



SUPPORTING PLAN

# Sports Facilities Strategic Plan

June 2022



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### Safe & Strong

A proud inclusive community that unites, celebrates and cares

Safe & Strong documents are guided by the Social Inclusion Lead Strategy. Supporting Plans, Action Plans and Policies cover such themes as being a child friendly City, children's services, community safety and crime prevention, inclusiveness, community services, universal access, reconciliation, ageing, community harmony and youth.



### Clean & Green

A clean and sustainable city with healthy waterways and natural areas

Clean & Green documents are guided by the Environmental Sustainability Lead Strategy. Supporting Plans, Action Plans and Policies cover such themes as managing our catchments and waterways, natural resources, hazards and risks, emergency management, biodiversity and corporate sustainability.



### Prosperous & Innovative

A smart and evolving city with exciting opportunities for investment and creativity

Prosperous & Innovative documents are guided by the Prosperity and Innovation Lead Strategy. Supporting Plans, Action Plans and Policies cover such themes as revitalising our centres, employment, investment, being SMART and creative, and providing opportunities for cultural and economic growth.



### Moving & Integrated

An accessible city with great local destinations and many options to get there

Moving & Integrated documents are guided by the Transport Lead Strategy. Supporting Plans, Action Plans and Policies cover such themes as accessibility, pedestrian and cycling networks, pedestrian and road safety, transport hubs, and asset management.



### Healthy & Active

A motivated city that nurtures healthy minds and bodies

Healthy & Active documents are guided by the Health and Recreation Lead Strategy. Supporting Plans, Action Plans and Policies cover such themes as lifelong learning, active and healthy lifestyles, and providing quality sport and recreation infrastructure.



### Liveable & Distinctive

A well designed, attractive city which preserves the identity and character of local villages

Liveable & Distinctive documents are guided by the Liveable City Lead Strategy. Supporting Plans, Action Plans and Policies cover such themes as preserving the character and personality of centres, heritage, affordable housing, and well managed development.



### Leading & Engaged

A well-governed city with brave and future focused leaders who listen

Leading & Engaged documents are guided by Council's Lead Resourcing Strategies. Supporting Plans, Action Plans and Policies cover such themes as open government, managing assets, improving services, long term funding, operational excellence, monitoring performance, being a good employer, civic leadership, and engaging, educating and communicating with our community.

# Strategic Planning Framework Summary

The Strategic Planning Framework (SPF) maps out the role of all current and future Council strategies and plans that work to deliver the vision for the City. The framework works from the highest level of strategic direction from the Community Strategic Plan through to more detailed plans that will eventually drive works, projects and programs on the ground. The framework is comprised of the following levels:

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The **COMMUNITY STRATEGIC PLAN (CSP)** is our highest level plan and translates the community's desired outcomes for the city into key destinations. The CSP includes community suggested actions which can be tested in the development of all other plans.

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**1 LEAD STRATEGIES** are Council's response to the CSP and provide high level strategic direction on key challenges facing the City. They are informed by a sound evidence base that considers key trends and an understanding of the implications of key issues and opportunities on the City.

**2 SUPPORTING PLANS** break down broad theme areas discussed in LEAD STRATEGIES into smaller themes providing high level actions. SUPPORTING PLANS identify broad works projects and programs required to deliver on these actions. Supporting plans include indicative costing and resourcing requirements and delivery timeframes.

**3 DETAILED ACTION PLANS** take actions from SUPPORTING PLANS and identify specific works projects and programs required to deliver on these actions. Supporting plans include detailed costing and resourcing requirements and delivery timeframes.

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**4 GUIDELINES, POLICIES AND CODES** provide detailed information, rules for activities or guidance for specific works on Council or other lands.

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The City of Canterbury Bankstown acknowledges the traditional country of the Daruk (Darag, Dharug, Daruk, Dharuk) and the Eora People.

We recognise and respect their cultural heritage, beliefs and relationship with the land.

We acknowledge they are of continuing importance to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people living today.

