

BLACKTOWN
KEY VENUES

Year In Review 2015/16



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Chairman's Message

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 2015/16 Key Venues Year in Review.

Blacktown City is a sporting city and Council's commitment to providing opportunities across all levels of sport and recreation is clearly demonstrated by the formation of Blacktown Key Venues last year.

Blacktown Key Venues oversees 9 major sports and leisure facilities across the City: Blacktown Football Park, Blacktown International Sportspark Sydney, Joe McAleer Reserve and the cities 5 leisure and aquatic facilities: Blacktown Aquatic Centre, Blacktown Leisure Centre Stanhope, Emerton Leisure Centre, Mount Druitt Swimming Centre & Riverstone Swimming Centre.

Key Venues goals are clear: deliver first class activity and program choice, promote Blacktown City as the leader in sport, recreation and leisure and give every visitor and customer a safe and memorable experience.

The Blacktown Venue Management Board and I are proud of what we have achieved in the first 12 months of operation and will continue to be the benchmark for the management and delivery of sport, leisure and recreation to our community. Our role is more than just facilities but is about providing ongoing opportunities for access to sport, leisure and recreation from grassroots to the elite.

I believe in our first 12 months of operation we have met those goals and will continue to do so as we look towards some exciting new projects and opportunities.

As a Board we are proud to be part of overseeing services that are an integral part of the community. I would like to thank the Board for their dedication, commitment and service over the past 12 months. Thank you to our retiring Board Members Len Robinson and Russ Dickens for your service and we wish you the best for the future. Also retiring is Bill McNamara OAM. Bill has been a part of the Blacktown Venue Management Board since its inception and we thank him for his outstanding and invaluable contribution.

I also gratefully acknowledge the ongoing support of Blacktown City Council, its councillors and its officers.

Thank you to the Key Venues management team for an outstanding year marked by many milestones and achievements. I look forward to working with you and our outstanding staff across all venues to make the next 12 months even better!

Stephen Bali
Chairman
Blacktown Venue Management Ltd



CEO's Message

What an amazing first year it has been for the Blacktown Venue Management team as we celebrate the achievements of the first year operating as Key Venues.

In our first year, Key Venue's facilities delivered sport, recreation, leisure and fitness outcomes to over 1.5 million visitors across the City's 9 major sport and leisure facilities.

Blacktown International Sportspark Sydney hosted over 15 international teams across a range of events including the World Baseball Classic Qualifiers and the Softball Australia Down Under Series. Other major events included NAB Challenge AFL game between Sydney Swans and Port Adelaide, Blacktown Relay for Life and the International Goalkeepers Academy celebrated 10 years operating at the Sportspark. Joe McAleer Reserve was voted by Cricket NSW as 2nd best facility in the State.

Our Leisure and Aquatic facilities had an exceptional year as well with Blacktown Leisure Centre Stanhope named Australian Aquatic and Recreation Facility of the Year. Emerton Leisure Centre hosted a NAIDOC Family Fun Day and Blacktown Aquatic Centre continued to be recognised as a state competition venue for elite swimming.

Mount Druitt Swimming Centre celebrating its 40th birthday and its first complete summer season since re-opening in 2014. The Centre also ran a successful 'Dive In' movie series and was acknowledged for its work with the local community in winning the Parks and Leisure Australia NSW/ACT 'Inclusive and Connected Communities' award.

The new Aqua Learn to Swim program has brought consistency in programming to our venues and has proven a great success with over 7,500 students enrolled in the program that is offered across all 5 of our aquatic and leisure facilities.

The first major Key Venues projects were also completed with Blacktown Tennis Centre Stanhope officially opening in August and the completion of Stage 2 of the Blacktown Football Park project. Blacktown Aquatic Centre and Riverstone Swimming Centre are both undergoing some renovations to improve the customer experience for our patrons.

I would like to personally thank the Chairman, Deputy Chairman and Blacktown Venue Management Directors for their guidance over the past 12 months and look forward to the year ahead.

Kevin Jones
Chief Executive Officer
Blacktown Venue Management Ltd

Blacktown Key Venues

Blacktown Venue Management Ltd manages, on behalf for Blacktown City Council the City's 5 aquatic and leisure centres and first class sporting facilities under the banner of Blacktown Key Venues.

The venues themselves are diverse ranging from Council's flagship sports facility Blacktown International Sportspark Sydney to the award winning leisure and aquatic centres in Blacktown Aquatic Centre, Blacktown Leisure Centre Stanhope and Emerton Leisure Centre. Rounding up the aquatics facilities are the City's 2 seasonal swimming pools, Mount Druitt & Riverstone Swimming Centres.

Blacktown's first grade cricket and premier league football teams utilise the facilities of Joe McAleer Oval and Blacktown Football Park along with Anne Aquilina Reserve which a hub for a variety of grassroots and school sporting activities.

Key Venues

- 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



LEGEND

KEY VENUES

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| 1. Riverstone Swimming Centre | 6. Blacktown Football Park |
| 2. Emerton Leisure Centre | 7. Anne Aquilina Reserve |
| 3. Mount Druitt Swimming Centre | 8. Blacktown Leisure Centre Stanhope |
| 4. Joe McAleer Oval | 9. Blacktown Aquatic Centre |
| 5. Blacktown International Sportspark Sydney | |

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 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 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.

