BLACKTOWN **KEYVENUES**

YEAR IN REVIEW **2019/20**

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Chairman's message

As I look back at my inaugural year as Chairman of Blacktown Venue Management Ltd (BVM) I am honoured to have led the BVM Board over the past year.

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 play a major part in keeping our city healthy and active and it is something we are very passionate about. 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. A major component of the Master plan is the International Centre of Training Excellence (ICTE). We continue to develop the ICTE as a world-leading high-performance education, sports medicine and recovery facility. The ICTE will open in 2022. The ICTE will be the centrepiece for the future of Blacktown International Sportspark Sydney and will cement Blacktown as the sporting capital of Western Sydney.

This last year has had its challenges. The bushfire crisis started back in September 2019 and wasn't fully contained until February 2020. Due to poor air quality and to ensure the safety of our patrons our outdoor pools were forced to close on a number of occasions across this period. In late March 2020 the COVID-19 outbreak affected organisations all over the world. Consequently, all of our sports and leisure facilities closed to the public, only reopening in June 2020 as Government restrictions began to lift. On behalf of the Board I would like to thank the whole team at BVM for their continued commitment and dedication through this difficult period.

The first half of 2020 also brought tragedy to our door. In late March we lost a valued colleague from Charlie Lowles Leisure Centre Emerton, Ms Dani Gordon, in a tragic accident. Dani's loss impacted all at BVM, Key Venues and throughout our wider Blacktown City Council family. On behalf of the Board and staff we offer our deepest condolences to Dani's family and colleagues.

This year we also lost a founding member of our BVM family, Mr Graeme Watson. Graeme was intimately involved with the creation of BVM post the 2000 Sydney Olympics and was a trusted advisor to the BVM Board in those early years. Graeme's contribution to maintaining the Olympic legacy in Blacktown is probably lesser known than his high-profile sports career as both an international cricketer and AFL player in the '60's and '70's. After retiring from sport Graeme carved out a very successful sports consultancy career and it is here that our paths crossed. Graeme's help in those early years was invaluable and is not lost on the current BVM Board. Thank you Graeme.

After what has been probably the most challenging year we have experienced 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 under difficult circumstances. We very much look forward to a more settled year in 2020/2021 and continuing to work together for our community.

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Mayor Cr Tony Bleasdale OAM Chairman Blacktown Venue Management Ltd

CEO's message

It would be remiss of me not to start this message without recognising the tremendous group of people I have the honour of working alongside. The dreadful bushfire season that befell the country during the summer months followed closely by the COVID-19 outbreak produced a second half of the year that was challenging to say the least. The team at Council and BVM have responded magnificently. I feel privileged to be a part of that team and I have watched with admiration as Council's leadership has guided us through these dark days to a brighter future ahead. To the BVM Chairman and Blacktown Mayor Tony Bleasdale OAM, to our Deputy Chairman Mr Kerry Robinson OAM, to our Councillors and Council's Executive and to the BVM Directors I thank you on behalf of all staff for your continued leadership and support. What a year for our first term Chairman!

Despite these challenges the team at BVM still produced a memorable 2019/2020. Blacktown International Sportspark Sydney (BISP) hosted 3,915 events and over 400,000 visitors came through our gates. We continued to make our mark on the international sporting stage with 13 international teams from various codes and countries including Japan, Korea and New Zealand descending on the Sportspark for training and competition. Once again, we played host to a number of exciting sports events including the Softball Australia Pacific Cup, the Summer Slam Softball Series, the Marsh Community AFL Series, the 2020 Wheelchair NSW Summer Down Under road racing series, training for the ICC Women's T20 World Cup, the LG Twins Korean Baseball Club and the Chinese Taipei Women's Football team in Sydney for an Olympic qualifying game.

A particular highlight of this year was the official opening of the Western Sydney Wanderers 'Centre of Football'. This marked a project 8 years in the making and which has created probably the best football (soccer) training facility in the country. The partnership between the Wanderers and Council goes from strength to strength with the Centre of Football the envy of rival football clubs.