# 01 Introduction

## Message from the Mayor

Welcome to the City of Canterbury Bankstown's Sports Facilities Strategic Plan. Here in Canterbury-Bankstown, we know the importance of being healthy and active. Whether it's having a hit at Sefton Golf Course, shooting basketball hoops at Morris Lemma Indoor Sports Centre, or participating in organised sports all year-round, we want to ensure you get the best possible experience when using our sports and recreation facilities.

Council provides many facilities and services to meet your needs. From clubhouses, amenities blocks, and playing surfaces, we know the importance of maintaining this infrastructure to the highest possible standard.

As a growing City, we also need to plan for changes to sports participation so we can meet both current and future needs. This Strategic Plan will guide our planning and execution of sporting infrastructure upgrades over the coming years and will provide a framework for sporting clubs and associations seeking to upgrade their facilities.

Council has conducted extensive research and stakeholder consultation, holding discussions with sporting clubs, associations, and bodies to inform this Strategic Plan. This plan is vital and will ensure the continued upgrade of Council facilities at an optimum level.

Yours sincerely



Clr Khal Asfour, Mayor





## 1.2 Purpose of the strategy

Our Community Strategic Plan, CBCity 2028, highlights the community's aspiration to be a City that is Healthy and Active, a motivated City that nurtures healthy minds and healthy bodies.

Local sports facilities and the City's network of open spaces provide a range of opportunities to support the community to participate in physical activity.

The Sports Facilities Strategic Plan (Plan) is the first strategic plan focused on the extensive range of local sporting facilities in Canterbury-Bankstown. It provides a framework to guide the provision, maintenance and upgrades of the city's grass roots sports facilities.

This Plan establishes a hierarchy of facilities for each sporting code and identifies the adequacy of existing sports facilities to meet current and projected future needs. It is based on an understanding of current and future community needs, other adopted strategies and Council's financial capacity and sustainability. The Plan provides opportunities for Council to work with all levels of Government, sporting associations and local clubs to create new facilities and redevelop existing sporting infrastructure.

Strategic actions for individual sports have also been identified, and these will help guide future works within Canterbury-Bankstown's forward capital works program, support grant funding applications and align with the future needs of sport infrastructure study currently under development by the New South Wales (NSW) Office of Sport.

## 1.3 Sport and recreational context

Council recognises the important role sport plays in the community and the benefit it provides. Understanding trends in society, and more specifically, people's recreational activities, has a direct and indirect impact on the way sport and recreation is managed and provided by Council.

Canterbury-Bankstown sporting clubs, community volunteers, not-for-profit organisations, schools and for-profit organisations are integral to the thriving sporting culture and play an important role in contributing to the community's health and wellbeing.

An extensive range of grass roots sport and recreational opportunities are provided in Canterbury-Bankstown and Council has a key role to play in this. While this role is primarily focused on infrastructure planning and provision, there is a secondary role in encouraging people to participate in sport by assisting local sporting associations and clubs and managing Council owned facilities to encourage participation. While such facilities are used by Canterbury-Bankstown's schools, sporting associations and clubs for formal competition, they are important for all residents and community groups who use them for informal play and physical activity.

It is important to Council that we continue to encourage, promote and facilitate sport and recreational opportunities within the community, including:

- Organised and informal sporting activities and games;
- Recreational, cultural, social and educational pastimes and activities; and
- Passive recreational activities.

# 02 Strategic Context

This Plan has been developed in consideration of various state and local level strategic plans and policies as summarised below.

**State and Regional Plans**



**Council Strategic Plans**



**Council Policies**





## 2.1 State and regional

### **NSW Office of Sport**

The NSW Office of Sport Strategic Plan 2020-2024 highlights their focus on ensuring broader community access to sporting facilities and infrastructure. Key outcomes of the Plan include increasing the number and quality of sporting facilities, whilst promoting accessibility, female participation and multipurpose use. To deliver on this, the Office of Sport is working in collaboration with the Greater Sydney Commission to develop the Greater Sydney District Sports Infrastructure Plan.

Council's Sports Facilities Strategic Plan aligns closely with these outcomes and will continue to work closely with the Office of Sport to support positive sporting infrastructure outcomes for our community.