Blacktown Venue Management Ltd Board



Cr Stephen Bali
Chairman
September 2014 – Present



Mr Kerry Robinson
Deputy Chairman
2013 – Present



Mr Peter Smith
Director
2011 – 2016



Cr Len Robinson
Director
Director 2014 – 2016
Chairman 2012 – 2014



Mr Daryl Clout
Director
Director 2016 – Present



Cr Tony Bleasdale OAM
Director
Director 2011 – Present



Cr Russ Dickens OAM
Director
Director 2012 – 2016



Mr Bill McNamara OAM
Director
Director 2002 – 2016

Blacktown Venue Management Ltd Chairman 2002-2016



2002-2004 & 2011-2012
Cr Alan Pendleton OAM



2004-2009
Cr Leo Kelly OAM



2009-2011
Cr Charlie Lowles OAM



2012-2014
Cr Len Robinson



2014-Present
Cr Stephen Bali

Blacktown Key Venues Staff



Kevin Jones
Chief Executive Officer
Manager Key Venues



Shannon Queree
Acting Chief Operations
Manager



Nicole Edsall
Chief Operations
Manager



Sean Christie
Business & Project
Manager



Brett Andrews
Manager Blacktown
Leisure Centre Stanhope



Matt Cairns
Grounds & Operations
Coordinator



Ros Pullen
Key Venues Marketing
& Communications
Coordinator



Kirsty Vassallo
Company
Administration
Officer



Kathy Rieksen
Aquatics & Leisure
Services
Coordinator



Sarah Anthony
Key Venues
Communications
and Events Officer



Kirsten Collins
Service
Administrator



Lachlan Lawless
Centre Coordinator
Emerton Leisure Centre



Veronica Steer
Key Venues
Communications
and Events Officer



Diane Boatwright
BISP Service
Administrator



Malcolm Toovey
Centre Coordinator
Blacktown Aquatic Centre

Facilities Staff



Blacktown Aquatic Centre Staff



Blacktown International Sportspark Sydney Staff



Blacktown Leisure Centre Stanhope Staff



Emerton Leisure Centre Staff

Health and Safety

Blacktown Venue Management Ltd is committed to health and safety.

Our commitment is to the health and safety of our workers, our contractors, our volunteers, our visitors and our customers. It is priority for us.

We have adopted Council's Work Health & Safety Management Plan and systems of operation. We track and measure our performance against key health and safety performance indicators like reducing lost time injuries, workplace inspections, task analysis, risk management, hazard reduction, staff training and audit participation. We welcome and encourage best practice innovation, feedback and comment on what we do and how we do it because that's how we continue to improve.

Each year we invite the Royal Life Saving Society Australia (RLSSA) to independently audit our pools. This year Stanhope, Emerton and Blacktown Aquatic centres scored upwards of 90% and received a 5 Star accreditation from RLSSA – the highest star rating achievable.

We have signed up for the Royal Life Saving's 'Keep Watch @ Public Pools' initiative. This initiative tells parents how they can help us by supervising their children in the pool environment.

Blacktown Leisure Centre Stanhope remains the only aquatic centre in Australia using technology to help increase aquatic safety supervision with the Poseidon Drowning Detection system. Blacktown's commitment to community safety resulted in our being invited to present to an international audience at the World Conference on Drowning Prevention (WCDP) in Penang, Malaysia. What an honour.



Bill McNamara OAM



William (Bill) McNamara OAM has served on the Blacktown Venue Management Ltd board for the past 14 years. Bill was inducted into the Blacktown Hall of Fame in 2015.

Bill grew up in Riverstone and undertook a carpentry apprenticeship with Riverstone Meatworks before branching out and creating McNamara Constructions.

Bill has been responsible for many constructions in the Blacktown Local Government Area including:

- Westpoint Blacktown
- Blacktown RSL
- Riverstone Bowling Club
- Parklea Prison
- Mount Druitt High School

Other developments include:

- JA Flemming Stand at Rosehill Racecourse
- The McNamara Building & Octagon in Parramatta
- Del Rio Resort

Bill has played a significant role in the ongoing development of the Sportspark including:

- Athletics Grandstand development at the Athletics Centre opened 2006
- Development of the AFL/Cricket Centre opened in 2009
- Rebrand from Blacktown Olympic Park to Blacktown International Sportspark in 2011
- Master planning to secure the ongoing sustainability of the venue and exploration of commercial opportunities



2015/2016 Highlights



July 2015
NAIDOC Week at Emerton
Leisure Centre



August 2015
Blacktown City Family SportsFest
at Blacktown International
Sportspark Sydney



September 2015
Season Opening at Mount Druitt
& Riverstone Swimming Centre



October 2015
Aqua Learn to Swim Launch



November 2015
Key Venues supports
White Ribbon Day



December 2015
Mount Druitt Swimming
Centre's 40th Birthday



January 2016
Softball Australian Open
Women's Gilley's Shield National
Championship at Blacktown
International Sportspark Sydney



February 2016
World Baseball Classic Qualifiers
at Blacktown International
Sportspark Sydney



March 2016
International Women's Day
at Blacktown International
Sportspark Sydney



April 2016
Mount Druitt Swimming Centre wins
NSW/ACT Parks & Leisure Australia
award for Inclusive and Connected
Communities



May 2016
Under 18 National AFL
Championship at Blacktown
International Sportspark Sydney



June 2016
Blacktown Leisure Centre
Stanhope named AH Pierce
Memorial Facility of the Year.

