

BLACKTOWN **KEYVENUES** 

YEAR IN REVIEW **2020/21** 



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# The welcome of Leanne Mulgo Watson

Warami
Budyari Ngami Darug Nurawa
Bayangun budyari Darug Yurawin
Yarabirang Nura
Bayangun budyari ganuningang yura gurugal yagu barrabugu yura
Walama ngyini budbud dali Darug Nura
Yana muday nurawa diyi nangamili
Walk softly on country our dreaming is forever.
Didyarigura

#### Hello

It is great to see you on Darug Country
We speak well of the Darug people
The people who belong to country
We pay respect to their elders past present and emerging.
Open your heart to Darug country
Walk softly on country our dreaming is forever.
Thank you.

Leanne Watson is a Darug woman commonly known in the Aboriginal community as Mulgo, meaning Black Swan. The daughter of Aunty Edna Watson and Uncle Allan Watson, elders of the Darug community, Leanne was born and raised in Sydney. She is now a mother and grandmother and has spent her life living, promoting and protecting Darug culture, people and places.

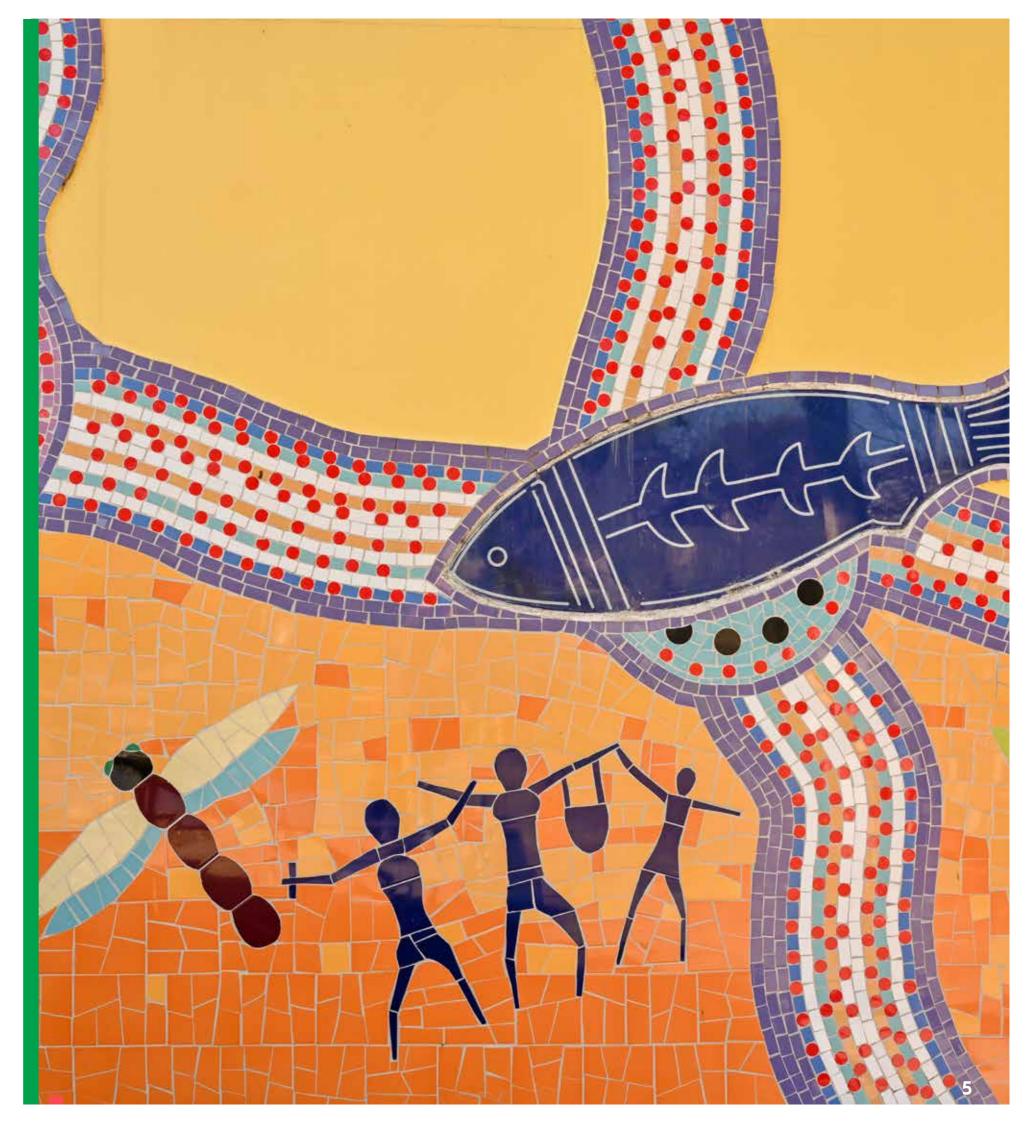
An award-winning artist, educator and book illustrator, she started painting at a young age, taught by her mother Aunty Edna Watson and her brother Bundeluk Watson. Leanne's artwork is inspired by her family, Darug country, the environment and life experiences.



#### Wiannamatta (South Creek) Story

Artist: Leanne Tobin,
Abbas Makrab and Joanne Saad
Location: Mount Druitt Swimming Centre
Photo: Adam Hollingworth

Drawing inspiration from Wiannamatta ('mother place'), the Darug name for South Creek, local artist Leanne Tobin developed the artwork's design and concept. Project artists Joanne Saad and Abbas Makrab worked with students from Colyton Public School and Chifley College Senior Campus for design input to create the mosaic on the feature wall.



### 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 2020/21 Blacktown Key Venues Year in Review.

As I reflect on a sometimes challenging, sometimes uncertain year I feel incredibly proud of the people who are Blacktown Venue Management including our front-line staff, our grounds team, the behind the scenes administrators, our supervisors and team leaders, our management team and, of course, my fellow Directors. All have responded magnificently to the difficult circumstances we have all faced with the COVID-19 pandemic.

Always at the fore-front of our minds was the health, safety and wellbeing of our staff, our stakeholders, our customers and our community. We supported the redeployment of staff during our 11-week closure. We made available counselling and support services to everyone at Council.

We donated perishable items and staff time to worthy charitable endeavours like Food Bank and we will continue to do what we can to help fight this insipid virus and support our community.

The redeployment of our staff gave them purpose, a routine and a steady income but also provided an opportunity to learn new skills, gain a wider understanding of Council's operations and make new contacts.

On behalf of the Board I would like to thank everyone at Council and BVM for their continued commitment and dedication through this difficult period.

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.

Blacktown City is a sporting city and we are proud to encourage a happy and healthy place for the community to live, work and play. We are committed to providing the community with first class facilities, programs and activities across all levels of sport, leisure and recreation. And despite the uncertainty that has enveloped our daily lives, I look forward with great anticipation to kicking off the new financial year with the start of construction of the International Centre of Training Excellence (ICTE) at Blacktown International Sportspark Sydney. The ICTE will be a world-leading high-performance education, sports medicine and recovery facility, set to open in 2022.

It is through project such as the ICTE and Blacktown City Council's commitment to providing the best in sport, leisure and aquatic facilities that we will continue to cement Blacktown as the sporting capital of Western Sydney.

I would like to acknowledge and thank my fellow BVM Directors for their ongoing support and thank also Kevin Jones and the Key Venues team for another outstanding year achieved under difficult circumstances. I very much hope for a more settled year in 2021/2022 as we continue to work together for our community.

