



**ACT**  
Government



# Sport and Recreation State of Play

As at December 2022

# Key Sport and Recreation Initiatives

### Gungahlin Tennis Facility

**\$9.834m (\$9.434m plus an additional \$400,000 contribution from Tennis ACT and Tennis Australia)**

The Government will build a new tennis facility in Amaroo, including 10 full-sized tennis courts, a hitting wall, a community pavilion and two hot shot courts.

### Supporting organisations to provide physical activities to children and young people

**\$1.825m over 3 years**

The Government will provide grants for initiatives to support vulnerable or disadvantaged children to participate in sport and recreational activities that improve their physical wellbeing, health and social skills. Funding will be provided to the Physical Activity Foundation, the Heart Foundation, Kulture Break, Abilities Unlimited Australia, Pegasus Riding School and Every Chance to Play.

### Kippax Group Centre Masterplan

**\$3.609m**

The Government will replace existing playing fields (providing \$3.064m to restore sportsgrounds along Moyes Crescent in Holt) and undertake detailed design works for a new community hub and skate park to facilitate the release of block 71 section 51 Holt as part of the Indicative Land Release Program.

### Community sporting access at public primary schools

**Minimum estimated cost \$9.0m per school**

As part of the initial construction, all new public primary schools will at a minimum have a full-sized single-court gymnasium. The approximate cost of this asset within the broader school development is \$9.0m. This will apply to new schools being developed, including Whitlam Primary School (total development cost \$76.75m) and Strathnairn Primary School (total development cost \$62.4m).

Additionally, the redevelopment project at Garran Primary School will include a full-sized single-court gymnasium with potential capacity to expand to a double-court gymnasium. The approximate cost of this asset within the broader school development is a minimum of \$9.0m (total development cost \$62.4m).

### Continuing operations at Canberra Olympic Pool

**\$3.875m**

The Government will support the continued operation of the Canberra Olympic Pool through to 30 June 2023 and undertake a feasibility study (\$1.1m) for a new dive pool at the Stromlo Leisure Centre.



## Sport and Recreation

# Industry State of Play

### Strategic priority 1

### Capability and capacity

#### Sport and Recreation Grants Program (SRGP)

- ▶ In 2022 grants provided support to 75 organisations.
- ▶ Support included over \$900,000 for capital projects.
- ▶ Projects included:
  - ▶ Club house extension, disability access and asbestos removal for the Canberra Croquet Club (\$410,000)
  - ▶ Shooting line cover for the Canberra Archery Club (\$44,220)
  - ▶ Portable home run fence for Softball ACT (\$4,000)
  - ▶ Translation of key resources for Little Athletics (\$6,500).

#### Sport and Recreation Education and Training program

- ▶ Six training courses delivered directly, or in partnership, attended by 172 participants.
- ▶ 1,082 online ACT course completions through our partnership with *Play by the Rules*. Completed topics included:
  - ▶ Gender equity
  - ▶ Inclusive coaching
  - ▶ Child protection/safeguarding.

#### Gender Equity

- ▶ 25 of 28 triennially funded peak bodies are currently at or above 40% female representation on their boards.
- ▶ The three that are not are under-represented either through a current vacancy or are a national-level board.

## Strategic priority 2

### Annual capital works projects completed in 2021-22

## Places and spaces

### Transport Canberra and City Services projects completed in 2021-22

Sportsground floodlighting upgrades:

- ▶ Hawker Softball Centre (softball).
- ▶ Kambah 2 District Playing Fields (football).
- ▶ Mawson 2 District Playing Fields (football).

Facility Upgrades:

- ▶ Greenway Enclosed Oval – Female friendly upgrade (AFL, rugby league, gridiron, football).
- ▶ Curtin District District Playing Fields – Female friendly upgrade (baseball, ultimate frisbee, rugby league).
- ▶ Charnwood District Playing Fields – Female friendly upgrade (football, athletics).
- ▶ Hawker 2 District Playing Fields – Female friendly upgrade (football, softball).
- ▶ Taylor District Playing Fields – New cricket nets (cricket).
- ▶ Melba Neighbourhood Oval – Upgrade of cricket infrastructure (cricket).
- ▶ Boomanulla oval – new modular building (rugby league, football).

