

Frequently Asked Questions – Boomanulla Oval EOI

1. Why is the ACT Government requesting expressions of interest (EOI) for the return of Boomanulla Oval to Indigenous management?

- The Aboriginal Corporation for Sport and Recreation Activities (ACSRA), the previous lessee of Boomanulla Oval, closed the gates of the facility in late 2014 after falling into financial difficulty.
- Following the wind up of ACSRA, the Crown lease for Boomanulla Oval was surrendered to the ACT Government in October 2015 and ACT Property Group currently have custodianship responsibility for the site.
- The ACT Government has worked in close partnership with the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Elected Body (ATSIEB), and with the guidance of an Interim Advisor Group (IAG) to implement a process that will facilitate the return of Boomanulla Oval to sustainable Indigenous management at the earliest opportunity.

2. Can anyone apply to take over the management of Boomanulla Oval?

- Only organisations that are at least 51% owned, controlled and managed by persons of Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander descent are eligible to participate in the EOI process.
- If the Respondent is a joint venture, it must be a joint venture of organisations willing to come together under an appropriate management/governance structure that is at least 51% owned, controlled and managed by persons of Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander descent.

3. How will an organisation be selected?

- All proposals submitted as part of the EOI process will be assessed by a panel of ACT Government and Indigenous representatives. After the panel has assessed the responses received it can:
 - select a preferred organisation and commence negotiations directly with that organisation on tenure arrangements for management of the facility.
 - shortlist a number of organisations and undertake a Request for Tender (RFT) process. A decision on a preferred organisation will be determined based on the additional information requested through this process.

4. When will we know who will take on the management of Boomanulla Oval?

- Depending on the number and quality of responses received, and whether it is necessary to shortlist preferred respondents to partake in a second stage RFT process, it is anticipated that an announcement of a successful respondent will be made by no later than the end of August 2016.

5. What will be the tenure arrangement for a new manager of Boomanulla Oval?

- There are a range of tenure options that may be considered for the site, including a short term licence, a longer term sublease or the granting of a Crown lease. Consideration of these options and a decision on the appropriate form of tenure will be subject to detailed consideration of proposals received and negotiations with the preferred respondent.

6. Will Boomanulla Oval still provide sport and recreation opportunities?

- Boomanulla Oval is much-loved and, until recently, has been widely used by Indigenous sporting teams and athletes as a place to train and play, as well as by the broader community for cultural activities and education and training opportunities.
- Through the EOI process we look forward to receiving innovative proposals that will facilitate reinvigoration of Boomanulla Oval, so the facility will be sustainable and provide benefits to the local Indigenous community over the long term. As part of this it is expected that various activities which are known to be valued by the community, will be returned to Boomanulla including:
 - Sport and recreation opportunities and events;
 - Cultural events and activities; and
 - A meeting place, support centre and hub.

7. Will there be any further consultation with the Community?

- The successful respondent to the EOI will be required to provide and to implement a community engagement strategy as part of the process of returning Boomanulla Oval to Indigenous management and in the best interest of the local Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community.

8. Where can I get further information?

- As part of the EOI process, a site inspection/information session will be held at Boomanulla Oval on Thursday 10 March 2016 from 5:30pm. All members of the community are welcome to attend. Alternatively, you may wish to read through the EOI documentation which can be found at www.tenders.act.gov.au. Should you have any further questions, please email Boomanulla@act.gov.au.