Mayor Cr Tony Bleasdale OAM

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Chairman Blacktown Venue Management Ltd



### CEO's message

The challenges of 2020/2021 cannot be over-stated. From full facility closures to re-opening under COVID restrictions, I am proud to be working alongside a team of people who have risen to every challenge thrown at them. To the leadership team and colleagues at Council, through to each and every person in the Key Venues 'family' I would like to say a sincere and hearty 'Thank you' for your unwavering support and continued commitment.

I am undoubtedly privileged to lead such a wonderful 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, Council's Executive and to the BVM Directors I thank you on behalf of all Key Venues staff for your continued leadership and support.

Despite the many challenges in 2020/2021 there was also many memorable moments. Blacktown International Sportspark Sydney (BISP) hosted 5,464 events and over 460,500 visitors came through our gates. BISP celebrated the 20th anniversary of our involvement in the Sydney 2000 Olympic Games. To mark the occasion, Bronze and Silver medal winning softballer Fiona Crawford, Olympic baseballer Glenn Williams, Bob Fitzgerald, our local Police Commander at the time, Bob's wife, Kate, an Olympic volunteer and Mayor Bleasdale returned to the Olympic site and shared their fondest memories of September 2000.

BISP was also recognised on a national and international level with teams from AFL, A-League, Cricket and Supercars motor racing basing themselves at BISP in COVID quarantine training bubbles. During these time BISP was able to provide a place for these athletes and teams to train and prepare for competition safely and securely.

Among many highlights, 2 in particular stand-out this year. The Emerging Matildas made Blacktown their new 'home' at Blacktown Football Park for training and development ahead of the 2023 Women's World Cup and we welcomed Bachelor of Exercise & Sport Science and Bachelor of High-Performance Sport students from the Australian Catholic University (ACU) to its new home in the BISP Athletics Centre.

Our leisure and aquatic facilities also had an eventful year with over 1.2 million visitors despite a number of days lost due to COVID-19 closures. Council's flagship leisure facility, Blacktown Leisure Centre Stanhope was excited to welcome its 15 millionth visitor to the centre since opening its doors back in 2003. Blacktown Leisure Centre Stanhope and all of our other leisure and aquatic centres continue to provide the best sport, leisure and aquatic facilities for the community.

Community water safety and learning to swim continues to be a high priority for Blacktown City Council and for Blacktown Key Venues. We launched our Drowning Prevention Strategy late last year which brought together our ideas, programs and initiatives into a single cohesive driver focusing on drowning prevention in our community. The strategy establishes a clear vision for maintaining safe water environments and educating the community in water safety. And looking forward there is so much to be excited about and the future looks so bright. The International Centre of Training Excellence (ICTE) will start to take shape, a new 'splash pad' water fun park will be developed at Blacktown Aquatic Centre, new shade structures will provide sun protection for our visitors to Blacktown Aquatic Centre and Charlie Lowles Leisure Centre Emerton and we will once again play host to numerous activities and events.

2020/2021 has been an unforgettable year for a whole range of reasons – some ups and some downs. 2021/2022 promises many more ups than downs and an exciting year in prospect.



### 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.

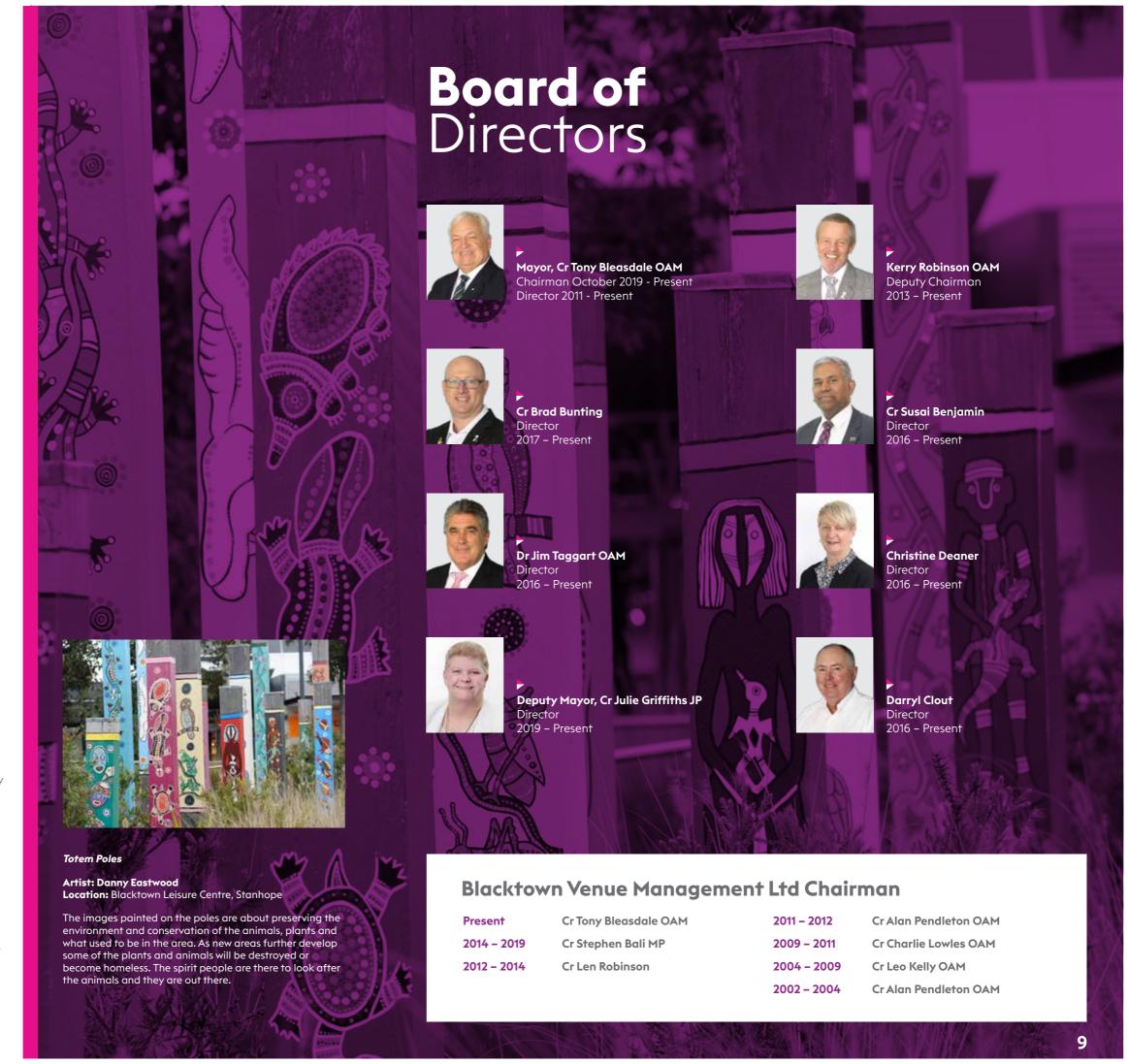
### **Blacktown Venue Management Values:**

- 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 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