Irrigation and drainage upgrades:

- ▶ Nicholls Enclosed Oval – New subsurface drainage (rugby union, oztag, cricket).
- ▶ Higgins Neighbourhood Oval – New subsurface drainage (rugby league, oztag).
- ▶ Curtin District Playing Fields – Upgraded irrigation water meter cabinet (baseball, ultimate frisbee, rugby league).
- ▶ Stirling Enclosed Oval – Upgraded irrigation water meter cabinet (AFL, cricket).
- ▶ Amaroo District Playing Fields – New irrigation pressure booting system (AFL, oztag, touch football, athletics).
- ▶ Rivett Neighbourhood Oval – Upgraded irrigation water meter cabinet (rugby union, cricket).

## Strategic priority 2

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### Annual capital works projects completed in 2021-22

## Places and spaces

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### Education Directorate projects completed in 2021-22

Major school projects:

- ▶ Throsby School – Opened 2022 with double gymnasium available for out of hours community hire.
- ▶ Evelyn Scott School – P-6 school and double gymnasium opened 2021. High School to open in 2023.

Adjustable basketball hoop upgrades completed at:

- ▶ Belconnen High School.
- ▶ Melrose High School.

Bike track and nature play space completed at:

- ▶ Caroline Chisholm Senior School.
- ▶ Hedley Beare Centre for Teaching and Learning.

Oval upgrades design and procurement completed; project ongoing into 2022-23 financial year at Gungahlin College.

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### Stromlo Forest Park projects completed in 2021-22

- ▶ Bicentennial National Trail re-alignment through Stromlo Forest Park, involving spillway and creek crossing upgrades.
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### ACT Property Group projects completed in 2021-22

- ▶ Purchase of starting blocks for Civic Olympic Pool, Gungahlin Leisure Centre and Lakeside Leisure Centre.
- ▶ New boilers installed to replace end of life assets at Civic Olympic Pool.

## Strategic priority 2

### Projects commenced and ongoing as of 30 June 2022

## Places and spaces

### Sport and Recreation (CMTEDD) major projects ongoing

- ▶ Stromlo Forest Park District Playing Fields (preliminary planning completed).
- ▶ Grevillea Park Dragon Boat Facility (final sketch plan submitted to National Capital Authority for works approval).
- ▶ Gungahlin District Tennis Facility (preliminary planning underway).
- ▶ Throsby Home of Football (Estate Development Plan submitted for development approval).
- ▶ Phillip District Enclosed Oval Upgrade (preliminary planning underway and Development Application submitted November 2022) – (rugby union, rugby league, cricket).
- ▶ ACT Ice Sports Facility Heads of Agreement executed (November 2022).

### Transport Canberra and City Services projects ongoing

- ▶ Phillip 4 Enclosed Oval – New shaded seating and BBQ area (AFL, cricket).
- ▶ Deakin 2 District Playing Fields – New LED floodlighting (touch football).
- ▶ Watson Neighbourhood Oval – New LED floodlighting (football, cricket, baseball).
- ▶ Scullin Neighbourhood Oval – New LED floodlighting (football, cricket).
- ▶ Higgins Neighbourhood Oval – Upgraded LED lights (rugby league, oztag, cricket).
- ▶ Holt District Playing Fields – Pavilion upgrade (AFL, cricket).
- ▶ Kingston Oval – Pavilion upgrade (AFL, cricket).
- ▶ Rivett Neighbourhood Oval – Female friendly upgrade (rugby union, cricket).
- ▶ Nicholls District Playing Fields – Female friendly upgrade (rugby union, rugby league, cricket, football).
- ▶ Kambah 1 District Playing Fields – Female friendly upgrade (rugby league, AFL, oztag, cricket).
- ▶ Gowrie District Playing Fields – LED sportsground lighting upgrades (rugby union, rugby league, cricket, gridiron).
- ▶ Kippax District Playing Fields – Sportsground reactivation (oztag).
- ▶ Boomanulla Oval – Upgrade perimeter fence and water meter cabinet (rugby league, football).
- ▶ Bonner Neighbourhood Oval – Upgrade irrigation booster pump (football, cricket).
- ▶ Reid District Playing Fields – Upgrade irrigation, new irrigation pressure booting system (AFL, cricket).

