

2026 Sport and Active Recreation Infrastructure Survey

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

1. Why is the ACT Government renewing the Proposal Register?

An Infrastructure Survey was undertaken in 2023, resulting in the establishment of a Proposal Register to identify sport and active recreation infrastructure needs across the ACT.

After nearly three years since its release, renewal will ensure the Proposal Register remains current, reflects emerging priorities, and accurately captures the sector's infrastructure needs.

2. Who can participate in the 2026 Infrastructure Survey?

Eligible organisations for Stage 1 include:

- ACT affiliated clubs and organisations
- District community councils
- Licensed clubs

Eligible organisations for Stage 2 include:

- ACT sport and recreation peak bodies

Organisations that participated in the 2023 survey, as well as those that did not, are invited to participate.

3. Will our 2023 project submissions automatically be transferred into the new survey?

No. Organisations will be required to resubmit their projects through a new YourSay survey completed online. Existing submissions from the 2023 Infrastructure Register will not automatically carry over.

This approach ensures that all project information is current, accurate and reflects your organisation's latest priorities. It also provides an opportunity to:

- Remove projects that have been completed, funded or are no longer required.
- Update project details, estimated costs, and scope.
- Reprioritise projects based on current needs.
- Add new projects that have emerged since 2023.

To assist organisations, Sport and Recreation will make available the responses submitted to the 2023 survey. Organisations are encouraged to review their previous submissions before completing the 2026 survey.

If you require assistance accessing your organisation's previous submissions made on the smartygrants platform, please contact sportandrecreation@act.gov.au.

Visit [Smartygrants](https://smartygrants.act.gov.au) to log in and access 2023 online submissions.

4. Our organisation did not participate in the 2023 survey. Can we submit projects?

Yes. Eligible organisations that did not participate in the original survey are encouraged to submit projects for inclusion in the register.

5. How many projects can our organisation submit?

As with the 2023 process, organisations will be able to submit up to fifteen (15) priority projects.

6. As a club/ affiliated organisation, how do I participate in the survey?

Clubs and affiliated organisations can participate in **Stage 1** of the 2026 Sport and Recreation Infrastructure Survey.

To access the survey, please contact your relevant peak sport or recreation body, which will provide the survey link and password.

Eligible organisations may lodge one submission identifying up to 15 priority facility and infrastructure projects. When completing the survey, clubs and affiliated organisations must identify their peak body and confirm that the submission is the only response being made on behalf of the organisation.

7. As a peak body, do we need to consider the infrastructure priorities of our affiliated clubs /organisations when completing the survey?

Yes. While affiliated clubs and organisations may submit directly to the 2026 Sport and Recreation Infrastructure Survey, peak sport and recreation bodies are expected to represent the facility and infrastructure needs of their broader ACT membership in the final submission (Stage 2). Peak bodies should therefore consider the priorities identified by affiliated clubs and organisations when preparing their sport-specific submission.

Following the closure of Stage 1, peak bodies will be provided with a data package containing submissions received from their affiliated clubs and organisations. Peak bodies are expected to review this information and incorporate affiliate priorities into their final submission, applying a transparent and evidence-based prioritisation process where the number of identified projects exceeds the maximum number of priorities that can be submitted.

Peak bodies will also be responsible for communicating the final prioritised projects included in their submission to affiliated clubs and organisations.

The ACT Government recognises that individual clubs may have unique infrastructure needs. However, the purpose of this process is to identify and prioritise facility and infrastructure requirements at a Territory-wide level to inform future planning and investment decisions.

8. Does inclusion in the Proposal Register guarantee funding?

No. Inclusion in the Proposal Register does not guarantee funding or project delivery. The Proposal Register is used as a planning and prioritisation tool to help inform future infrastructure investment decisions.

9. What types of projects should be included?

Projects should relate to sport and active recreation infrastructure needs within the ACT. More detailed eligibility guidance and definitions will be included in the survey documentation.

Projects may include, but are not limited to:

- New sport and active recreation facilities.
- Redevelopment, expansion or upgrade of existing facilities.
- Playing fields, courts, tracks and associated infrastructure.
- Clubhouse, pavilion and amenity upgrades.
- Lighting, irrigation and field improvements.
- Accessibility and inclusion improvements.
- Multi-use and shared community infrastructure.
- Infrastructure that supports participation growth, competition pathways and community wellbeing.
- Infrastructure required to address capacity constraints, asset renewal or changing participation demands.

Projects may be at various stages of development, from early concepts through to projects with completed planning and design work.

10. What should we do if one of our projects has already been completed or funded?

Projects that have been completed, substantially delivered, or fully funded should not generally be resubmitted. Organisations will be encouraged to review these projects and update their submissions accordingly.

11. How will the information collected through the survey be used?

Information collected will support the establishment of a renewed Proposal Register, that will help the ACT Government:

- Understand current infrastructure needs
- Identify infrastructure priorities across the Territory
- Inform strategic planning and investment considerations
- Monitor changes in sector demand over time

Information collected through this survey will also be provided to a consultant engaged by the ACT Government to prepare the Independent Sport Report, which is being commissioned in response to an ACT Legislative Assembly motion seeking an independent review of sport infrastructure needs across the Territory.

12. Where can I view the projects submitted in 2023?

A list of all 267 projects included in the 2023 register is available on the Sport and Recreation website: [Sport and Active Recreation Infrastructure Survey - Sport and Recreation](#)

13. Where can I find information about projects that have progressed or received funding?

An overview of projects that have progressed, been delivered, or received funding is available in the Sport and Recreation Report Card (pages 12-13): [Report Card - Sport and Recreation](#)

14. What if the contact person for our organisation has changed?

Please contact the Sport and Recreation office as soon as possible to update your organisation's contact details and ensure future correspondence is sent to the appropriate representative.

15. Who can I contact if I have questions?

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