### **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



# Our Venues



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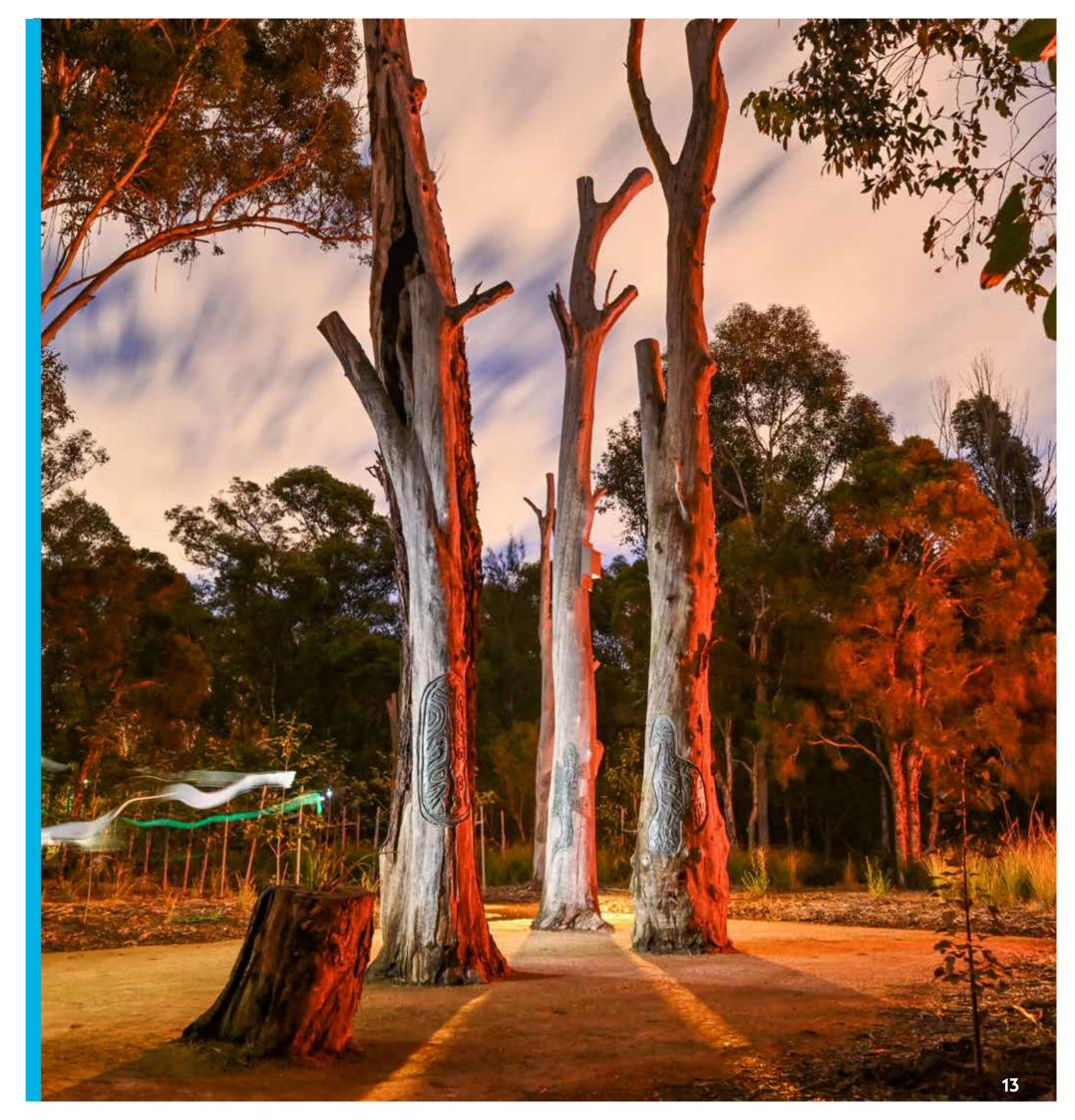
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- **10.** Western Sydney Wanderers Centre of Football
- **11.** Rooty Hill Leisure Centre

Nurragingy Aboriginal Art Trail Guwuwi yana ngyla Darug nura "Come here and walk with me through Darug country"

### **Artist: Jamie Eastwood and Danny Eastwood**

**Location:** Aboriginal Heritage Garden, Nurragingy Reserve **Photo:** Adam Hollingworth

The Aboriginal Heritage Garden includes a yarning circle, decorated pathways, murals and native plantings. The work of local father and son artists, Danny and Jamie Eastwood, tree and sandstone carvings complete this important cultural space.



### Health & Safety







1,699,418



**99.98%** 

### **Drowning prevention strategies**

- ► Keep Watch @ Public Pools
- ▶ Pip's Safe Summer comic strips
- ▶ Blacktown Key Venues Drowning Prevention Strategy
- Aqua Learn to Swim program
- Poseidon, first and only drowning detection system in Australia
- ▶ Life jacket initiative
- ▶ Multi language water safety signage

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.

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

Blacktown Key Venues launched the Drowning Prevention Strategy in October 2020. The Key Venues Drowning Prevention Strategy reinforces Blacktown City Council's commitment to water safety and preventable drowning through strategic goals of:

- Education, advocacy and support
- Partnerships and network buildings
- Environment and technology.

#### The aim of the strategy is to:

- provide quality program and services that support water safety and drowning prevention in the community
- Provide safe aquatic venues with a low accident rate
- Follow aquatic industry best practices.

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.

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.

Blacktown Key Venues was a finalist in the 2020 Parks and Leisure Australia NSW/ACT Awards of Excellence in 'Best Use of Technology' category for the Live dashboard/digitalised pool water quality initiative.













It's not safe to swim alone!





**SWIM SAFELY** WITH AN ADULT



Aqua Learn to Swim

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# **2020/2021**Highlights



**July 2020** 

Young Matildas made Blacktown their new home at Blacktown Football Park.



### October 2020

Blacktown Key Venues launched Drowning Prevention Strategy.



### November 2020

Blacktown International Sportspark selected as COVID-19 quarantine training base for Australian and Indian national cricket teams.



### September 2020

Blacktown International Sportspark celebrated 20th Anniversary of the Sydney 2000 Olympic Games where Blacktown hosted Baseball and Softball competitions and was a training venue for Athletics.



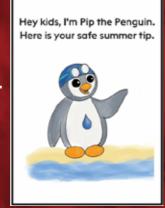
### **July 2020**

Blacktown International Sportspark hosted national teams across sporting codes in Quarantine training 'bubble', including AFL, A-League and Supercars motor racing.



#### November 2020

Women's Big Bash League hits Blacktown International Sportspark, hosting all 8 teams for training and matches.



### November 2020

Aqua Learn to Swim launched Pip's Safe Summer campaign and comic strips.



### March 2021

Leisure Centre recognised and 15 Millionth customer



Stanhope congratulated



### **April 2021**

Joe McAleer Oval hosted the National Filipino cricket team for their training camp for ICC T20 World Cup qualifiers.



### May 2021

Blacktown International Sportspark hosts Blacktown Parkfest.



Matt Cairns, Grounds & **Operations Coordinator** at Blacktown International Sportspark was awarded the **Excellence in Sports** Fields and Grounds Management Award from the Australian Sports Turf Association.



### March 2021

Blacktown International Sportspark welcomed Australian Catholic Universities (ACU) to their new home at the Athletics Centre for Bachelor of Exercise & Sport Science and Bachelor of High-Performance Sport programs.



### February 2021

Lunar New Year celebrations hosted across all 5 Key Venues aquatic and leisure centres.



### January 2021

Blacktown Leisure Centre Stanhope hosted first in-person Super Citizenship ceremony since COVID-19 shutdown.



#### December 2020

Aqua Learn to Swim and Pip the Penguin celebrated 5th Birthday.



### December 2020

Blacktown Key Venues In house training program class of 2020 graduation.

### Blacktown Football Park

Blacktown Football Park remains the heart of football in Blacktown City, with players, administrators, officials and supporters continuing to grow the game more and more in Blacktown. The park offers the best quality surfaces and amenities for the community, locals and visiting football clubs from grassroots to NSW National Premier League.