As Chairman of Blacktown Venue Management and on behalf of the Blacktown Venue Management Board of Directors it gives me great pleasure to welcome you to the 2019/2020 Blacktown Key Venues year in review.



The development of the BISP International Centre of Excellence (ICTE) continues to evolve and I was pleased to welcome Dr Neil Gibson as the new Director of the ICTE. In partnership with the Australian Catholic Universities (ACU), Blacktown Hospital, Sydney West Sports Medicine and many others the ICTE will be an internationally-renowned facility and will be the centrepiece of the Sportspark.

Our leisure and aquatic facilities also had an eventful year with over 1,800,000 visitors despite a number of days being lost due to the bushfires and COVID-19. Our venues hosted numerous school carnivals, the annual Family Sportsfest, the Mount Druitt Festival and many community celebrations. During the close-down the BVM staff have worked incredibly hard to stay connected with our customers and the local community through information bulletins, social media posts and E-blasts. Re-opening our centres in June brought welcome relief and joy that we could once again serve our community.

Earlier this year we sadly lost one of our dearest team members - Ms Dani Gordon. Dani was involved in a tragic accident from which she never recovered. Her loss was felt deeply across Key Venues and the wider Council family. My deepest condolences ao out to Dani's family and the many friends and colleagues impacted by her passing.

I would also like to pay tribute to Mr Graeme Watson, a former professional sportsman in cricket and AFL and who worked very closely with us in the earlier days of BVM. Graeme lost his battle against cancer earlier this year but his legacy lives on amongst the magnificent Olympic legacy venues at BISP that Graeme helped transfer from Olympic oversight to Council custodianship.

Finally, I would like to personally thank the Chairman, Deputy Chairman and the Blacktown Venue Management Directors for their advice, guidance and support over the past 12 months. We are excited about what the future holds and we look forward to the year ahead.

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

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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 by the Blacktown International Sportspark Sydney
- To develop, enhance, utilise, maintain, operate and promote Key Venues 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 Key Venues
- To conduct its activities to provide longterm 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 Tony Bleasdale OAM Chairman October 2019 - Present Director 2011 - September 2019



Stephen Bali MP Chairman September 2014 – September 2019



Cr Brad Bunting Director 2017 - Present



Dr Jim Taggart OAM Director 2016 - Present

Blacktown Venue Management Ltd Chairman

Present	Cr Tony Bleasdale OAM
2014 - 2019	Cr Stephen Bali MP
2012 - 2014	Cr Len Robinson



Kerry Robinson OAM Deputy Chairman 2013 - Present



Cr Susai Beniamin Director 2016 - Present



Christine Deaner Director 2016 - Present



Darryl Clout Director 2016 - Present



Cr Julie Griffiths **Director** 2019 - Present

2011 – 2012	Cr Alan Pendleton OAM
2009 - 2011	Cr Charlie Lowles OAM
2004 - 2009	Cr Leo Kelly OAM
2002 – 2004	Cr Alan Pendleton OAM

Blacktown Key Venues

Key Venues brings together 11 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
- Rooty Hill Leisure Centre
- Western Sydney Wanderers Centre of Football

Vale

This year we lost 2 valued members of the BVM family - team member Dani Gordon from Charlie Lowles Leisure Centre Emerton and BVM consultant and advisor, Mr Graeme Watson.



Dani was a staff member for more than 5 years. Dani's colleagues describe her as a very caring person who was a joy to be around. Her work ethic was matched only by the pleasure others got by spending time with her. Dani was a valued team member who was hardworking and dedicated.



Graeme was intimately involved with the creation of BVM post the 2000 Sydney Olympics and was a trusted advisor to the BVM Board in those early years. Graeme had an extensive high-profile sports career as both an international cricketer and AFL player in the '60's and '70's.

On behalf of the BVM Board and staff we offer our deepest condolences to the families of Ms Dani Gordon and Mr Graeme Watson. We thank you for everything you have done over the years, and we miss you both.