## Strategic priority 2

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### Projects commenced and ongoing as of 30 June 2022

## Places and spaces

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### Transport Canberra and City Services projects ongoing

- ▶ Water refill stations installed at:
    - ▶ Amaroo Amaroo District Playing Fields (AFL, athletics, baseball, oztag, cricket, football).
    - ▶ Wanniasa District Playing Fields (football).
    - ▶ Kambah 1 District Playing Fields (rugby league, AFL, oztag, cricket).
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### Education Directorate projects ongoing

- ▶ East Gungahlin High School (double gymnasium) – due 2024.
  - ▶ North Gungahlin High School (double gymnasium) – due 2024.
  - ▶ Garran Primary Modernisation (new gymnasium, size TBA) – due 2025.
  - ▶ New Primary School in Strathnairn (single gymnasium) – due 2025.
  - ▶ New Primary School in Whitlam (new gymnasium, size TBA) – due 2025.
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### Stromlo Forest Park projects ongoing

- ▶ Stromlo Forest Park Criterion Track Extension.
  - ▶ Stromlo Forest Park Carpark upgrades.
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### ACT Property Group projects ongoing

- ▶ Stromlo Pool – Installation of outdoor gym equipment.
- ▶ Completion of defects rectification works at Stromlo Pool.
- ▶ Completion of Gungahlin Leisure Centre 50 metre pool rectification/retiling works.
- ▶ Continuation and completion of Dickson Pool rectification works and new accessible ramp entry.



## Strategic priority 2

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### Projects to commence in 2022-23

## Places and spaces

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### ACT Property Group projects to commence in 2022-23

- ▶ Commence installing pool heat saving blankets at Dickson Pool, Lakeside Leisure Centre and Gungahlin Leisure Centre over three years.
  - ▶ Commence planning project for Lakeside Leisure Centre addressing façade cracking and carpark lighting upgrades, as well as general facility upgrade works.
  - ▶ Commence investigations into transition from gas to electric heating systems at Manuka Pool, Dickson Pool, Lakeside Leisure Centre and Gungahlin Leisure Centre.
  - ▶ General ongoing rectification and refurbishment works to all pools on priority basis.
  - ▶ Civic Olympic Pool rectification works.
  - ▶ Gungahlin Leisure Centre rectification works and planning for next major refurbishment works.
  - ▶ Manuka Pool commence design and documentation of general and toddler pool rectification works for construction works during the shutdown period of 2023. Complete fence replacement works.
  - ▶ Commencement of Stromlo Diving Pool feasibility study and future of Civic Olympic Pool study.
  - ▶ Commencement of Southside Hydrotherapy pool design and documentation at Lakeside Leisure Centre.
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### Stromlo Forest Park projects to commence in 2022-23

- ▶ Bicentennial National Trail re-alignment through park involving installation of new cavalettis, gates and fencing.
- ▶ Running track irrigation pumping infrastructure upgrades.

## Strategic priority 2

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### LED lighting upgrades

## Places and spaces

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- ▶ Currently 10 ACT Government sportsgrounds have been upgraded to LED floodlighting, including:
    - ▶ Taylor District Playing Fields (rugby union, rugby league, cricket).
    - ▶ Bonner Neighbourhood Oval (football, cricket).
    - ▶ Nicholls District Playing Fields (rugby union, rugby league, cricket, football).
    - ▶ Calwell District Playing Fields (football, baseball, athletics).
    - ▶ Hawker International Softball Centre (softball).
    - ▶ Mawson District Playing Fields (football, cricket).
    - ▶ Kambah 2 District Playing Fields (football).
    - ▶ Boomanulla Oval (rugby league, football).
    - ▶ Amaroo 2 District Playing Fields (AFL, oztag, touch football, athletics).
    - ▶ Higgins Neighbourhood Oval (rugby league, oztag).
  - ▶ This represents 14.9% of the 67 floodlit ACT Government sportsgrounds.
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### Community usage at ACT Government schools

- ▶ Sporting groups' community use (hire) of ACT public school facilities is approximately 570 hours per week.



## Canberra Croquet Club Upgrade and Extension

**The ACT Government has invested \$410,000 to upgrade and extend the Canberra Croquet Club House.**

The upgrades included female friendly facilities, disability access, storage and safety improvements. The improvements will allow this club to continue to support participation in croquet and potentially host state and national activities in the future.

Design of the work has included sensitive heritage considerations and a strong co-investment from the Club.



## Grevillea Park Dragon Boat Facility

**A new permanent home for dragon boating will be built at Grevillea Park on Lake Burley Griffin.**

The facility will include boat storage, administration facilities, a training room, event administration and change rooms.

Dragon Boat ACT already conducts training sessions and regattas at Grevillea Park via a temporary facility that can no longer be located at that site. This investment will deliver a brand new facility that will meet the needs of participants well into the future.