### **Event Highlights**

- NSW Premier League Spartans FC Home Games
- ▶ Blacktown Spartans FC match days
- Summer Sixes Competition
- ▶ BDSFA Grand Finals 2020
- ▶ BDSFA Premier League Games
- ▶ BDSFA Skill Acquisition Program (SAP)
- Association Youth League (AYL) Match daysFemale Football Week



### Blacktown International Sportspark Sydney

Blacktown International Sportspark
Sydney continues to establish itself as
the sporting capital in Western Sydney.
Since the development of the site since
the 2000 Sydney Olympic games, the
Sportspark boasts its first-class sporting
facilities for athletics, Australian rules
football, baseball, cricket, football,
professional goalkeeping development
and softball.

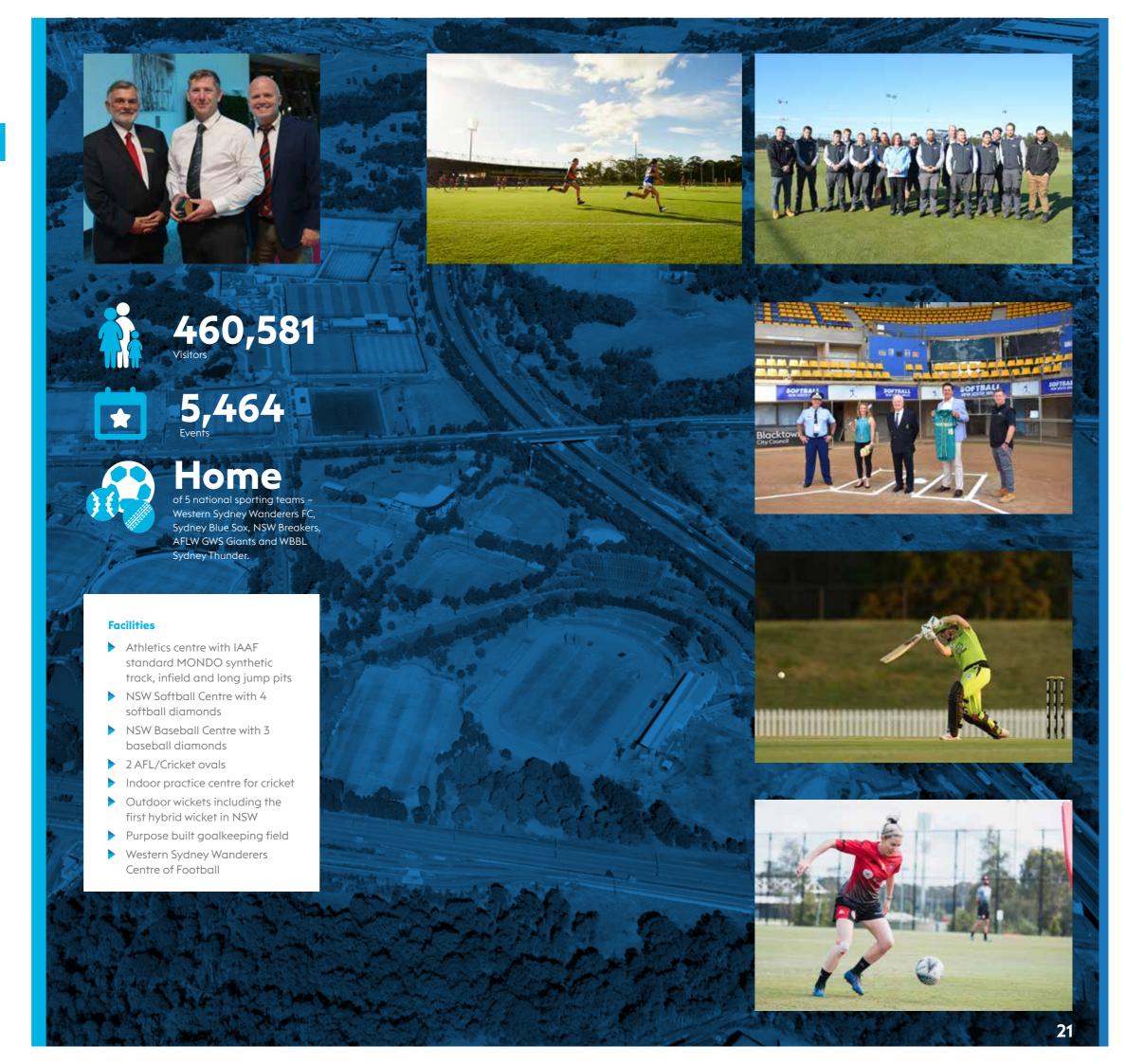
The Sportspark continues to grow its earned reputation as an elite, established and all-inclusive multi-sport and community venue with its leading facilities utilised by community grassroots to professional players. The park continues to support sport at all levels with just under half a million athletes, spectators and officials visiting the Sportspark this year. But also supported and celebrated the community by holding the Blacktown City Parkfest Festival.

15 September 2020 marks 20 years since Blacktown hosted the world at the Sydney 2000 Olympic Games. Blacktown International Sportspark Sydney, formerly Blacktown Olympic Park, was the training and playing venue for the Baseball and Softball competitions and the training venue for athletics before and during the Olympic Games. After 17 days of world-class competition, the world had witnessed the 'best games ever' and Blacktown was and remains proud to be part of that achievement.

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

Matt Cairns, Grounds & Operations Coordinator at Blacktown International Sportspark was awarded the Excellence in Sports Fields and Grounds Management Award from the Australian Sports Turf Association.

Our commitment to service the community is further demonstrated by being finalists for the 2020 Mt Druitt/St Marys Local Business Awards – Fitness Services.



### **AFL**

AFL at Blacktown has had an eventful year, with spectators and visitors being able to return to stadiums to enjoy all levels of footy from grassroots talent through to seasoned professionals in the top tier league. Both players and spectators got to enjoy the return to sport where the ovals hosted a range of local and national AFL events, with players at all levels being able to showcase their talent and passion for footy.

During COVID-19 Blacktown
International Sportspark hosted
the Brisbane Lions and Melbourne
Demons to continue their training in a
quarantine 'bubble' while in Sydney,
where they got to enjoy and take
advantage of the full-sized AFL oval
and facilities.

#### **Event Highlights:**

- AFLW GWS Giants v Adelaide Crows
- AFLW GWS Giants v Gold Coast Suns
- ► AFLW GWS Giants v West Coast Eagles
- ► AFLW GWS Giants v Carlton
- ▶ AFL Brisbane Lions AFL Quarantine Training
- Melbourne Demons AFL Quarantine Training
- VFL matches
- AFL Sydney matches
- ▶ 2021 Paul Kelly Cup
- Sydney Swans and GWS Giants Academy games



## **Athletics**Centre

The Athletics Centre is an elite athletics training facility home to athletes of all levels, abilities and ages for athletics, high performance and education. The Athletics Centre remains to be the number 1 destination in Western Sydney for school athletics and zone carnivals, athletics training and community events due to the outstanding facilities on offer. The Athletics Centre is the place to be for novices to professional athletes and enthusiasts.

Blacktown International Sportspark welcomed Australian Catholic University to their home at the Athletics Centre for their physiology units within their Bachelor of Exercise & Sport Science and Bachelor of High-Performance Sport programs. The first intake of students arrived 1 March 2021. The space is equipped with specialist bikes, treadmills, gas analysers, and isometric dynamometers to provide students with knowledge and skills to become accredited Exercise scientists.



### Baseball

The Baseball Centre is the centre of the baseball scene in New South Wales and continues its legacy and excellence from the 2000 Olympic Games. 15 September 2020 marked the 20th Anniversary of when the Baseball Centre hosted the Sydney 2000 Olympic games and training for Baseball when the world came to Blacktown. The elite playing and training facility hosts a variety of international, national, state and regional events. It's the hotspot for baseball fans and players to enjoy the game at all levels from local leagues to international powerhouses.