Key Venue 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





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



Blacktown Venue **Financial Analyst**





Nyree Parkin Aquatic & Leisure Centre Coordinator (West)

Lachlan Lawless Blacktown Leisure Centre Stanhope Manager





Valentina Saric Communications & Events Officer







Chief Operations Manager



Bryce Alley Blacktown International Sportspark Manager



Management Strategic





Kirsty Vassallo Company Administration Officer & Company Secretary



Prabh Singh Acting Communications & Events Officer (December 2019 - July 2020)



John Miller Marketing & Communications Coordinator



Kayla Munday Administration Trainee

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Health & Safety

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.







Drowning prevention strategies

- Keep Watch @ Public Pools
- Aqua Learn to Swim program
- Poseidon, first and only drowning detection system in Australia
- Life jacket initiative
- Multi language water safety signage





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 operations. 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. This accreditation demonstrates the facilities commitment to aquatic safety standards.

This is a result of independent audit that reviews procedures and facility features. Our ongoing commitment 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.

Lifejackets are available across the 5 leisure and aquatic centres to provide additional safety for non or less confident swimmers. Since implementation there has been no major drowning incidences caused from a casualty struggling to swim. Staff continue to undertake professional development to provide the highest quality service with over 60 staff attending pool supervision training sessions.

This year a new live dashboard was implemented, digitalising the process of recording pool tests to ensure the plant rooms are run efficiently.

2019/2020 Highlights



Super 6 High Performance join Blacktown International Sportspark family



July 2019





December 2019

Key Venues staff graduate from the 2019 Inaugural In-House training Program. The program was developed to provide Key Venues staff with knowledge and understanding of core business principles.



January 2020

Australia Pacific Cup and the Summer Slam hosted at Softball Centre, Blacktown International Sportspark



February 2020 Aquatic staff raise over \$8,500 for Starlight Children's foundation



June 2020 Blacktown Aquatic Centre, Blacktown Leisure Centre

Stanhope and Charlie Lowles Leisure Centre Emerton re-open after centre closures due to COVID-19 shutdown



August 2019 Sportsfest at Blacktown Leisure Centre Stanhope



December 2019 Aqua Learn to Swim Stanhope enrol 5,000 students





February-March 2020

Blacktown International Sportspark selected as training venue for ICC Women's T20 World Cup 2020 national teams India, Thailand, West Indies and England



May 2020

Blacktown Tennis Centre Stanhope first Council sporting facility to re-open their facilities after COVID-19 restrictions lifted





September 2019

Blacktown Leisure Centre Stanhope hosted Super citizenship ceremony with just under 1,300 people swearing allegiance to Australia



November 2019 Blacktown Tennis Centre Stanhope launched Wheelchair Tennis program





September 2019 Season opening Riverstone Swimming Centre and Mount Druitt Swimming Centre



September 2019 Western Sydney Wanderers Centre of Football officially opened at Blacktown International Sportspark



March 2020

Chinese Taipei train at Blacktown International Sportspark for Olympic Qualifiers

Blacktown Football Park

Blacktown Football Park is the heart of football in Blacktown City, continuing to provide the best quality surfaces and amenities for players, administrators and spectators from grassroots to NSW National Premier League. The park welcomes locals and visiting football clubs, continuing to grow the sport in Australia.

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Headquarters of Blacktown District Soccer Football Association



Event Highlights:

- Australian Deaf Football team Exhibition matches against Riverstone FC and the Ponds FC
- Champions of Champions
- NSW Premier League Spartans FC Home Games
- Summer Sixes Competition
- BDSFA Grand Finals 2019
- BDSFA Premier League Games













Blacktown International Sportspark Sydney

Blacktown International Sportspark Sydney is the sporting capital in Western Sydney, continuing to grow its earned reputation as an elite, established and all-inclusive multi-sport and community venue. Blacktown International Sportspark's leading facilities are utilised by community grassroots to professional players at the top of their game. The park continues to support sport at all levels with just under half a million athletes, spectators and officials visiting the Sportspark this year.











Home of 5 national sporting teams - Western Sydney

Wanderers FC, Sydney Blue Sox, NSW Breakers, AFLW GWS Giants and WBBL Sydney Thunder

Hosted 13 international teams for training and competition across Softball, Baseball, Cricket and Soccer As the heart of sport in Western Sydney, Blacktown International Sportspark Sydney boasts its first-class sporting facilities for athletics, Australian rules, baseball, cricket, football, professional goalkeeping development and softball.