Blacktown Aquatic Centre

Blacktown Aquatic Centre Facilities

- Olympic 8 lane indoor 50m heated pool with spectator seating for 1,000
- Outdoor 6 lane 50m heated seasonal pool
- Outdoor sheltered toddler's seasonal pool
- Cardio theatre with state of the art equipment including treadmills, bikes, cross trainers, rowers and steppers
- Gymnasium free weight and machine weight equipment
- Stretch and abdominal area
- Fitness assessment and programming room
- Group fitness studio opening November 2016
- Fully operational café with seating
- Upgraded modern change room facilities including family change rooms and disabled access
- Outdoor picnic areas
- Michelle DeVries Clubhouse
- Half pipe skateboard ramp and mini skate ramp



**BLACKTOWN
AQUATIC
CENTRE**

Blacktown Aquatic Centre has enjoyed another successful year with 274,218 visitors enjoying the facilities, program and events offered at the Centre.

The Centre's 50 metre competition pools have once again proved popular for school and regional swimming carnivals with the Centre hosting 44 carnivals including 7 zone & regional and 2 state carnivals.

Blacktown City Swim Club is based at Blacktown Aquatic Centre holding all training and club competition at the venue.

The aquatic facilities are also utilised by a variety of sporting groups including Blacktown RSL Youth Swimming Club, Seven Hills- Toongabbie RSL Swimming Club and Youth Swim Club, Blacktown City Masters and Special Olympics.

Water safety and education is a key element of the Centre's aquatic programming with the Council run Aqua Learn to Swim program reaching over 2,000 participants during Term 1 2016. All swim school participants are encouraged to take part in safety week to learn swim and survival skills in a fun and safe environment.

The Department of Education conduct their school swimming scheme at the venue with over 20 schools taking part in the scheme. Primary and secondary schools also utilise the Centre for recreational sport, fitness and programs throughout the year.

Blacktown Aquatic Centre's health and fitness facilities include a cardio studio and weights room in addition to the 33 group fitness classes offered each week. These classes include boxing and aqua aerobics.

The Centre also offers targeted health and fitness programs including the highly successful Young at Heart program aimed at keeping those in the over 50 age group active and social.

Through grant funding Blacktown Aquatic Centre delivered a comprehensive Seniors Week Program in 2016 that included free group fitness and a Grey Medallion program focused on water safety and resuscitation skills.

Blacktown Aquatic Centre school holiday programs 'Kids Kaper' run every school holiday period and feature activities such as visits from Emergency Services, fitness classes, sports skills and aquatic activities.

Blacktown Aquatic Centre was recognised by their customers and the community by being named as a finalist in the 2016 Blacktown Local Business Awards for Fitness Services.



Blacktown Football Park & Anne Aquilina Reserve

Blacktown Football Park Facilities

- Synthetic football field
- Amenities with grandstand seating
- 2 grass fields for playing and training
- Administrative offices for Blacktown District Soccer Football Association (BDSFA)

Anne Aquilina Reserve Facilities

- 4 grass fields
- Amenities block





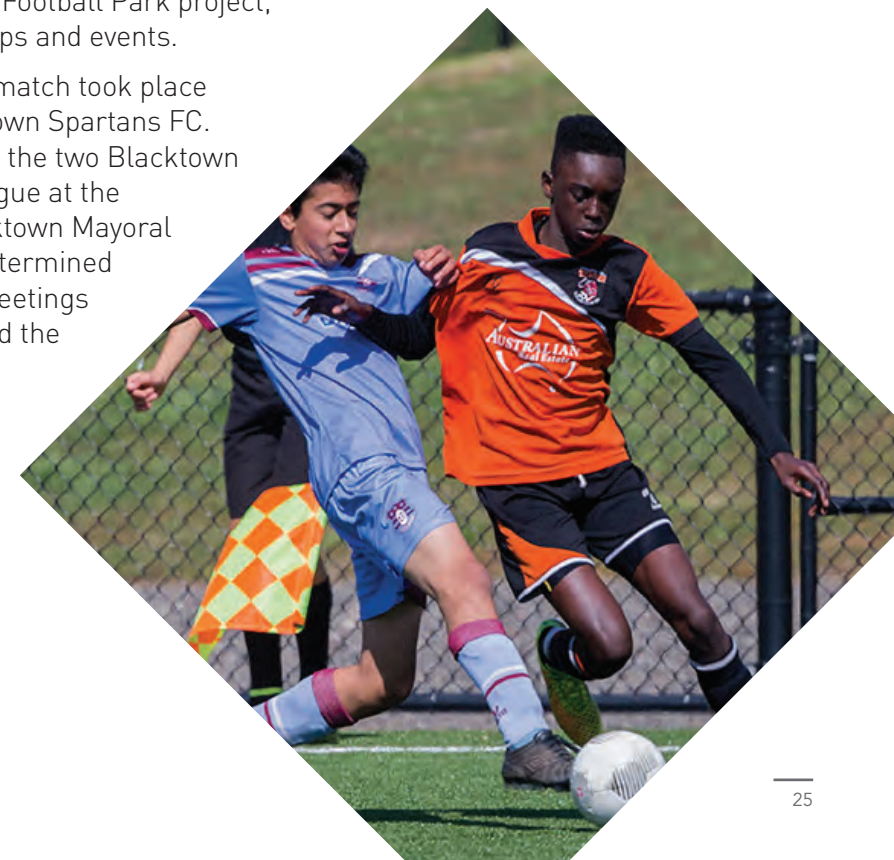
Home to Blacktown District Soccer Football Association (BDSFA), Blacktown Football Park hosted over 854 events which included a variety of football competitions, training sessions and camps.