#### **Event Highlights:**

- ▶ 20th anniversary of Blacktown hosting Baseball matches for Sydney 2000 Olympic games
- Sydney Blue Sox matches and training
- Sydney Winter Baseball League
- National Showcase U16s
- ▶ Performance Pathway Program
- Emerging Pathway Program
- Development Pathway Program
- ▶ Women's Development Program
- NSW State competitions
- ▶ Women's League competitions
- ► Senior League State Championships
- ▶ B5 Event Cuba v Venezuela



### **Cricket**

Our cricket facilities at Blacktown International Sportspark are maintained to the highest quality and continuously recognised internationally for their exceptional condition. The cricket ovals and nets have hosted a variety of exciting international, national and state events as well as community events where fans and enthusiasts have the opportunity of enjoying high class cricket at all levels locally in Blacktown.

It was an action-packed year for cricket with the Sportspark hosting all Women's Big Bash League (WBBL) teams for games and training sessions. Our pristine cricket facilities were also selected to be a quarantine training venue for 14 days for the Australian and Indian national cricket teams in preparation for their upcoming Test series.







international teams used the facilities as a training base



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national teams used the facilities for matches or training







### Football

Football continues to grow in Blacktown, stemming from grassroots through to pathway and elite levels. Blacktown is home to the Western Sydney Wanderers FC Centre of Football, an elite sporting facility shaping the future generations of talent. As well as Progressive Goal Keeping, Sydney's premier destination for goalkeeper development.

The Young Matildas named Blacktown Football Park their home base in 2020, nurturing and training the next generation of Matildas.

### **Event Highlights:**

- Western Sydney Wanderers FC A-League, W-League, NSW National Premier League and Youth Training
- Quarantine training base for Wellington Phoenix, Perth Glory, Adelaide United and Brisbane Roar A-League teams
- ▶ W-League WSW vs Newcastle Jets
- Young Matildas training
- Young Matildas matches
- ▶ WSW NSW National Premier League 2 Men's and Youth matches
- ▶ WSW Academy Training, trial games and match days
- African Cup of Nations 2020
- ▶ WSW Schools Cup
- ▶ FFA Cup Game
- ▶ Future Wanderer Women Program
- ▶ Progressive Goalkeeping training held weeknights
- ▶ Progressive Goalkeeping School Holiday Clinics ran each holiday period
- ▶ Progressive Goalkeeping technical specific sessions for players to focus on specific areas of their goalkeeping



### Softball

The Softball Centre is a world class facility, maintaining it's 21-year legacy from the 2000 Olympic Games. 15 September 2020 marked the 20th Anniversary of when the Softball Centre hosted the Sydney 2000 Olympic games and training for Softball when the world came to Blacktown.

With the finest softball fields in Australia, the Sportspark continues to host major international, national and state events. The Softball Centre supports softball at all levels, catering and nurturing grass roots through to Olympic athletes.

In May we farewelled our Aussie Spirit Olympic athletes as they stove for gold in the Tokyo Olympics!

#### **Event Highlights:**

- ▶ Open Men's and Women's State Championships
- ▶ Under 23s Men's and Women's State Championships
- Over 35 State Championships
- ▶ 20 Year Anniversary of 2000 Olympic games
- Under 14 Tri-Series
- Under 18 State Championships
- Softball Australia Aussie Spirit training camp
- Aussie Spirit Olympic Team Farewell & Good Luck Event





### Joe McAleer Oval

Joe McAleer Oval continues to be
Blacktown's premier first-grade and
community cricket oval and is home to
Blacktown & Districts Cricket Association.
The award-winning oval is maintained
to a brilliant standard hosting all
Blacktown Warriors first and second
grade home games.

Blacktown City welcomed the national Filipino cricket team to Joe McAleer Oval in April 2021 for a 3-day training camp in preparation for their upcoming qualifiers for the Men's T20 World Cup in 2022.

### **Event Highlights:**

- National Filipino cricket team training camp
- ▶ Blacktown Warriors training
- ▶ Blacktown Warriors First Grade & Second Grade season matches



19,506
Visitors



Home
of Blacktown City & District
Cricket Association



### Rooty Hill Leisure Centre

Rooty Hill Leisure Centre hosts gymnastics training sessions, club, national and international competitions, coaching workshops and holiday training camps. The facility also holds a range of community competitions, performances and events.

Australian Rhythmic Gymnastics (ARG) offered a range of classes in the facility for girls, boys, men and women of all ages and abilities. Popular amongst the local community is the "ARG adults class" gymnastics program, where individuals of all ages have fun, improve their fitness, flexibility and have the opportunity to excel and even perform in the discipline of Aesthetic Group Gymnastics.

#### **Event Highlights:**

- Australian Aesthetics Group Gymnastic Federation training
- Annual Christmas concert and Easter party
- ▶ The facility now offers a soccer program "Go Soccer", at the newly renovated outdoor synthetic turf multipurpose courts.
- Minchinbury Anglican Church thanksgiving celebration.
- ARG ran over 250 online sessions for both gymnasts and the community during peak of COVID-19.
- ▶ Head Coach Marival D'jamirze live-streamed free weekly stretch and strength classes for the community from the facility.
- ▶ Gymnasts representing both Australian Rhythmic Gymnastics and Australian Aesthetic Group Gymnastics Federation, have participated in numerous International Competitions (online, due to COVID restrictions), that were filmed at the facility. All of these competitions were streamed online, giving the facility wonderful global praise and exposure.
  - 4th Open Yves Barboussat International Competition. (243 gymnasts from 39 clubs, from 13 countries registered for this event)
  - Koop Cup International Competition (32 participating countries)
  - Kyolis Cup (over 450 registrations from all over the world).



### 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



116,330



**13,259**Hours of court hire



**3,710**Coaching sessions for juniors and adults



Major tennis competitions





### Blacktown Aquatic Centre

### **Facility Overview**

- ▶ Indoor 8 Iane 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 min skate ramp
- Café