The Sportspark is home to 5 national sporting teams including the NSW Women's Cricket team, the NSW Breakers, Australian baseball team, the Sydney Blue Sox, Hyundai A-League team, the Western Sydney Wanderers Football Club, AFL Women's team, the GWS Giants and the Women's Big Bash League cricket team, Sydney Thunder.

The implementation of the Master Plan including an international centre of training excellence will be an investment in the sporting future of Western Sydney.



Facilities:

- Athletics centre with IAAF standard MONDO synthetic track, infield and long jump pits
- NSW Softball Centre with 4 softball diamonds
- NSW Baseball Centre with 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
- Western Sydney Wanderers Centre of Football







AFL

Blacktown International Sportspark had an exciting year for AFL, with spectators and visitors being able to enjoy all levels of footy tier league. The ovals hosted a range with players coming together in an environment that showcases a clear love for the game.

Blacktown City Council were proudly behind the GWS Giants in their AFL Grand Final clash against Richmond Tigers last September, despite their and their success and hard work as a club since their foundation.

Home to AFLW GWS Giants, GWS Giants Academy, Western Magic and Blacktown Suns AFL Clubs Home to AFLACT/NSW West Office

Hosted

AFLW GWS Giants home games and AFL GWS Giants v Sydney Swans pre-season match

Event Highlights:

- AFLW GWS Giants v Gold Coast Suns
- AFLW GWS Giants v West Coast Eagles
- Marsh Community Series GWS Giants v Sydney Swans
- National Inclusion Cup
- North Eastern AFL Match
- Blacktown Suns & Western Magic match days
- Sydney AFL 2019 season including the final series
- ► AFL Sydney U22s Representative Team v U18s Sydney Swans Academy













Athletics Centre

The Athletics Centre offers elite level facilities for all ages and abilities, it is a place for novices to inspiring athletes and enthusiasts. The facility is the hot spot for schools, clubs and professionals as they continue to use the outstanding facility for athletics carnivals, training and community events.

In July 2019 Super 6 High Performance became a part of the Sportspark family, holistically catering to all abilities for high performance regardless of sporting code.

Facility Overview

- All weather MONDO synthetic track, 1 of 3 in NSW
- Steeplechase facilities with water jump suitable for both men's and women's events
- ► 2 javelin runways on infield
- ► 4 long jump/triple jump pits
- ► High jump facilities
- Dual multi directional pole vault runways
- > 2 shot put circle on infield
- Ability to host day soccer matches on infield
- Spectator Grandstand with covered seating for 1,250 spectators
- Kiosk
- PA/Announcers Room



Event Highlights:

- Blacktown Relay for Life
- Wheelchair Sports NSW Summer Down Under Series
- Westlink M7 Blacktown Running Festival
- > 19 Zone athletics carnivals
- ▶ 4 Regional athletics carnivals
- Super 6 High Performance had over 9,000 young aspiring athletes and visitors in first year at the Sportspark
- Super 6 High Performance ran:
 - Sports Speed Program with athletes from cricket, soccer and rugby League
- Elite Pathway program with Hills Football Association and Blacktown Spartans
- 'I'M possible' all abilities high performance program
- Physical assessment program

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Super 6 High Performance launched their remote online program during COVID-19 shut down to keep their athletes on track at home



















Baseball

The 3 dedicated diamonds at Blacktown International Sportspark Sydney are the place to be for baseball in New South Wales, continuing its legacy and excellence from the 2000 Olympic Games. Baseball fans and players have been able to enjoy a showcase of many levels of baseball, with talent from state level to the Sydney Blue Sox and international teams pitching and hitting home runs.