BDSFA owns the NSW Premier League team, the Blacktown Spartans. The Spartans utilise Blacktown Football Park for all home games and training field teams in the Men and Women's premier league and Football NSW competition along with juniors from 9 years of age.

The Association has 23 affiliated clubs and hosts the finals for all competitive age groups in September each year at the venue which boasts a Synthetic Soccer field and 2 turf fields.

Anne Aquilina Reserve now provides 3 turf fields due to the completion of Stage 2 of the Blacktown Football Park project, and is used for a variety of training camps and events.

The inaugural Blacktown Mayoral Cup match took place between Blacktown City FC and Blacktown Spartans FC. The Blacktown Mayoral Cup recognises the two Blacktown Clubs who play in the NSW premier league at the highest level in state football. The Blacktown Mayoral Cup is held annually with the winner determined by the aggregate scores over the two meetings each season. Blacktown City FC claimed the 2015 Blacktown Mayoral Cup.



Blacktown International Sportspark Sydney

Blacktown International Sportspark Sydney Facilities

- Athletics Centre featuring 1,500 seat spectator grandstand and IAAF standard MONDO synthetic track
- Softball Centre with 4 diamonds including main diamond with spectator grandstand and function room
- Baseball Centre with 3 diamonds including main diamond with spectator grandstand and function room
- AFL/Cricket Centre with featuring 2 ovals with 2,500 grandstand and function facilities on Oval 1
- Indoor Practice Centre for Cricket and outdoor turf and synthetic wickets
- Blacktown Football Park with synthetic field
- Anne Aquilina Reserve with 4 full size soccer fields and amenities block
- High quality soccer field and International Goalkeepers Academy facility

Blacktown International Sportspark Sydney hosted 5107 events, attended by 586,607 athletes, spectators and officials during the 2015/16 period.

The Olympic legacy venues of athletics, baseball and softball have been complemented by the addition of AFL, cricket, football and goalkeeping to truly make the Sportspark the home of sport in Western Sydney.

Western Sydney Wanderers Football Club

Football at the Sportspark continues to grow with the Western Sydney Wanderers FC training and administration headquarters based at the Sportspark. Plans for the club's permanent training and administration headquarters are well underway as the club enters into its 5th season in the Hyundai A-League Competition. The Wanderers Youth League and Women's League teams also utilise the Sportspark for training along with hundreds of youngsters who attend their school holiday training clinics each year.



International Goalkeepers Academy

The International Goalkeepers Academy has celebrated its 10th year of operation at Blacktown International Sportspark Sydney.

The Academy, led by former Australia Goalkeeper and Hall of Fame inductee Jim Fraser, caters for goalkeepers and strikers of all ages and skill levels.

Several goalkeepers from the academy have enjoyed success in high level competitions such as the Hyundai A-League and European leagues including Jordan Holmes who is playing with Bournemouth FC in English premier League.

Baseball

Home to the Sydney Blue Sox, and Baseball NSW, Blacktown International Sportspark Sydney's Baseball Centre has continued to be at the heart of baseball in Australia since its development as a playing and training venue for the Sydney 2000 Olympic Games. The Baseball Centre returned to the world stage this year, as Baseball is set to return to the 2020 Olympics.

The World Baseball Classic Qualifiers was hosted for the first time in Australia. The competition saw Philippines, New Zealand, South Africa and Australia compete to qualify with over 8,000 spectators visiting the Sportspark across the 4 day tournament. Australia claimed victory and will go on to compete in the 2017 World Baseball Classic in Japan.

Korean Baseball League team, the Doosan Bears added to the international flavour at the ballpark holding their annual spring pre season training camp at the Baseball Centre.

The Sydney Blue Sox had an impressive 2015/16 season playing all home games and conducting all training at the Baseball Centre for the fifth consecutive year from November 2015 through to January 2016.

As home to Baseball NSW, the Sportspark continues to host a variety of state and regional competitions each year. The U18 Championships saw Country NSW claim the national title for the first time.



Softball

Olympic Legacy continues as Softball gears up for their return to the Olympics in 2020. The Softball Centre hosted over 691 events, training and competitions over the year, including 15 international teams from Japan, New Zealand, United States of America and Indonesia.

The Centre hosted 4 National Championships, and over 130mm of rain didn't dampen the spirits of those competing in the Gilleys Shield Open and Esther Deason under 17 Women's National Softball Championships in January.

The Japanese Red Terriers returned for their summer training Camp, and the Japanese National Squad had a training camp and series against Australia in preparation for the World Championships.

The Centre also hosted the International Friendship Series, 2016 Inaugural Australia Cup, the 10th Blacktown Junior International Challenge Celebrations and 2016 Down Under International Series along with the NSW State League and school based competitions.



AFL

Blacktown International Sportspark Sydney hosts a variety of International, National, State and Regional AFL events each year.

The 2016 NAB Challenge saw the Sydney Swans claim victory over Port Adelaide Power, backed up by the GWS Giants Annual Fan Day at the Sportspark which saw 800 fans come out for the presentation of team Guernseys – the largest in Club History!