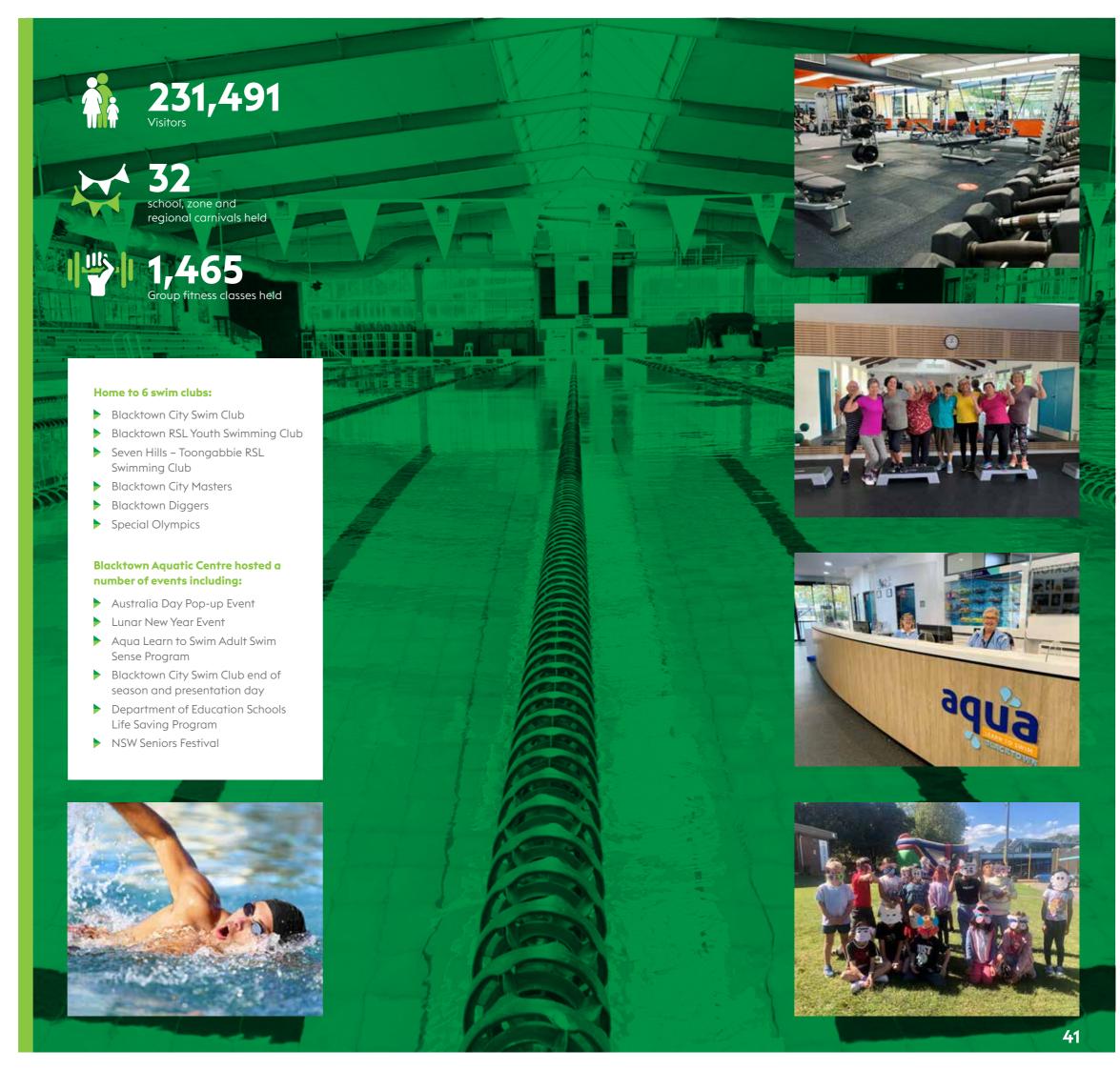
#### Information

Blacktown Aquatic Centre is Western Sydney's main competition pool hosting 32 swimming carnivals this year after re-opening after the COVID-19 shutdown. The centre's Olympic 50 metre lap pool continues to be the top destination for swimming carnivals in Blacktown City and surrounds, for both schools and swimming clubs. The family friendly aquatic and leisure centre is found in the heart of Blacktown.

The centre caters to all ages, communities and ability levels with programs and classes available with something for everyone. Members and visitors have the option of accessing gym and creche, group fitness classes, lap and recreational swimming, Kidz Blitz school holiday programs and Kidz Blitz parties, swimming lessons and Aqua Natal classes.

Blacktown City Council's Aqua Learn to Swim program continues to teach children as young as 6 months 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. Aqua Learn to Swim program resumed with 6,210 students enrolled in the term programs and 127 students enrolled in the intensive holiday learn to swim programs.

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.



### 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 is Council's flagship leisure facility that offers a diverse range of programs and activities for the community. The centre reached another milestone of having it's 15 millionth visitor come through its doors!

The leisure centre provides leisure, fitness and recreation opportunities for all 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 also received 21 brand new TechnoGym Group Cycle Ride spin bikes to add to the first class health and fitness equipment available for members and guests to enjoy.



### Charlie Lowles Leisure Centre Emerton

### **Facility Overview**

- ▶ Indoor 8 Iane 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 Lesiure Centre Emerton is more than just a pool, it offers its community with an exciting variety of health, aquatic, leisure and recreation programs and services with something for everyone to enjoy. Basketball remains the most popular sport at Charlie Lowles Leisure Centre Emerton, making up over half their bookings.

### Charlie Lowles Leisure Centre Emerton hosted a number of sporting & community events including:

- Penrith Basketball weekly competitions
- CSSA Competition March
- Volleyball NSW Holiday Clinic
- Lunar New Year Event
- Seniors Festival
- Australia Day Pop-up Event
- Agua Learn to Swim Adult Swim Sense Program

The centre is home to Chifley Swim Club who train here each weekday morning and Tuesday, Thursday and Friday evenings.

The centre was a finalist for the 2020 Mount Druitt/ St Marys Local Business Awards, demonstrating their commitment to providing to the community.

The Creative Kids initiative at Charlie Lowles Leisure Centre Emerton was a finalist in 2020 Parks and Leisure Australia NSW/ACT Awards of Excellence in the 'Community Based Initiative of the Year' category.



### Mount Druitt Swimming Centre

### **Facility Overview**

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

### Information

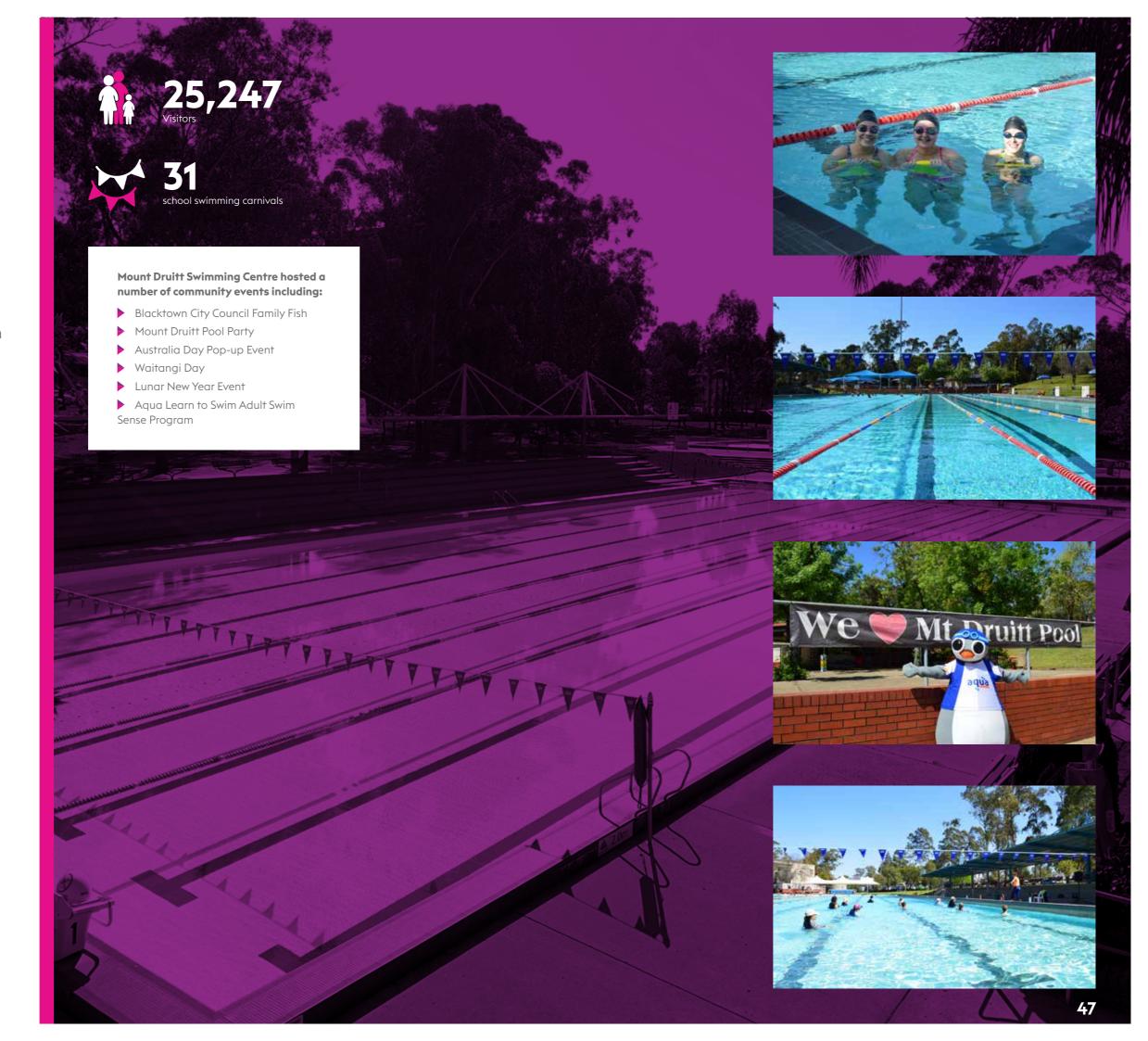
Mount Druitt Swimming Centre is the beloved outdoor summer pool for the local community for leisure, fun, carnivals and community events.