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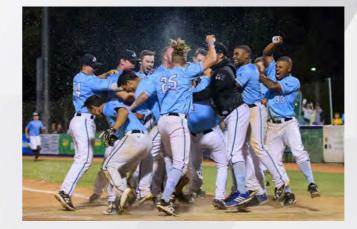




Event Highlights:

- > 2019/20 Sydney Blue Sox home games
- Senior Country Championships
- LG Twins Spring Training
- NSW State Baseball League Regular season and Finals Series
- NSW Women's Baseball League Regular season and Finals Series
- Baseball NSW High Performance Training
- NSW State Trials and Training











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Cricket

Blacktown International Sportspark cricket grounds and pitches are maintained to the highest quality and are recognised internationally for their pristine condition. Cricket has had an exciting year with the ICC Women's T20 World Cup being hosted in Australia, where the park was selected as a training venue for the international teams. Cricket fans and enthusiasts at Blacktown have the pleasure of enjoying high class cricket at all levels, and events where the community get to meet their idols.

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Home to WBBL Sydney Thunder and NSW Breakers

Training venue for Cricket NSW Blues and NSW Breakers squads

5 international teams used the facilities as a training base

Event Highlights:

- ICC Women's T20 World Cup 2020 training venue for India, Thailand, West Indies and England
- NSW Blues & Breakers pre-season training
- Women's National Cricket League (WNCL) match for ACT v QLD
- ▶ WBBL Sydney Thunder ∨ Melbourne Renegades
- Sydney Thunder Fan Day
- U15 Male State Challenge
- U16 Male State Challenge
- U15 Female State Challenge
- ▶ U18 Female State Challenge
- BBL Quin Series
- Toyota Second XI NSW v WA
- Toyota Second XI NSW v ACT
- Training Session for England A
- Thunder Nation Cup Training & Semi Finals
- Thunder Nation Cup All Stars Matches

















Football



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



Highlights:

- Opening of Western Sydney Wanderers Centre of Football, the permanent training and administration headquarters at the Sportspark
- Western Sydney Wanderers FC A-League training and National Youth Training
- Western Sydney Wanderers hosted Chinese Taipei women's national team training for their Olympic Qualifiers
- Western Sydney Wanderers School Cup
- Western Sydney Wanderers FC School Holiday clinics and development program
- Progressive Goalkeeping training held weeknights
- Progressive Goalkeeping School Holiday Clinics ran each holiday period
- Progressive Goalkeeping hosted Female Football week event which had over 30 female goalkeepers from all ages attend the free female focussed session



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Softball

The Softball Centre continues its legacy from the 2000 Olympic Games as the finest softball fields in Australia, hosting major international, national and state events. Catering as well for grassroots, supporting softball at every level.

Event Highlights:

- Australia Pacific Cup held with teams from Australia, Japan, Italy, Mexico, New Zealand and Chinese Taipei.
- Summer Slam Series
- John Reid Shield 37th Open Men's National Championship
- Australian U18 Men's National Championships
- Australian U18 Women's National Championship
- 🕨 U14 Boys' Regional Championship
- U18 Mens State Championships
- NSW PSSA 2019 National Championships
- Sydney West Schools Zone
- U12 Boys State Championship
- Blue Blaze Tournaments
- NSW Open Women's State Championship
- State League Finals

Headquarters













Joe McAleer Oval

Joe McAleer Oval is Blacktown's premier first-grade and community cricket oval and is home to Blacktown City & District Cricket Association.



Event Highlights:

Blacktown Warriors training

- Blacktown Warriors First Grade & Second Grade season matches
- Annual Pharmacy cricket game







Rooty Hill Leisure Centre

Rooty Hill Leisure Centre joined the Blacktown Key Venues team mid 2019. The centre hosts gymnastic training sessions, national and international competitions and cultural events showcasing the talents of all gymnasts participating. As well as coaching workshops and holiday training camps.





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Event Highlights:

- Marival Cup
- International Coaching and Judging Course with President of the International Federation of Aesthetic Group Gymnastics, Tatiana Miroshnychenko (Spain) and International Technical Committee member, Saori Kubota (Japan).
- Holiday training camps
- Christmas concert
- Masterclass with international presenter Sofia Frankovskaia
- National Coaching workshop
- Australian Aesthetics Group Gymnastic Federation training

The Australian Aesthetic Group Gymnastics Federation hosted the first International Aesthetic Group Gymnastics (B-Category) Tournament "Marival Cup", along with Australia Rhythmic Gymnastics' first International Rhythmic Gymnastics invitational event the "Marival Cup".