## Strategic priority 3

### Female Friendly changerooms

## Welcoming and inclusive environments

- ▶ Since 2017, 26 pavilions (40% of the current 65 pavilions) at ACT Government sportsgrounds have undergone a female friendly upgrade.
- ▶ There are five more upgrades scheduled to be completed in 2022-23.



## Making swimming more accessible and inclusive

**The Refugee and Migrant Swimming Program is being delivered through the Inclusive Participation Funding Program by Royal Life Saving Australia.**

Muslim Sisters to Action (MustACT) is delivering the Spring Swimming Female Program, funded through the Women's Sport and Recreation Participation and Leadership Program.

Both of these programs aim to provide a safe environment for groups to learn important water safety skills.

## Strategic priority 4

## Participation and performance

### ACT Academy of Sport (ACTAS) athlete performance

- ▶ As of 30 June 2022 ACTAS supported 125 athletes:
  - ▶ 62 scholarship holders.
  - ▶ 41 transitioning scholarship holders.
  - ▶ 7 training agreement holders.
  - ▶ 15 waivers.
- ▶ Of the 125 supported athletes, 76 were female and 49 were male representing a total of 20 sports.

### Significant achievements

- ▶ Tokyo Olympic Games (23 July – 8 August 2021).
  - ▶ 15 athletes represented ACT, nine were graduates from ACTAS programs and six were supported athletes.
  - ▶ Five medals won across four sports:
    - ▶ **Hockey:** Silver – Andrew Charter (ACTAS Graduate).
    - ▶ **Rowing, Quad Scull:** Bronze – Luke Letcher (ACTAS Scholarship holder).
    - ▶ **Rowing, Quad Scull:** Bronze – Caleb Antill (ACTAS Graduate).
    - ▶ **Athletics, Javelin:** Bronze – Kelsey-Lee Barber (ACTAS Scholarship holder).
    - ▶ **Basketball:** Bronze – Patty Mills (ACTAS Graduate).
- ▶ Tokyo Paralympic Games (24 August – 5 September 2021).
  - ▶ 23 athletes represented ACT, 18 were supported by ACTAS and five were based in the ACT to train.
  - ▶ Five medals won across Athletics:
    - ▶ **T63 Long Jump:** Gold – Vanessa Low \*World Record (ACTAS Scholarship holder).
    - ▶ **T36 400m:** Gold – James Turner \*Paralympic Record (ACTAS Scholarship holder).
    - ▶ **T36 100m:** Silver – James Turner (ACTAS Scholarship holder).
    - ▶ **T38 1500m:** Bronze – Deon Kenzie (ACT Based).
    - ▶ **T38 100m:** Bronze – Evan O'Hanlon (ACT Based).

## Strategic priority 4

## Participation and performance

### ACT Government pools

### Visitation to ACT Government pools

# 96%

**total organisation  
and staff satisfaction#**

Facility	2020-21	2021-22
Stromlo Leisure Centre	325,650	251,897
Lakeside Leisure Centre	207,006	183,758
Canberra Olympic Pool	238,716	147,474
Gungahlin Leisure Centre	229,068	136,343
Dickson Pool	90,500	55,913
Manuka Pool	39,510	31,059
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,130,450</b>	<b>806,444</b>

- ▶ ACT Government swimming pools were closed for three months in both the 2020-21 and 2021-22 financial years, which had an impact on visitation.
- ▶ The Gungahlin Leisure Centre was closed in March 2020 due to the lockdown in the ACT. Tiling issues were identified during the closure, so the 50 metre pool did not reopen after the lockdown. Following rectification works, the pool reopened at the end of August 2022.

# Transport Canberra and City Services satisfaction survey (2021-22).

## Strategic priority 4

### Physical activity participation

## Participation and performance

### Adults

AusPlay results for 2021-22 continue to demonstrate that the ACT has a high level of physical activity.