### **Greater Sydney Commission's South District Plan**

The NSW Government has developed the Greater Sydney Commission's South District Plan which sets out the strategic framework for planning for the City of Canterbury Bankstown. The plan sets out a number of high-level directions which guide the delivery of active and social infrastructure.

## Greater Sydney Commission's South District Plan Actions

- **Action 5:** Consider the adaptability of infrastructure and its potential shared use when preparing infrastructure strategies and plans.
- **Action 6:** Maximise the utility of existing infrastructure assets, and consider strategies to influence behaviour changes, to reduce the demand for new infrastructure, including supporting the development of adaptive and flexible regulations to allow decentralised utilities.
- **Action 8:** Deliver social infrastructure that reflects the needs of the community now and in the future.
- **Action 9:** Optimise the use of available public land for social infrastructure.
- **Action 10:** Deliver healthy, safe and inclusive places for people of all ages and abilities that support active, resilient and socially connected communities.
- **Action 18:** Using a place-based and collaborative approach throughout planning, design, development and management, deliver great places by:
  - a. prioritising a people-friendly public realm and open space as a central organising design principle.
- **Action 71:** Maximise the use of existing open space and protect, enhance and expand public open space by:
  - a. providing opportunities to expand a network of diverse, accessible, high quality open spaces that respond to the needs and values of communities as populations grow.
  - c. requiring large urban renewal initiatives to demonstrate how the quantity of, or access to, high quality and diverse local open space is maintained or improved
  - d. planning new neighbourhoods with a sufficient quantity and quality of new open space.
  - e. delivering shared and co-located sports and recreational facilities including shared school grounds and repurposed golf courses.

## 2.2 Local context

### **CBCity 2028 (Community Strategic Plan)**

CBCity 2028 is a 10-year Community Strategic Plan which provides high-level goals for our future City. The goal of being 'Healthy and Active', aims for a motivated city that nurtures healthy minds and bodies by:

- Promoting accessible parks and open space catering to all ages and cultures;
- Promoting lifelong learning;
- Promoting healthy eating and active lifestyles.

To achieve this, Council and Government will work together to:

- Provide and maintain local sporting facilities and parks;
- Provide and promote sporting, healthy eating and active lifestyle programs; and
- Advocate for better schools, hospitals and sport and recreation services and facilities.

### **Connective City 2036 (Local Strategic Planning Statement)**

Connective City 2036 is the Local Strategic Planning Statement which provides the City with a comprehensive plan for land use and managing change. It aims to build on the City's attributes as one of the most diverse communities in Australia.

Evolution 5, the Green Web, is the key direction which relates to the future open spaces envisioned for Canterbury-Bankstown. It states our sporting facilities are to be *'Well located regional sport parks... where individuals or teams can progress from grassroots to regional representation across all major sports codes. We will also seek to enhance the*

*multifunctionality of these venues, providing flexibility and capacity to cater for non-sporting community events and celebrations.'*

Connective City 2036 envisions these precincts being used by multiple different groups at the one time for many different activities. However, it also acknowledges the difficulties in planning for open spaces. With limited opportunities to acquire new land, Connective City 2036 recommends maximising usage of existing spaces.

### **Other Council plans**

Consideration should also be given to the following Council strategies and plans when reading the Sports Facilities Strategic Plan.

- Generic Plan of Management for Community Land and Crown Land.
- Specific Plans of Management for community land not within the generic plan.
- Bankstown Open Space Strategic Plan.
- Canterbury Open Space Strategy.
- Playgrounds and Play Spaces Strategic Plan.
- Active Transport Action Plan.
- Leisure and Aquatics Strategic Plan.
- Adopted open space master plans and sporting precinct plans, including but not limited to: Belmore Sports Precinct, Ewen Park, Gough Whitlam and Waterworth Parks, Kelso Park North, and Parry Park.

### **Council Policies**

There are also a number of Council and Operational policies that support the provision, maintenance and management of sports facilities, including the Community Facilities Policy - and the Seasonal Allocation of Sporting Grounds Policy.