The name of this competition is after the AAGGF Senior Vice President Marival D'jamirze. During her time as a gymnast, Marival was a dedicated athlete that represented Australia on a global scale and is a great ambassador for the community and sport. After her many years as a gymnast, she dedicated her love for gymnastics into coaching, currently the Head Coach of Australian Rhythmic Gymnastics club. The Marival Cup was the first event of its kind, this international competition made history for Australia with gymnasts from Australia, New Zealand, America and Mongolia.











Blacktown Tennis Centre Stanhope

Facility Overview

- 16 plexi-cushion courts
- Show court with spectator seating for 288 in grand stand
- Administration and tournament office
- Function room and meeting rooms overlooking the show court
- Children's play area with tennis rebound walls







Major tennis competitions

Event Highlights

- Official launch of Wheelchair Tennis program with Mayor of Blacktown Cr Tony Bleasdale
- Todd Woodbridge Cup
- GLBT Tennis Tournament
- Tennis Open Days
- Tennis school holiday clinics
- Blind/Low vision Open Day Tennis Australia
- Wheelchair Tennis Open Day
- Tennis NSW Foundation course

Information

Blacktown Tennis Centre Stanhope is a regional hub in New South Wales, and is committed to providing services to the community of Blacktown for all abilities. The centre was the chosen venue for 2 major competitions including:

- Todd Woodbridge Cup
- GLBT Tennis Tournament

Throughout the course of the year Blacktown Tennis Centre Stanhope has expanded their classes where Wheelchair Tennis program was officially launched 11 November 2019, with the Mayor of Blacktown Cr Tony Bleasdale in attendance in support.

The coaching program run internally by the Centre has offered 2,191 classes for juniors and adults to improve their skills on court.

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

Blacktown Tennis Centre Stanhope runs a variety of classes as well as child and adult social and competitive tournaments.

COVID-19 Closure 23 March 2020 - Reopened 11 May 2020.

Programs

- Hot Shots program
- Get Your Racquet On
- School Holiday Clinic
- Wheelchair Tennis Program
- Blind/Low vision tennis lessons
- Squads program
- Ladies groups
- Men's groups
- Private lessons





Competitions

- Monday Doubles competition
- Tuesday Junior competition
- Tuesday night Adult social doubles competition
- Wednesday Singles competition
- Saturday Junior competition
- Saturday morning Fast4 singles competition







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
- Creche
- Gym
- Group fitness studio
- Half pipe skateboard ramp and mini skate ramp
- Café









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



Information

Blacktown Aquatic Centre is a modern, family friendly leisure and aquatic facility located in the heart of Blacktown. The centre's Olympic 50 metre lap pool is the top destination for swimming carnivals in Blacktown City and surrounds, for both schools and swimming clubs.

Blacktown Aquatic Centre hosted 44 swimming carnivals between December 2019 to March 2020. The centre also runs Council's Aqua Learn to Swim program continuing to teach children as young as 6 month old, all the way up to adults, the important life skill of learning to swim and water safety. The centre runs its all ability program to ensure all children learn these valuable water skills.

The centre continues to run its Kidz Blitz holiday program for children to enjoy a range of fun, creative and adventurous activities both in and out of the water during their school holidays. Blacktown Aquatic Centre also hosts aquatic and dance birthday parties for children ages 6-12.

Health and fitness programs at the centre cater to people of all ages and ability levels, offering classes from low impact yoga, pilates and young at heart over 50's programs, to high intensity classes including tabata, Les Mills body pump and Aqua Zumba.

The centre underwent refurbishment during the COVID-19 closure March to June 2020, removing all carpet replaced with Regupol Rubber floor covering, installation of new signage and the indoor pool was repaired. A fresh coat of paint was applied in the indoor pool hall, grandstand, reception, social kiosk area, transition area from the indoor pool hall to the changerooms and gymnasium ready to welcome back the community for reopening.

COVID-19 Closure 23 March 2020 – Reopened 15 June 2020.