The Sportspark hosted several NEAFL matches, the U18's National Championships and saw two new clubs, the newly rebranded Western Magic and newly created Blacktown Suns claim the venue as their home ground. 2016 also saw the launch of the Western Sydney Youth Girls for ages 11-15.

GWS Academy is based at the Sportspark's AFL/Cricket Centre providing a development pathway for the stars of the future. This year was the first time a female development was launched.

School based competitions and programs see thousands of students converge on the high quality AFL facilities to take part in competitions such as the Intensive English Centre's Cup, GIANTS Cup, Paul Kelly Cup and PSSA State Championship.



Athletics

Blacktown International Sportspark's Athletics Centre is one of Western Sydney's most popular athletics venues with over 152,194 competitors and spectators utilising the venue for athletics carnivals, training and community events.

Olympian Jana Pittman and hopeful Josh Clarke utilised the venues high quality facilities for their 2016 Rio Olympic Games training.

The Westlink M7 Blacktown Running Festival ran for the second time, an initiative that sees competitors take part in a variety of long running events including the Marathon, half marathon, 10km and 4km runs and 10km and 4km walks.



Cricket

Home of cricket in Western Sydney, Blacktown International Sportspark Sydney's cricket facilities have hosted a diverse range of programs and competitions during the 2015/16 season.

The Sportspark hosted 4 National Matador Cup Games and even a world record broken for the highest partnership during the Australia XI and New Zealand warm up games by opening batsmen Aaron Finch and Ryan Carters recorded an impressive 503 run partnership that will go down in the history books as the highest ever Australian opening partnership.

Women's cricket was again a highlight with the Sportspark again hosting Women's National Cricket League matches and for the first time Women's Big Bash League games.

Sydney Thunder were crowned champions of both the Men and Women's Big Bash League, with both teams training at the venue throughout the season.

Cricket NSW's local and regional school programs have seen hundreds of students take part in gala days and skills sessions at the Sportspark across the 2015/16 period.



Community Events

Blacktown International Sportspark Sydney hosted the annual Blacktown Relay for Life at the Athletics Centre. The event is a 24 hour fund raiser for the Cancer Council to assist with education, support and advocacy services.

During January, the community enjoyed Waterworld Central's inflatable waterpark with over 9,000 residents taking a splash.

Other community events have included community gala days and carnivals at the Athletics Centre.

Blacktown Leisure Centre Stanhope

Blacktown Leisure Centre Stanhope Facilities

- Indoor aquatic centre with toddler pool, wave pool, program pool and 25m 10-lane lap pool
- Aquatic leisure garden
- Spa, sauna and steam room
- 4 court indoor stadium with mezzanine level
- Fitness centre (gym)
- Group exercise studio
- Spin (group exercise) studio
- Squash court
- Function room
- Social lounge/meeting room
- Crèche & crèche garden
- Café Breeze fully functional café with seating
- Dennis Johnson Regional Library – overseen by BCC Library Services
- Library meeting rooms
- Blacktown Tennis Centre Stanhope opened in August 2016





Welcoming over 11.7 million visitors since opening in 2013, Blacktown Leisure Centre Stanhope was named the AH Pierce Facility of the Year by the Aquatics and Recreation Institute in 2016. This is the second time the Centre has been recognised for its high quality facilities, programs and experiences.

In the past 12 months Blacktown Leisure Centre Stanhope provided sport, leisure and fitness opportunities for over 550,849 residents.

The Aqua Learn to Swim program, launched in 2015 attracts an average of 4,000 participants each terms with numbers reaching 4,345 in Term 1 2016.

Blacktown Leisure Centre Stanhope offers 53 group fitness classes weekly ranging from Les Mills Body Pump, Body Combat, Zumba and Young at Heart in addition to Spin classes and Aqua Aerobics totaling over 2,700 classes for the period.

The health and fitness studio complements these classes.

Primary and Secondary schools utilise the aquatic, health and fitness and stadium facilities for recreational sport, competition and programs each year. The 2 court stadium facilities were closed from late

2015 in order for the addition of 2 new courts which will be suitable for basketball, netball, badminton, volleyball and futsal. The completed 4 court stadium opened in August 2016.

Community and sporting groups are regular hirers of Blacktown Leisure Centre Stanhope's multi purpose spaces and meeting rooms space. These groups include dance schools, football skills clinics, martial arts clubs, sporting teams and church groups. The Western Sydney Wanderers FC A-League squad regularly use the gym and aquatic facilities as part of their recovery sessions.

The Kidz Blitz school holiday program provides fun activities for youngsters aged 5-12 years during the school holiday period. Activities include sports clinics, fitness classes, aquatic activities, cooking classes. The Centre also hosted a variety of school holiday shows which were open for the public to attend including a science show and interactive reptile display.

Emerton Leisure Centre

Emerton Leisure Centre Facilities

- Indoor 8 lane 25m pool
- Indoor leisure pool with water features
- Indoor program pool
- Outdoor 7 lane 50m pool
- Outdoor 25m sheltered program pool
- Indoor waterslide
- 2 x multipurpose indoor courts
- Community cottage
- Kiosk and seating areas
- Outdoor beach volleyball court
- Outdoor basketball rings x 2
- Extensive lawn areas with public BBQs
- Outdoor heated pool with hydrotherapy outcomes



Emerton Leisure Centre welcomed 141,338 visitors who took part in a variety of programs, events and leisure activities.

The aquatics facilities hosted 22 school carnivals from February to March including 1 zone carnival.