The pool was home to Rooty Hill RSL Youth Swim club who trained at the venue 2 times per week, as well as holding their swim meets. Rooty Hill RSL Youth Swimming Club finished their final season as a swimming club at the swimming centre.

Chifley Swim Club returned to training at Mount Druitt Swimming Centre during the summer season.

248 customers also enjoyed the Aqua Zumba exercise classes which are included with pool entry to the venue. The centre is now registered as a Fitness Passport Provider. There were some improvement works done with new CCTV cameras installed.

Mount Druitt Swimming Centre's commitment to its community was demonstrated by being a finalist for the 2020 Mount Druitt /St Marys Local Business Awards - Fitness Services.



### Riverstone Swimming Centre

### **Facility Overview**

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

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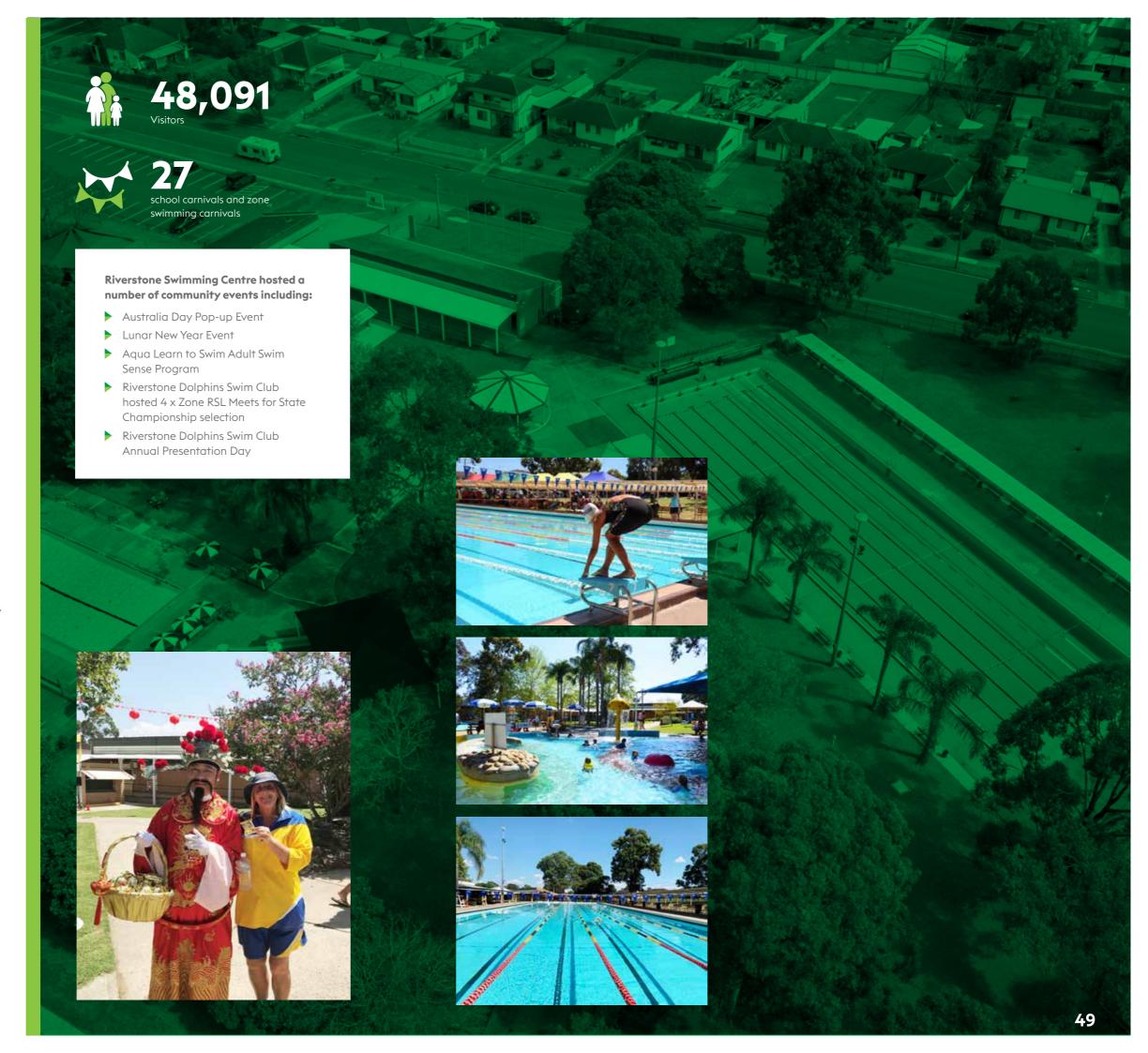
Riverstone Swimming Centre is the popular summer destination for families, the community and schools offering a great variety of leisure and fitness opportunities for all to enjoy.

Riverstone Dolphins Swimming Club call Riverstone Swimming Centre their home where the club trains weekly and holds their zone carnival meets.

The centre is a venue of choice for the Department of Education swimming and live saving programs with over 594 student participating.

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

This past year Riverstone Swimming Centre underwent a safety upgrade, which involved installing pool fencing around the 20m pool and leisure pool.



### **Aqua** Learn to Swim



Number of students enrolled

Term 3 2020 3,300

Term 4 2020 **72** 

Term 1 2021 **6,839** 

Term 2 2021 **6,742** 



#### **Program Highlights**

- Agua Learn to Swim and Pip the Penguin celebrated 5th Birthday December 2020.
- Pip's Safe Summer campaign and comic strip launch.
- Daniel Calizaya, Learn to Swim Instructor at Blacktown Leisure Centre Stanhope and AUSTSWIM presenter won AUSTSWIM 2020 Presenter of the Year.
- Swim Sense free water education program for adults held across all 5.
- First venue in NSW to run the new Royal Life NSW 'Swim Teacher' course.