# 03 Community Needs and Trends

## 3.1 Community profile

The City of Canterbury Bankstown has an estimated residential population of 377,917, which represents a density of 34.26 persons per hectare. It is expected that the population could increase to over 463,000 by 2036 (forecast. id). The City of Canterbury Bankstown is likely to remain one of the largest council areas in Australia by population.

Canterbury-Bankstown is experiencing increasing medium and high-density housing growth, which will place pressure on our facilities including sporting fields and open spaces as they will be required to accommodate higher levels of community use.

## 3.2 Planning for the future population

Due to the rapidly increasing density of development and urban infill there is limited opportunity for expansion of current sports facilities. Creating new outdoor sporting facilities are often not feasible due to the high cost of purchasing and availability of new land.

Passive open spaces, although suitable for providing spaces for informal games and recreation activities, are not suitable for organised sports as they are designed to have their own unique function and role in our community.

In planning for the future population, it is also important to consider the trend towards year round participation in traditional sports along with the growth in modified competition formats and emerging sports.

Multi-purpose sports facilities are therefore a more sustainable option into the future as single-sport facilities have minimal opportunity for adapting to growth, and the changing needs and priorities of the community.

The increased utilisation of sporting fields will require greater cooperation between Council, the different sporting codes, and their associations to ensure equity in access to fields. Council will work with the various sporting associations, as the primary season hirer of local sports facilities, in managing facility usage and responding to the emerging needs of the local sporting community.

Overall there is a strong need to move towards improving the quality and capacity of existing spaces so that they can be used by more people, for longer hours and by multiple sports.

Council also recognises the importance that school grounds will have on the future of sport in the Local Government Area (LGA). Use of schools sports grounds for community sport activities are currently limited.

To accommodate a growing population, and an increased need for sporting field spaces, a key indicator in Connective City 2036, Council's Local Strategic Planning Statement, is to increase access to school grounds from 0 per cent to 25 per cent from 2019 to 2036. Council and the Department of Education will continue to explore future joint use agreements.

## 3.3 Stakeholder consultation

Consultation workshops and meetings with State Sporting Organisations and local associations took place during the development of this Strategic Plan. Surveys were also distributed to individual sporting clubs.

Key matters are identified in the individual Sports Code Plans and a general overview

of the common pressures on current sports facilities are noted below.

- There is increasing community expectation that sports facilities are appropriate for the needs of the community in terms of accessibility and quality.
- There is a need for new or additional storage, particularly in shared spaces.
- There is increased popularity of emerging alternative sports or short-form versions of traditional sports which are challenging traditional sports for available facilities.
- Increase in female participation adds to the demand for training and playing space and the need for female change rooms and improved amenities.
- Insufficient shaded areas and spectator areas.

### 3.4 Participation trends

Understanding trends in participation at all levels of competition is important in ensuring Council are appropriately considering current and future needs of all sports participants. A review of participation data provides a rigorous backing for the decision-making process when developing recommendations and priorities.

It also helps Council to understand the unique direction of sport within the Canterbury-Bankstown community.

#### 3.4.1 Canterbury-Bankstown trends

**A summary of Canterbury-Bankstown trends includes:**

- Participation rates across the LGA are increasing (for the majority of sports) when compared with state and national averages. This Strategic Plan has been written with extensive analysis of sports participation data. Based on these figures, opportunities for expansion have been considered for this plan; and
- Future viability of facilities for sports which are remaining steady/decreasing is considered, whilst still ensuring current demands are being met.