Aqua Learn to Swim program delivered over 948 lessons with the Centre's enrolments reaching a milestone of 1,000 students in Term 1 2016. The Department of Education's School Swimming Scheme use the venues with 23 schools taking part in the opportunity to learn important water safety skills.

The Centre is home to Emerton Swim Club who offer the opportunity to compete at regular club nights and competitions.

The stadium hosts competitions and programs including Little Kickers Blacktown & Districts, Midnight Basketball, Charity Bounce, Blacktown City Netball, karate, indoor hockey and dancing. Local primary and secondary school have used the facility as part of their physical development program for sports such as netball, basketball, indoor soccer and group fitness.

Emerton Leisure Centre offers aquatic and land based group fitness classes including yoga, boxing and aqua aerobics. There are 17 classes available each week with 800 classes run during the 2015/16 period.

Engaging with the community is a key part of Emerton Leisure Centre's programs. The centre hosts the successful Midnight Basketball program that targets disadvantaged youth. It attracts over 80 youth and 20 volunteers each tournament.

Breaking Barriers fitness program targets at risk Indigenous youth that are known to the Police or Justice system with over 20 youth taking part in the program each term. Participants are taught the importance of a healthy lifestyle through group fitness classes and mentoring sessions.

The annual NAIDOC Week celebrations are a regular event on the Centre's calendar. Through an ongoing relationship with Koori Radio the event provides an opportunity for the community to experience and learn more about indigenous culture.



Joe McAleer Reserve



Joe McAleer Reserve Facilities

- First grade cricket oval
- Club house with kiosk and change rooms
- Sheltered spectator areas
- Cricket nets
- Playground

Joe McAleer Reserve is located in Glendenning and is Blacktown City's only exclusive cricket facility.

The facility is home of Blacktown City and Districts Cricket Association and Sydney First Grade club Blacktown Warriors. Joe McAleer was awarded 2nd place in the Sydney Grade Cricket ground of the year competition by Cricket NSW.

The Blacktown Warriors conduct all training, trials and home games at the venue with Joe McAleer Oval hosting 165 events in 2015/16.

In total the venue saw over 21,194 players, coaches and spectators through the facility in 2015/16. Blacktown City and Districts Cricket Association also hosted trials and development opportunities for their junior players. Joe McAleer this year also hosted Cricket NSW Academy fixtures.

In the 2015/16 Sydney Grade Cricket season, Blacktown first grade improved their position from 16th to 12th in the two day competition. They also finished in the 3rd in the limited overs fixtures.

Significant work has been undertaken to improve the quality of the playing surface and practice wickets. A renovation and maintenance program for wicket tables and outfield, including herbicide applications to minimise weed, regular fertilising across the facility, and wicket table maintenance have achieved great results and feedback from players and officials.



Mount Druitt Swimming Centre

Mount Druitt Swimming Centre Facilities

- 8 Lane Olympic size 50m competition pool
- 20m program pool
- Baby/toddler pool
- Family change room
- Kiosk
- Meeting room
- BBQ areas
- Playground facility
- Ample shade
- Heated pools
- Covered grandstand for 800 people
- Gazebo
- Picnic tables/benches





Mount Druitt Swimming Centre is a seasonal pool that is open from September to March each year.

The 2015/16 season saw 41,033 visitors enjoy the facilities for a variety of programs, carnivals and community events. The aim for the 2015/16 season was to re-engage, connect and establish relevance for a seasonal swimming Centre.

The Centre celebrated its 40th year of operation this year with a free community event and a slogan "your community – your pool". The Community fun day saw over 1500 patrons enjoy a range of free community activities.

This was truly embraced by the community and Mount Druitt Swimming Centre won the NSW/ACT Parks and Leisure Australia Award for Inclusive and Connected Communities. The Centre was also a finalist in the Aquatic and Recreation Institute's AH Pierce Memorial Aquatic Facility of the year.

Home to Rooty Hill RSL Youth Swim club for training and competition, Mount Druitt Swimming Centre is a popular venue for school swimming carnivals. The Centre hosted 18 primary and secondary School carnivals from December to March and 4 Zone and Regional carnivals. 8 Schools used the centre for their Learn to Swim program.

The Centre also hosted the Inaugural Blacktown Councils Pools Swim Club Challenge, and was selected to host the RSL 55th Annual Youth Club State Swimming Championships in March which attracted over 1,200 participants from 28 RSL Swim Clubs from as far as Dubbo, Muswellbrook and Gosford.

The Centre hosted a three part Dive-In Movies series across three weekends in January. Regular health and fitness programs Aqua Aerobics & Aqua Zumba were held weekly during the season along with the Council run Aqua Learn to Swim program which ran for the full season.

The 2015/16 season ended in April 2016 with a family fun day with the Centre reopening for the 2016/17 summer season in September 2016.



Riverstone Swimming Centre

Riverstone Swimming Centre Facilities

- Outdoor 7 lane 50m heated competition pool
- 20m outdoor program pool
- Leisure/toddler outdoor heated pool with water features
- Family change room
- Kiosk
- Club house
- Under cover BBQ area
- Playground facility
- Ample shade and country atmosphere
- Picnic areas



Riverstone
Swimming Centre



Riverstone Swimming Centre is a seasonal swimming pool that operates from September to March each year. The Centre saw over 49,467 visitors enjoy the pool facilities for carnivals, swimming club and leisure during 2015/16 season.

