

Sport and Recreation 2026 Implementation Plan

All Canberrans moving more through sport and active recreation



This annual implementation plan details how **CBR Next Move 2023–2028** will be actioned in year four of the Strategy.

Throughout each year of CBR Next Move 2023-2028, the ACT Government will share stories highlighting progress and outcomes underpinning the vision *'All Canberrans moving more through sport and active recreation'* demonstrating the successes of the sport and active recreation sector in getting Canberrans moving more.

Capability and Capacity

Building the skills and scale of the sport and recreation workforce, including volunteers, to address sector challenges and opportunities.

Activity	Responsibility	Wellbeing
Complete a State Sporting Organisation Categorisation process to determine funding eligibility across Sport and Recreation Investment Scheme funding programs for the next three years.	Sport and Recreation	
Commission a comprehensive review to assess the efficiency and impact of the Industry Partnership Program (IPP) and the State Organisation Support Program (SOSP) over the first three years of operation.	Sport and Recreation	
Deliver the 2027 Sport and Recreation Investment Scheme (SRIS). Partner with deliverers of sport and recreation and invest in projects that provide a diverse range of participation experiences.	Sport and Recreation	
Education and Training to continue to focus on areas of need identified through the State Sporting Organisation Matrix and industry demand for more general training such as MPIO accreditation.	Sport and Recreation	
Assist with the development of resources and initiatives to lead State Sporting Organisations in providing safe environments in accordance with the ACT Child Safe Standards.	Sport and Recreation	

Welcoming and Inclusive Environments

Developing the culture, knowledge, processes and service environments to consistently deliver positive participation experiences.

Activity	Responsibility	Wellbeing
Continue to improve inclusive places and spaces through the delivery of facility upgrades and improvements including female friendly changerooms.	City and Environment	
Continued provision and advertising of governance and integrity education and training opportunities available through the Australian Sports Commission and Sport Integrity Australia.	Sport and Recreation	
Collaborate with Sport Integrity Australia regarding supporting the ongoing alignment of ACTAS operations with system wide safe sport practices and integrity principles as outlined in the National Integrity Framework.	Sport and Recreation	
Address findings and recommendations arising from the ACT Legislative Assembly Inquiry into barriers and opportunities for participation in community sports in the ACT	Sport and Recreation	

Participation and Performance

Supporting the pathways at all levels for long-term participation and talent development.

Activity	Responsibility	Wellbeing
Ensure maximum return on investment is delivered for government and the wider Canberra community by elite teams funded under the Performance Partnership Program.	Sport and Recreation	
Ensure the Performance Sponsorship Program continues to provide participation outcomes and the structured delivery of community engagement ensuring the positive promotion and exposure of ACT sporting teams within the community.	Sport and Recreation	
Consolidate the role of ACTAS in delivering towards Horizon 2 of Australia's HP32+ Strategy ¹ , particularly its contribution to aligning system roles and responsibilities, performance measures and targets across high performance sport, including ACT engagement with Brisbane 2032 planning initiatives.	Sport and Recreation	
Continue to enhance delivery of high-performance support services through ACTAS and develop the ACT's aspiring Olympic, Paralympic and Commonwealth games focused athletes by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ executing National Sporting Organisation Partnership Agreements for the LA 2028 Games cycle with athletics, cycling, hockey and rowing; ▶ continuation of the ACTAS Individual Athlete Program; ▶ consolidating ACTAS's partnership with the Australian Institute of Sport (AIS), as a National Institute Network member and key onsite tenant, to maximise opportunities for ACT athletes and sporting partners; ▶ delivering, in partnership with Paralympics Australia and the AIS, the Para Uplift Unit to increase Australia's representation and medal success; and ▶ implementing a local Our Connection to Country project, in partnership with Australian Sports Commission, to build culturally safe, inclusive high performance sport environments. 	Sport and Recreation	
Recognise the sporting performances of local ACT athletes and the important contribution these athletes provide to the wider sporting landscape.	Sport and Recreation	

Legend

	Governance and Institution		Economy		Health
	Environment and Climate		Social Connection		

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Places and Spaces²

Facilities, infrastructure, and open space to enable sport and recreation participation.

Activity	Responsibility	Wellbeing
Continue to deliver the Community Sport Facilities Program as part of the Sport and Recreation Investment Scheme.	Sport and Recreation	
Review of Sport and Recreation Industry Infrastructure Survey and Project Register to ensure it reflects the most current needs of the sector.	Sport and Recreation	
Continue to assist private sector partner to progress the new ice sports facility in Tuggeranong.	Sport and Recreation	
Development of a new ACT Aquatic Strategy to guide the planning, management and future investment in territory wide aquatic facilities over the next decade.	Sport and Recreation	
Development of territory wide report into sporting infrastructure.	Sport and Recreation	
Development of a draft ACT Skate Strategy to guide how skate infrastructure is planned, delivered and managed across the Territory.	City and Environment	
Development of a whole-of-government Synthetic Turf Policy to guide the installation and management of artificial turf for ACT Government sport and recreation facilities.	Sport and Recreation	
Progress priority ACT Government new sport and recreation infrastructure projects including:		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Belconnen Basketball Stadium expansion project –planning and preliminary design 	Sport and Recreation	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Gungahlin Tennis Facility – completion of construction 	Sport and Recreation	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Stromlo District Playing Fields – detailed design 	Infrastructure Canberra	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Taylor District Playing Fields – detailed design 	Sport and Recreation	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Throsby District Playing Fields – detailed design 	Infrastructure Canberra	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Preparation for future indoor facility at Casey – <i>planning and preliminary design subject to funding approval</i> 	Infrastructure Canberra	

Activity	Responsibility	Wellbeing
Progress the following works associated with ACT Government Aquatic Facilities:	Infrastructure Canberra	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Wading pool repairs, filtration upgrades and roof repairs at Manuka Pool ▶ Facility upgrades at Lakeside Leisure Centre ▶ Continue rectification works across ACT Government aquatics facilities including Stromlo Leisure Centre, Gungahlin Leisure Centre, Lakeside Leisure Centre, Active Leisure Centre as well as Canberra Olympic, Manuka and Dickson Pools 		
Progress ACT Government sportsground upgrades and maintenance projects including:	City and Environment	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Jamison Oval (Stage 1 – Design and construction of secondary changerooms and associated amenities within changerooms) ▶ Female Friendly upgrades at Chisholm, Ainslie, Hughes, Reid, Griffith and Kaleen (Turon Pl) District Playing Fields ▶ Sportsground lighting upgrades at Yarralumla District Play Fields ▶ Cricket net upgrades at Gowrie District Playing Fields ▶ Upgrades to Charnwood District Playing Field water meter cabinet ▶ Addressing the overland waterflow issues at Charnwood Netball courts 		
Progress delivery of community sporting facilities at ACT Government schools including new gymnasiums at Garran Primary Modernisation, new primary school at Strathnairn and new primary school in Whitlam.	Education	

²Major stadia (i.e. Manuka Oval, GIO Stadium, AIS Arena) is excluded from consideration in this implementation plan.

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