# 93.2%

participated at least once per year

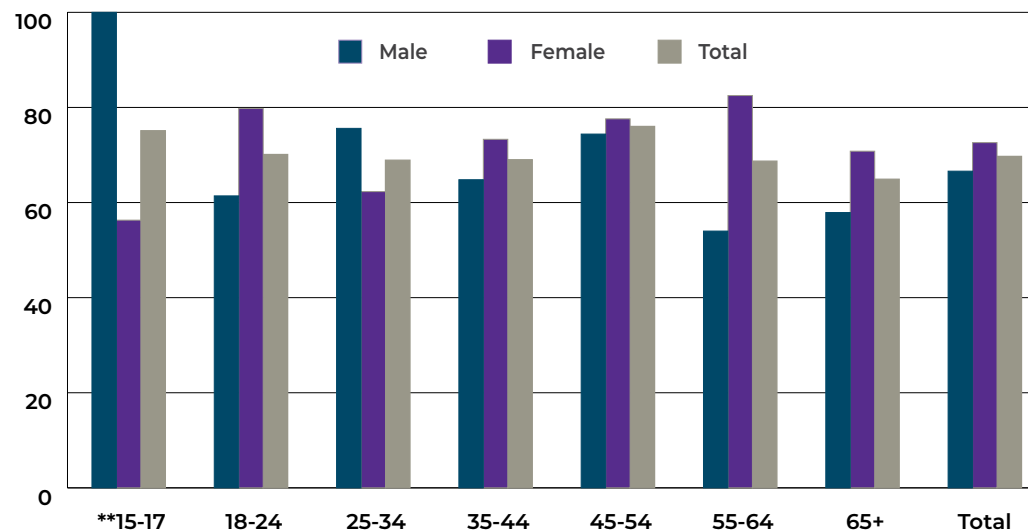
# 87.7%

participated once per week

% Canberrans 15 years and over

Participation three or more times per week indicated the sport and recreation sector's influence on participation rates.

### ACT total participation three or more times per week by age (2022)\*



\* AusPlay ACT data tables 31 October 2022.

\*\* Estimate has relative margin of error between 50% and 100% and should be used with caution.



## Strategic priority 4

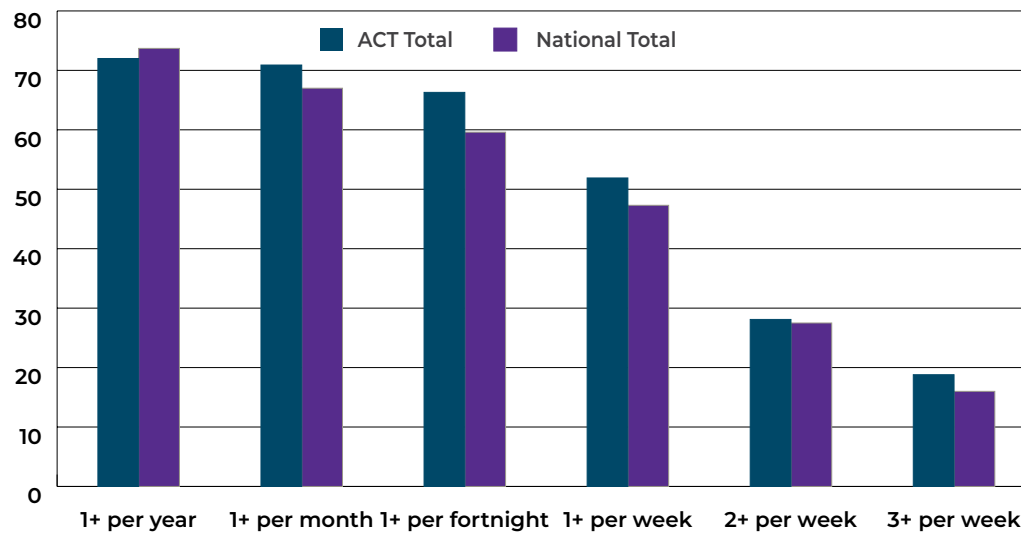
### Physical activity participation

## Participation and performance

### Children

For children's participation (0-14 years) AusPlay collects data via the child's parent/guardian, related to physical activity outside of the school environment.

#### Frequency of children's participation in the ACT compared to national (2022)\*



\* AusPlay ACT data tables 31 October 2022.

## Strategic priority 4

## Participation and performance

### Sportsground hiring hours

### Overall

# 87%

satisfaction with  
management of ACT  
Government sportsgrounds#

### Sportsground bookings per financial year

	2020–21	2021–22
<b>Total bookings</b>	43,580	30,112
<b>Hours booked</b>	139,500 hours	79,548 hours
<b>Total revenue</b>	\$931,087	\$2.014m
<b>Total expenditure</b>	\$22.243m	\$23.574m
<b>Total cost recovery as a %</b>	4.2%	8.5%

- ▶ In 2020–21 there was a period where sportsground booking fees were waived (in response to the pandemic). This saw an increase in ground bookings and a significant decrease in revenue.
- ▶ In 2021–22 there were no sportsground bookings taken during the nine week COVID-19 lockdown.

# Transport Canberra and City Services satisfaction survey (2021-22).





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