## CBCity Sport Participation Numbers 2015-2020

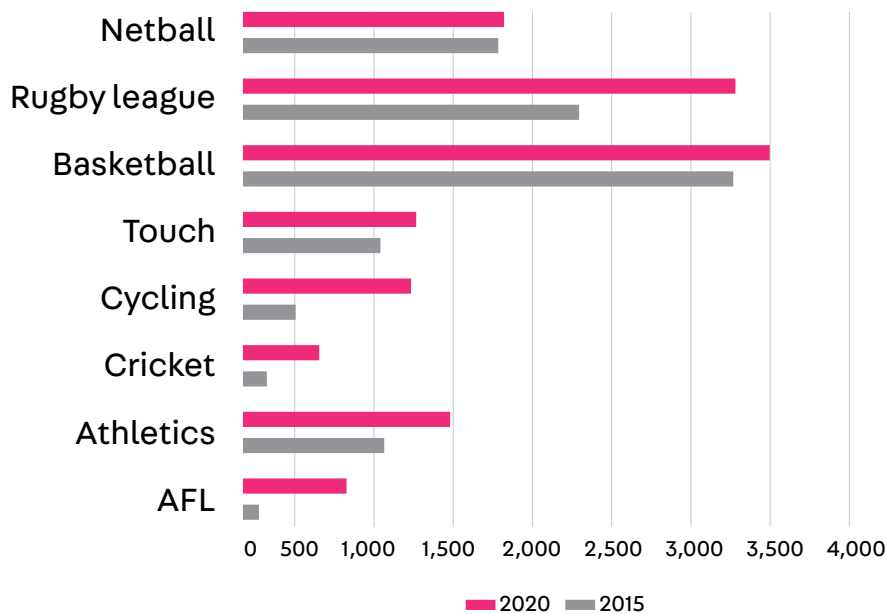


Figure 1 – CBCity Sport Participation Numbers

## CBCity Football (Soccer) Participation Numbers 2015-2020

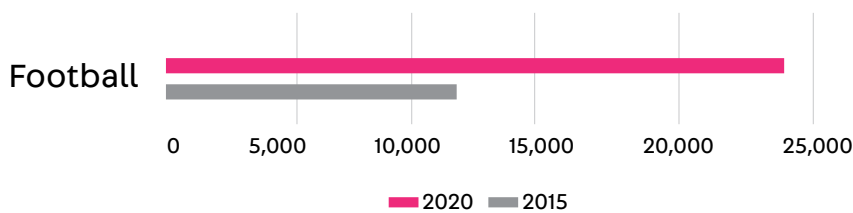


Figure 2 – CBCity Football Participation Numbers

- The City is increasingly diverse in terms of household composition and cultural background. This will likely influence sport preferences within the community.
- More demand for informal fields which can cause conflict with organised sports. It is important to provide facilities for all to enjoy to promote health and inclusion within the community. Council may need to consider more informal training spaces or encourage use of passive spaces for informal recreation uses.

### 3.4.2 State and national trends

An overview of state and national trends includes:

**NSW Adults**  
- Physical  
Activity/Sport  
minimum 3  
times per week

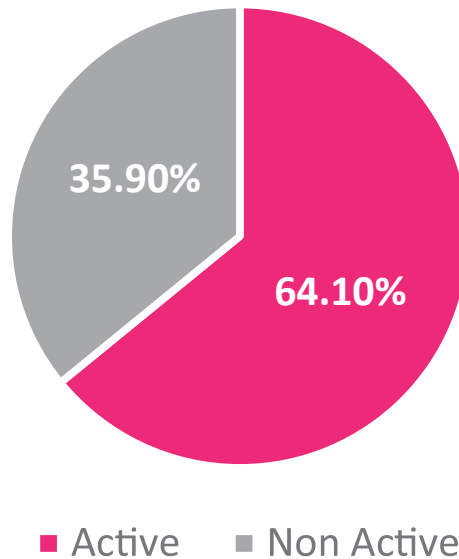


Figure 3 – NSW Adults – Active vs Non-Active

**NSW Children**  
- Physical  
Activity/Sport  
minimum 3  
times per week

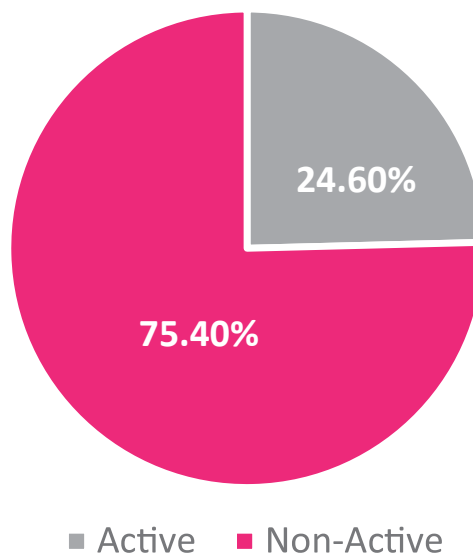


Figure 4 – NSW Children – Active vs Non-Active



- Women and girls 15 years and older are just as active (62.6%) as men and boys of the same age group (61.7%). However, in sports clubs women and girls are less active (17.7%) compared to men and boys (27.6%).

### NSW Women - % Population Active and Sport Involved

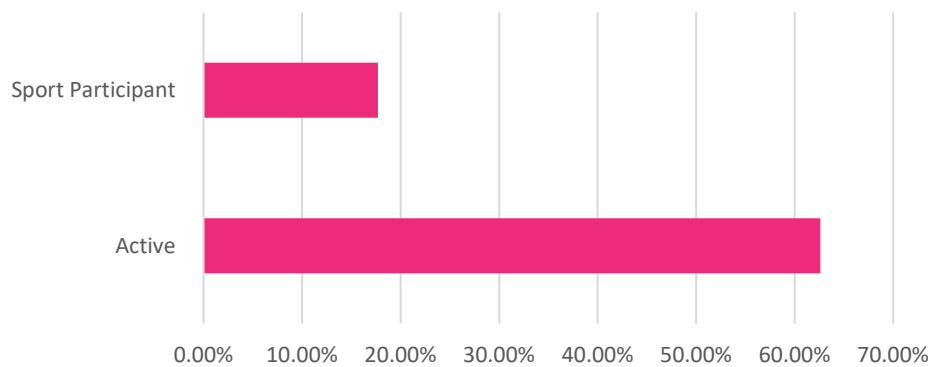


Figure 5 – NSW Women – Sport & Active Participants

### NSW Men - % Population Active and Sport Involved

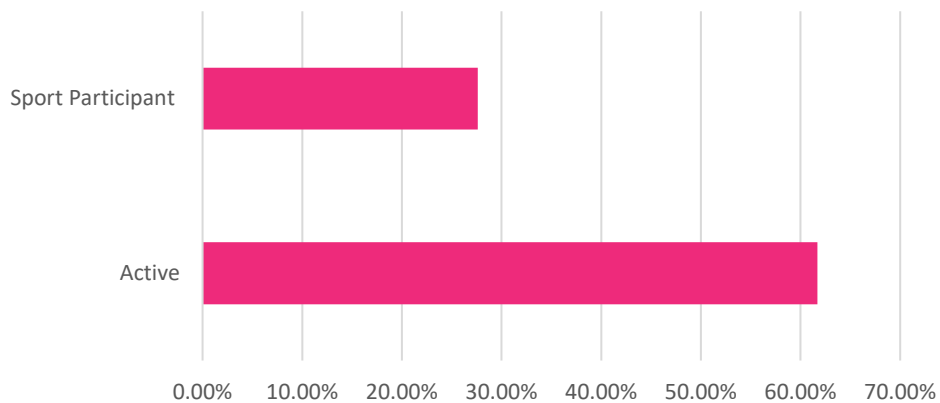


Figure 6 – NSW Men – Sport & Active Participants

- The participation rate for NSW girls 14 years and under (three times/week) is 23.5 per cent compared to 25.6 per cent for boys. (Above data: AusPlay 2019)
- Women with a disability, Indigenous women, women without employment and women who spoke a language other than English at home had significantly lower participation than the national average. (Data: AusPlay Focus Women and Girls Participation 2017)
- There is significant investment occurring in developing female competitions and a rapid increase in female participation is occurring across a broad spectrum of sports. This is particularly evident for sports such as cricket, rugby league, football (soccer) and AFL where professional competitions have come to prominence.

### 3.5 Industry trends

Industry trends in the sustainable development of sports facilities were reviewed to inform the development of strategic actions and priorities. Key industry trends which are currently driving the approach to sports facility planning, design and management are listed below.