The Swimming Centre is home to the Riverstone Dolphins Swim Club who utilise the pool for training and competition. The Club is one of the largest youth clubs in the region and facilitates opportunity for the community to participate in swimming for fun and leisure.

Primary and secondary school carnivals are a regular hire from January to March each year with the Centre hosting 18 primary, secondary and special needs carnivals during the 2015/16 season.

Blacktown City Council's successful Aqua Learn to Swim program has been very successful operating during Terms 1 & 4. The Department of Education School Swimming Scheme also uses Riverstone Swimming Centre each year for their School Swimming Scheme engaging 18 local school to take part in the program.

A Sunday Funday Free Family Fun Day marked the end of the 2015/16 season with the community taking part in a range of activities including Aqua Zumba and clinics by Little Kickers Blacktown & Districts.



Future Projects

Key venues is committed to developing and enhancing the sport, leisure and recreation opportunities available not only for the City but the Greater Western Sydney region.

The first 2 projects to be completed are Blacktown Tennis Centre and Stage 2 of Blacktown Football Park.

Blacktown Tennis Centre Stanhope opened in August 2016 featuring 16 plexi-cushion tennis courts - including 4 championship size courts and an exhibition court - making it the largest tennis centre of its kind in the State.

Stage 2 of Blacktown Football Park was completed in September increasing the fields to 4 at Anne Aquilina Reserve from 3 to 4. These will be highly utilised by Blacktown District Soccer Football Association. Stage 3 development will include a permanent training and administration base for the Western Sydney Wanderers FC.

Upgrades to Blacktown Aquatic Centre and Riverstone Swimming Centre are well underway to improve the customer experience and leisure opportunities available to the community.

Development of an International Centre for Training Excellence at Blacktown International SportsPark Sydney is also in the planning stages along with a revised Masterplan for the venue.



Aqua Learn to Swim

Aqua Learn to Swim operates across all 5 Key Venues Aquatic and Leisure facilities (Blacktown Aquatic Centre, Blacktown Leisure Centre Stanhope, Emerton Leisure Centre, Mount Druitt Swimming Centre and Riverstone Swimming Centre). This program was launched in October 2015.

Aqua Learn to Swim provides a safe, rewarding, fun and educational experience for all participants. The program offers various program levels for infants, preschoolers and school aged children. Classes for adults, teenagers and those with special needs are also available.

Aqua Learn to Swim is a term program that not only teaches children how to swim, but also encourages progression through the program with assessments which are conducted each term.

Aqua Learn to Swim has become a strong brand and it supports the local community through specialised programs and presence at community events. The program mascot, Pip the penguin and the Aqua Learn to Swim Team has participated in several community events including Blacktown City Festival and Australia Day.

There has been significant growth in the number of students enrolled in the program particularly at Emerton Leisure Centre and Blacktown Aquatic Centre with these venues celebrating milestone statistics of 1,000 and 2,000 students respectively. These statistics are the highest ever number of students recorded for each Centre.

In Term 3 2016 Aqua Learn to Swim commenced a pilot program with Ngallu Wal Aboriginal Children and Family Services that provides a group of indigenous youth the opportunity to partake in swimming lessons as a group, in conjunction with the group we also provide a meal prior to the lesson.

Aqua Learn to Swim continues to play an important role in spreading the message about water safety and learning to swim. The Aqua Learn to Swim team, along with Pip The Penguin have visited several Blacktown City Council Kids Early Learning Centres to provide a water safety talk to the students.



Fast Facts



Filming



Blacktown Key Venues facilities provide a fantastic backdrop for TV Commercials, photo shoots and event launches.

Glitz and glamour have taken Blacktown International Sportspark Sydney's athletics track and softball & baseball diamonds, with fashion publications and brands such as The ICONIC, Cosmopolitan Magazine, Mon Purse, featuring actress Jodi Gordon (Anasta), and Tone Fitness Apparel all shooting their campaigns at the venue.

Rest Superannuation also featured several locations in the Sportspark for their latest campaign - recently aired on commercial television.

Emerton Leisure Centre was also the venue for an episode of Channel Nine's new children's program Hiccup and Sneeze, due to be aired in 2017.



List of Hirers

- Aboriginal Affairs
- Afghan Australian Cultural Sporting Association
- AFL NSW/ACT
- AFL NSW/ACT Commission
- After Care
- Allianz Insurance
- Arndell Anglican College Carnival
- Asics
- Associated Schools Of NSW
- Athletics NSW
- Australian Baseball League
- Australian Christian College
- Austswim Australia
- Austswim NSW
- Bam Wichmann
- Barnier Public School
- Baseball NSW
- Batshoun Wallid
- Baulkham Hills Netball Association
- Beaumont Hills Public School
- Best Practice Turf Management
- Bidwill Public School
- Blacktown City Council
- Blacktown City Netball Association
- Blacktown City Swim Club
- Blacktown District Soccer Football Association
- Blacktown Girls High School
- Blacktown Public School Sports Association
- Blacktown Relay For Life
- Blacktown Senior Athletic Club
- Blacktown South Public School
- Blacktown Swim Club
- Blacktown West Public School
- Blacktown Zone PDCPSSC
- Blacktown Zone Secondary
- Blackwell Public School
- Blue Mountains Public School Sports Association
- Bossley Park High School
- Candid Films Pty Ltd
- Caroline Chisholm College
- Castle Hill High School
- Castle Hill Secondary School Sports Association
- Catherine McAuley High School
- CFC Sports Club - Badminton
- CFCA - YFCA
- Chernell Mc Call Karate
- Chifley College Dunheved Campus
- Christian School Sports Association
- Christian School Sports Association West Metropolitan
- Church Of Christ
- Clairgate Public School
- Colyton High School Trade School
- Colyton Public School
- Corporate Games
- Cosmopolitan Magazine
- Creative Dance Academy
- Crestwood High School
- Cricket NSW
- Criterion Racing
- Cumberland PDCPSSC Zone
- Doonside Technology High School
- Dunbar Rovers Football Club
- Eastern Creek Public School
- EID Festival
- Elevation School Of Performing Arts
- Emerton Public School
- Emerton Swim Club
- Emmaus Catholic College
- Employers Mutual
- Erskine Park High School
- Faaris Shah
- Fairvale High School
- Finch Company
- Football Skills Development Australia
- Freeman Catholic College
- Girraween High School
- Glendenning Public School
- Glenwood High School
- Good Shepherd Primary School
- Goshin - Ryu
- Greater Western Sydney Giants
- Greystanes High School
- Hassall Grove Public School
- Hawkesbury Private Hospital
- Hills Hornets
- Hills PDCPSSC Zone
- Hillsong Church
- Hinode Martial Arts