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



Information

Blacktown Leisure Centre Stanhope has had another successful year as the flagship leisure and aquatic facility in Blacktown City. The centre provides leisure, fitness and recreation opportunities for the community including wave pool, lap pool, program pool, gym, group fitness, creche, 4 court multi- sport stadium, Aqua Learn to Swim, Kidz Blitz school holiday program, tennis courts, squash courts, spa, steam room and sauna, and venue hire.

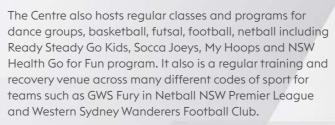
The centre had the honour of hosting the largest Super Citizenship Ceremony in Blacktown City, with just under 1,300 people swearing allegiance to Australia. The exciting and iconic day had people from 62 countries become Australian citizens, with multicultural celebrations and performances taking place.

The stadium hosted over 19 major events and 27 sporting & cultural events including:

- Blacktown City Family SportsFest
- 2019 Blacktown City Council Super Citizenship Ceremony
- Sydney Northwest Muslim Community Eid Celebration
- Skate NSW Rhythmic Championships
- NSW European Handball Championships
- Australia Taekwondo NSW Championships
- Australian Sangat Nankanam Sahib Charity Event
- Sunil Grover Comedy Night Sydney
- Sydney Reptile Expo

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- Guwan Mana Allawah Reconciliation Event
- Rasotsav with Dev Bhatt Concert



During the COVID-19 shutdown the centre had major structural rust repairs and signage upgrade, as well as applying a fresh coat of paint in the aquatics hall ready to welcome back all visitors for reopening.

COVID-19 Closure 23 March 2020 – Reopened 15 June 2020





Charlie Lowles Leisure Centre Emerton

Facility Overview

- Indoor 8 Iane 25 metre pool
- Program pool
- Outdoor 7 Iane 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 offers a lot to its community with an exciting variety of health, aquatic, leisure and recreation programs and services for everyone to enjoy.

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

- Penrith Indoor Hockey Competition
- Series Futsal Competition
- Afghan Community Support Association
- Youth Off the Street Community Futsal Competition
- Mount Druitt Command Area Youth Program 'Breaking Barriers'
- Blacktown City Basketball association games

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

Between 16 December 2019 – 17 February 2020 the indoor 25m pool floor was retiled. This was completed as part of the Works Improvement Project 2019/2020. During this time the indoor pool was closed for public use. Learn to Swim and Aqua aerobic classes were moved to the outdoor 50m pool during this time.

This year basketball was Charlie Lowles Leisure Centre's most popular sport, making up over half their bookings.

The centre was a finalist for the 2019 Mount Druitt/St Marys Local Business Awards, demonstrating their commitment to providing to the community.

During the COVID-19 closure the centre had signage upgrades, deep cleaning of facility flooring and air vents. As well rust repairs and repainting of pool hall and cottage ready to welcome back the community.

COVID-19 Closure 23 March 2020 – Reopened 20 June 2020

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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 2019 to March 2020.

The pool is home to Rooty Hill RSL Youth Swim club who train at the venue 2 times per week, as well as holding their swim meets.

The newly formed Chifley Swim Club commenced training at Mount Druitt Swimming Centre from February 2020 bringing with them 50 club members to train weekday afternoons.

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. Dive-ins included food trucks Mate Burger and Retro Birdie. 168 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:

- Whanau Day (formally Waitangi Day)
- Mt Druitt Festival
- Dive-in Movies
- Family Fish In
- Mt Druitt Says No to Ice Day

COVID-19 Pool Closure 23 March 2020.



Riverstone Swimming Centre

Facility Overview

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









Information

Riverstone Swimming Centre had another successful season as the place to be in summer for the local 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.

Some key events held at the pool included the School Swimming Scheme, School Groups – Lifesaving. As well as being the chosen venue for Riverstone Neighbourhood Centre Christmas Party in December 2019.

The centre held an Aqua Exercise class every Tuesday for all to join and get fit in the water.

Riverstone Swimming Centre's dedication to the community has been proven once again by being selected as a finalist for 2020 Blacktown Local Business Awards!