# **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.









### Thank you to our 2020/2021 hirers

Christ the King North Rocks

City of Blacktown Basketball

Nepean Zone

Coding Pro

Coreen School

Mission Ltd

Creative Dance

Cricket NSW

Met Secondary Zone

Clairgate Public School

Colyton High School

Colyton Public School

Crawford Public Schoo

Crestwood High Schoo

Crestwood Public School

Dawson Public School

Dragons Basketball

DT Performing Arts

**Dural Public School** 

Eid Festival

Eastern Creek Public School

**Emmaus Catholic College** 

Erskine Park High School

**Evans High School** 

Fairvale High School

Freeman Catholic College

Glendenning Public School

Funtime Dalton Diane

Girraween High School

Glenwood High School

Glenwood Netball Club

Fortunity Pty Ltd

Evolve Futbol

Christian School Sports Association

Christian School Sports Association

Couple For Christ Australia Oceania

Doonside Technology High School

Elevation School of Performing Arts

Evans Intensive English Centre High School

Christian School Sports Association North

1st Balcombe Heights Scout Group

1st Castle Hill Scout Group

1st Kellyville Scouts Group

Adelaide United FC

Archery Attack and Bubble Sports Sydney

Art of Living

Organisation

Australian Islamic College of Sydney

AUSTSWIM Ltd

Banks Public School

Barnier Public School

Baulkham Hills High School

Baulkham Hills North Primary School

Beaumont Hills Public School

Bert Oldfield Public School

Blacktown Boys High School

Blacktown City Netball Association

Blacktown City Swimming Club

Association

Blacktown Girls High School

Blacktown Masters Swimming Inc

Blacktown North Public School

Blacktown South Public School

Blacktown Zone Secondary Schools Sports

Blackwell Public School

Blast Sports

Bossley Park High School

Brisbane Roar FC

Caroline Chisholm College

Castle Hill Public School

Casuarina School

Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta

Cherrybrook Technology High School

Chifley College Bidwill Campus

Chifley College Dunheved Campus

Chifley College Mt Druitt Campus

Chifley College Shalvey Campus

Australian Christian College

**Australian International Sports** 

Baulkham Hills Netball

Bede Polding College

Blacktown City Council – Events Doonside Public School

Blacktown Diggers Swimming Club

Blacktown District Soccer Football

Blacktown Public Schools Sports

Blacktown Tennis Inc

Blacktown West Public School

Castle Hill High School

Castle Hill Primary Schools Sports

Good Shepherd Primary School

Greystanes High School

GWS Fury

Go For Fun

Hambledon Public School

Hassall Grove Public School

Hebersham Public School

Hills Adventist College

Hills District Little Athletics Club

Chifley Swim Club Hills Football Association

Hills Hornets

Hills Start Pty Ltd

Hills Zone Combines High Schools

Hills Zone Sports Association

**HMA Karate** 

Holroyd High School

Holy Cross Primary School

Hongs Taekwondo

Hwa Rang

Ingenious Academy

James Boyle FC

James Erskine Public School

John XXIII Catholic Primary School

**KBC** Basketball

Kellyville High School

Kellyville Public School

Kellyville Ridge Public School

Kenthurst Public School

Kings Langley Public School

Kingswood Public School

Lalor Park Public School

Lansdowne Zone

Lethbridge Park Public School Little Athletics NSW Region 6

Little Kickers

Lorien Novalis School

Lynwood Park Public School

Macquarie Zone

Madang Avenue Public School

Maori Wardens / Blacktown City Council

Sister Cities

Maraylya Public School

Marayong Heights Public School

Marayong South Public School

Marian Catholic College

Mary Immaculate Primary School

Mathew Pearce Public School

Metropolitan Catholic Schools Sports Association

Minchinbury Public School

Mitchell High School

MNSE Solutions Australia Pty Ltd

Mount Druitt Zone Primary Schools Sports

Association

Mountain View Adventist College

Mt Druitt Rangers FC

Mt Druitt Secondary Schools Sport

Mt Druitt Secondary Zone

Association

My Hoops

Nagle College

Nepalese Recreational Tennis Club

Nepean District Athletics Club

Nepean Zone Christian Schools Sports

Association Netball NSW

No Excuses Performance

No. 1 Draft Pick Basketball Academy

North West Disability Services

Norwest Christian College

Noumea Public School

NSW Institute of Sport

NSW School Sport Unit

Our Lady of Lourdes Baulkham Hills

Our Lady of Lourdes Seven Hills

Our Lady of the Angels Primary School

Our Lady of the Rosary Our Lady Queen of Peace

Parklea Public School

Parramatta Eels NRL

Patrician Brothers Pendle Hill High School

Penrith Anglican College

Penrith Basketball

Penrith District Netball Association Inc. Penrith Indoor Hockey

Plumpton High School

Plumpton House School Plumpton Public School

Prairiewood High School

Prestige Development Karate

Project Pro

Prospect United FC

Prospect Zone Quakers Hill East Public School

Quakers Hill High School

Quakers Hill Netball Club

Quakers Hill Public School

Raging Waters Sydney

Ready Steady Go

Redfield College Re-engineering Australia Foundation

Relay for Life Hope Ceremony

Revolver Film Design Pty Ltd

Richard Johnson Anglican School Ridges Zone Primary School Sports

Riverbank Public School

Association

Riverstone Dolphins RSL Youth Swimming Club Inc

Rooty Hill RSL Youth Swimming Club

Riverstone High School Riverstone Public School Rooty Hill High School

Rooty Hill Public School

Ropes Crossing Public School

Rouse Hill Anglican College

Rouse Hill High School

Caddies Creek Public School

Rouse Hill Public School

Rouse Hill Rams Netball

Run West Running Festival

Ryan Slarks Tennis

Sacred Heart Primary School

Samuel Gilbert Public School SDI Social Development Inc.

Seven Hills Community Youth Sports

Swimming Club Inc

Seven Hills High School Seven Hills Public School

Seven Hills RSL Swimming Club

Seven Hills Wes Public School

Seven Hills/Wentworthville Primary School Sports Association

Sherwood Ridge Public School Soccajoeys

Softball NSW

Sonic Health Vaccination Program Special Olympics Sydney West

St Aanes Catholic High School St Andrew's Primary School

St Andrews College St Angela's Primary School

St Bernadette's Primary

St Clair Public School

St Francis of Assisi

St John Paul II

St Clare's Catholic High School

St John Paul II Catholic College St John Vianney's Parish School

St Johns Park High School

St Joseph's Primary School St Luke's Catholic College

St Mark's Catholic College St Marys Primary Schools Sports

St Michael's Netball Club

St Michaels Catholic Primary School St Monica's Primary School

St Patrick's Primary School St Vianney's School

Static Dance Studios Step Up Disability Service

Super 6 High Performance Swimming NSW

Sydney Basketball League SydWest Multicultural Services

Tennis NSW

Tennis Sydney (GLBT)

The Hills Sports High School

The Kings School

The Ponds High School

The Ponds Tennis Club

City of Blacktown Basketball Association

Tiny Tutus

Tip Off Basketball Coaching

Toongabbie Christian College

Toongabbie Christian School

Toongabbie Christian School Primary

Toongabbie West Public School Traffic Control Licences

Trinity Catholic

Tuesday Emerton Socials

Tyndale Christian School

**UCMAS NSW** Urban Rec Australia

Vardy's Road Public School

Vineyard Public School Volleyball NSW

Association Zone

West Met Christian Schools Sports

Walters Road Public School

Western Sydney Academy of Sport Western Sydney Eagles Basketball Inc

Western Sydney Futsal Association Western Sydney Volleyball

Western Sydney Wanderers FC

William Dean Public School

William Clarke College - High School

William Rose School – Special Education

Willmot Public School

Windsor High School Zany Sports Zone 4 RSL Swimming

Stream of sustainability

Sportspark Sydney

**Artist: Donna Brown Location:** Blacktown International

of the Darug People, speaking to the sustainability of the local eco-system. The symbols in the mural represent local water plants and native wildlife. The blue central shape represents the flow of water and how it is a life-giving force that sustains native plants and wildlife, which in turn brings health to the eco-system of which we are all part. The Angus Creek Stormwater Harvesting and Reuse Scheme uses native water plants to filter and clean the stormwater before it is then used to irrigate the fields. Since the scheme was established wildlife has returned to the waterways and waterholes including turtles, birds and frogs; bringing health back to these waterways.

This artwork pays homage to the lands

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