional Football Australia  
Prospect Zone

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Quakers Hill East Public School  
Quakers Hill High School  
Quakers Hill Public School  
Rams Netball  
Ready Steady Go Kids  
Redeemer Baptist School  
Redfield College  
Richard Johnson Anglican School  
Ridges Primary Schools Sports Association  
Ridges PSSA Zone  
Riverbank Public School  
Riverstone Dolphins Rsl Youth Swimming Club Inc  
Riverstone High School  
Riverstone Public School  
Rookie Sports  
Rooty Hill Badminton Club  
Rooty Hill Bailers Club  
Rooty Hill High School  
Rooty Hill Leisure Centre  
Rooty Hill Public School  
Rooty Hill RSL Youth Swimming Club  
Ropes Crossing Public School  
Rouse Hill Anglican College  
Rouse Hill High School  
Rouse Hill Public School  
Sacred Heart Primary  
Schofields Public School  
SDI Social Development Sports  
Seven Hills Senior Swimming Club  
Seven Hills RSL Swimming Club  
Seven Hills Toongabbie Wentworthville RSL  
Seven Hills Wenthworfield Youth Swim Club  
Seven Hills West Public School  
Seven Hills/ Wentworthville PSSA  
Shalvey Public School  
Sharon Fernandez  
Shelley Public School  
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Skate NSW  
Socca Joeys  
Special Olympics  
St Agnes Catholic High School  
St Andrews College Marayong  
St Andrews Public School  
St Angela's Castle Hill  
St Anthony's Girraween  
St Bishoy College  
St Bernadettes Lalor Park Primary School  
St Clare's Catholic High School  
St Francis of Assisi  
St John Park High School  
St John Paul II Catholic College  
St John Vianney's Parish School  
St Josephs Primary School  
St Lukes Catholic College  
St Mark's Catholic College  
St Marys PSSA  
St Michael's Primary School  
St Patrick's Primary School

St Pauls Catholic College  
Stanhope Basketball Association  
Stanhope Futsal  
State Basketball League  
Static Dance Studios  
Swimming Metro North West  
Swimming Metro South West  
Sydney Basketball League  
Sydney Eid Gaah/ Charity Australia International  
Sydney Knights Futsal Club  
Sydney West Primary Schools Sports Association Regional  
Sydney West Regional Athletics Primary  
Sydney West Regional Athletics Secondary  
Sydney West School Sport Association  
Sydwest Multicultural Services  
The Heartfulness Intitute Australian  
The Hills Sports High School  
The Kings School  
The Ponds High School  
The Ponds Tennis Club  
The Rising Sons Club  
Thomas Hassall Anglican College  
Tiny Tutus  
Toongabbie Christian College Secondary  
Toongabbie Christian Primary School  
Traffic Control Licences  
Tregear Public School  
Trinity Catholic Primary  
Tyndale Christian School  
Universal Church Of The Kingdom  
Vardy's Road Public School  
Walid Batshoun Indoor Soccer  
Walters Road Public School  
Wednesday to Friday Basketball Rooty Hill Leisure Centre  
Weight Watchers  
West Metropolitan Primary/ Secondary Zone - Tyndale  
West Metropolitan Zone  
Western Sydney Wanderers Community Soccer  
West Sydney Basketball Association - Homegrown Basketball  
Western Grammar School  
Western Sydney Academy Of Sport  
Western Sydney Eagles Basketball  
Western Sydney Wanderers FC  
Western Sydney Wanderers Powerchair Team  
Whalan Public School  
Wheelchair Sports NSW  
Wheelchair Sports NSW Summer Down Series  
William Clarke College - Primary  
William Clarke College - Secondary  
William Dean Public School  
Willmot Public School  
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