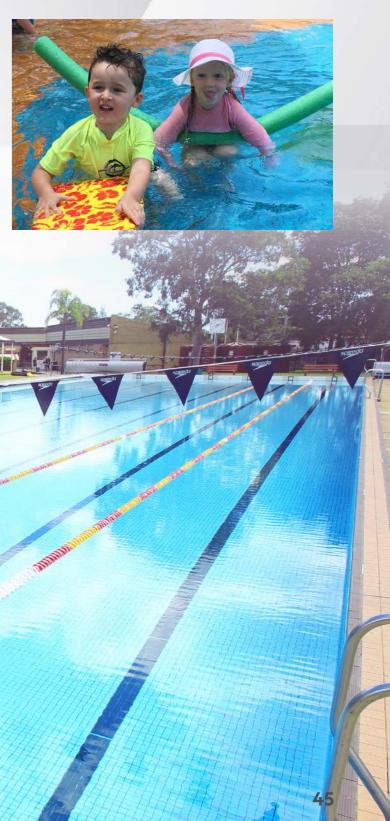
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Aqua Learn to Swim

Number of students enrolled Term 3 2019 **7,304** Term 4 2019 **8,544** Term 1 2020 **8,637** Term 2 2020 **370**



Program Highlights

- Aqua Learn to Swim Stanhope reached the incredible milestone of 5,000 students enrolled
- Aqua Learn to Swim Emerton finalists in AUSTWIM award 2019 'Swim School of the Year' and AUSTSWIM Teacher of Swimming and Water Safety Awards
- Staff across all centres raised over \$8,500 for Starlight Children's foundation for sick children
- Holly Aubert from Charlie Lowles Leisure Centre Emerton nominated for 2020 NSW AUSTSWIM Teacher of Infant and Preschool Aquatics
- Taylah Lee nominated from Charlie Lowles Leisure Centre Emerton for 2020 NSW AUSTSWIM Teacher of Swimming and Water Safety
- Aqua Learn to Swim Emerton finalist for 2020 Local Business Awards

Information

Aqua Learn to Swim has had another big and successful year of continuing to provide a safe, rewarding, fun and educational experience for the community.

The program has grown from teaching children how to swim, to now spreading important messaging 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 learn to swim lessons and water safety.

Aqua Learn to Swim offers a variety of programs providing to people of all swimming levels and abilities, ranging from as young as 6 months old, all the way up to adults. Our programs include:

- Infant and preschool program
- School aged program
- Adults lessons
- Aqua Swim Academy
- Acceler8 Intensive School Holiday Program
- Swim Abilities
- Private lessons

Aqua Learn to Swim and Pip the Penguin have also been present at a number of community events run by Blacktown City Council including Blacktown City Family SportsFest, Riverstone Swimming Centre and Mount Druitt Swimming Centre Season Opening. As well as visiting Kids Early Learning Centres and local preschools to spread the message of water safety and swimming education and offer the children an opportunity to take photos with Pip.

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, and it's never too late to start learning.

COVID-19 Program suspended 23 March 2020 and resumed 20 June 2020.







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Looking Forward

Master Plan

A visionary new master plan for the Blacktown International Sportspark Sydney, including a public square, hotel, athlete hostel, food and beverage facilities, transport, and traffic connections.

International Centre of Training Excellence

An international centre of training excellence is being developed within the Blacktown International Sportspark, Sydney with construction scheduled to start in quarter 3 of 2021.

The centre will include:

- Physiology laboratories
- Strength and conditioning
- Sports medicine
- Hydrotherapy
- Environmental chamber,
- Auditorium
- Café/dining.

In addition to the facilities within the building a new all-weather synthetic pitch will be built, a space that can be used by the local community and a range of sporting teams alike. We are working with key stakeholders including Higher Education, the Western Sydney Local Health District and sporting bodies to provide the local community with a facility and expertise that have a demonstrable benefit to health, fitness and sports performance.

The development will also include a new 100 bed accommodation block designed to host domestic and international sporting teams competing and training in and around the Blacktown International Sportspark.











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