List of Hirers

Hockey NSW
Hongs Taekwondo Australia
Iglesia Ni Cristo (Church Of Christ)
Independent Sporting Association
International Goalkeepers Academy
James Erskine Public School
Jana Pittman
Josh Clarke
Kellyville Ridge Public School
Krav Maga Systems
Lansdowne Zone
Life Stanhope Anglican Church
Little Athletics NSW
Little Kickers Blacktown & Districts
Living Turf
M.E.T Mt Victoria
Macquarie Zone
Madang Avenue Public School
Malek Fahd Beaumont Hills
Mamre Anglican School
Marayong Heights Public School
Marian College Kenthurst
Meenaxi Dance Group
Met School Oatlands
Midnight Basketball Mt Druitt
Minchinbury Public School
Mitchell High School
Mohammad Ahmadi
Mount Druitt Ethnic Communities Agency - English For Living
Mount Druitt Secondary School Sports Association
Mountain View Adventist College
Mt Druitt Public School
Mt Druitt Zone PSSA
Mt Druitt Zone SSSA
Nagle College
National Sports Tournament
Nepean PDCPSSC Zone
North West Football Club
North West Met Zone Athletics
Northcott High School
Norwest Christian College
NSW Corporate Games
NSW Institute of Sport Wheelchair Squad
NSW National Parks & Wildlife
NSW Police Force
NSW Relay Championships
Our Lady Of Mercy College Parramatta
Oxley Park Public School
Pangari Womans Group
Parklea Public School
Parramatta Catholic Education Office - Blacktown Zone
Parramatta Diocesan PDCPSSCA
Patrician Brothers Blacktown
PDSSC Regional
Plumpton High School
Prairiewood High School
Professional Footballers Australia
Prospect Zone
Punjab United Football Club
Quakers Hill High School
Quakers Hill Public School
Ready Steady Go Kids
Redeemer Baptist School
Reinald Daguio
Resmed Lts
Richard Johnson Anglican School
Ridges Public School Sports Association Zone
Rooty Hill High School
Rooty Hill Primary School
Rooty Hill RSL Youth Swimming Club
Ropes Crossing Public School
Rouse Hill Anglican College
Rouse Hill High School
RSD Productions
RSL NSW State Swimming Group
RSL Youth Club Zone 4 Carnival
Sacred Heart Primary School
Saint John Paul II High School
Schofields Public School
Seven Hills/Wentworthville Zone
Shelley Public School
Sherwood Ridge Public School
Smart Edutainment Pty Ltd
Soccajoey's
South Sudanese Wrestling & Culture
South West Independent School Sports Association
Special Olympics Sydney West
St Agnes Catholic High School
St Aiden School

List of Hirers

St Andrews College Senior
St Andrews Primary School
St Bishoy Coptic Orthodox College
St Clares Catholic High School
St Francis Of Assisi
St John Vianney Primary School
St Johns Park High School
St Joseph's Primary School
St Marks Festival Cup
St Mary's PSSA - Erskine Park
St Marys Public School Sports Association Zone
St Michael's Primary School
St Patrick's Primary School
State League Referees Panel
Swimming NSW
Sydney Region Aboriginal Corporation
Sydney United
Sydney West School Sports Association
Tafe Western Sydney
Taree Auto Group
The Heartfulness Institute, Australia
The Hills Sports Zone
The Iconic
The Ponds High School
Thomas Hassall Anglican College
Tone Fitness Apparel
Toongabbie Christian Primary School
Toongabbie Christian Secondary School
Transplant Australia
Triathlon NSW
Tyndale Christian College Primary
Tyndale Christian School Secondary
Vardys Road Public School
Wallid Batshoun
Wentwest Jennifer Mitchell
West City Crusaders Futsal Club
Western Suburbs District Cricket Club
Western Sydney Academy Of Sport
Western Sydney Development
Western Sydney Institute Of Tafe
Western Sydney Volleyball
Western Sydney Wanderers FC
Western Sydney Wanderers Community
Western Wolves Futsal Club
Westlink M7 Blacktown Running Festival
Wheelchair Sports NSW
William Clark College Junior
Willmot Public School
Windsor High School



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