- Multi-purpose and shared facilities.
- Collaborative approaches to funding and development.
- Implementation of Water Sensitive Urban Design practices.
- Climate change resilience and adaptation.
- Needs-based, inclusive and accessible designs.
- A rise in fast/small-sided forms of traditional sports.
- Increase in participation, particularly female participation in traditionally male dominated sports.
- Synthetic sporting surfaces.

Creating new sporting facilities and developing existing sites will address many of the community's needs. However, to ensure the sustainability of Canterbury-Bankstown's facilities, other strategies must be implemented. These include the management of sports facilities, working with sports clubs and associations to improve the current use of facilities, and identifying opportunities for greater cooperation and co-sharing between clubs.

# 04 Current supply, capacity and demand

## 4.1 Sports facility provision in Canterbury-Bankstown

Council owns and manages an extensive network of sports facilities, with the majority catering for grass roots sports, and some for elite level sport. These facilities provide different levels of service for varying uses, forms and functions. Typical infrastructure includes irrigated sports fields, hard courts and athletics tracks along with necessary ancillary infrastructure such as sports lighting, clubhouses, change rooms, storage areas and spectator seating.

In summary:

- 450 hectares of open space is dedicated towards sporting uses;
- 75 sporting complexes, incorporating over 122 sporting fields, some of which are home to up to eight individual sporting surfaces; and
- Approximately 200 active sports clubs utilise local sports facilities.

In most locations, sports facilities are multi-purpose and promote the shared use of facilities between a number of clubs and sporting codes,

particularly across the summer and winter sporting seasons. The design, configuration and location of these facilities ensure capacity and participation opportunities are maximised.

Canterbury-Bankstown is also home to three State sporting venues that provide an important pathway for local emerging athletes. These venues include:

- Bankstown Memorial Oval;
- Belmore Sportsground (incorporating Belmore Stadium and home of the Canterbury-Bankstown Bulldogs); and
- Dunc Gray Velodrome (cycling venue for the 2000 Olympics).

In addition to the Olympic Velodrome, the City of Canterbury Bankstown is the only council in NSW with a second velodrome, Canterbury Velodrome.

The following diagram demonstrates the volume of Council run sports facilities in Canterbury-Bankstown.



## 4.2 Council's role in providing sporting facilities

Council is just one of many contributors that support Canterbury-Bankstown's thriving sport environment. Sportsgrounds and supporting infrastructure form one of Council's most significant asset classes, enabling community participation in both formal and informal sporting activities and games. Its fundamental role is delivering, funding and managing sports facilities. From time to time, sporting clubs and associations may also make financial contributions to the upgrade of facilities. This will be on the basis that ownership remains with Council and that use continues to be shared with all users of the facility.

Council's key responsibilities include:

- Provision of sport and recreation facilities, particularly for grass roots sports;
- Management of sports grounds;
- Contract management, leasing and licensing of sports facilities;
- Sports club development and capacity building;
- Strategic planning to identify and meet sporting needs and trends;
- Promotion of physical activity opportunities and benefits; and
- Facilitation of equitable access.

It is important for Council to ensure equity and transparency in its relationships and support to all sporting clubs within the city. With a significant number of sporting codes across Canterbury-Bankstown, Council works with the Association for each code to understand the broader needs and priorities of the sport, including infrastructure upgrades. This includes identifying potential projects that may be suitable for grant funding.

As a community asset, sporting fields are typically hired to the overseeing associations on a seasonal basis, and then allocated to clubs accordingly. In line with the principles of this Plan, Council will work with the associations to ensure equal access to sports facilities across all clubs and ensure participation numbers are considered during the allocation period. Utilisation of sporting facilities needs to be carefully managed, as to not overload specific facilities, and to cater for the range of sporting codes in Canterbury-Bankstown.

While sports facilities are booked for organised sport activities, the majority of these are also available for broader community use outside these designated times. There are however a handful of sites where public access is managed for a variety of reasons, including the security of specialist infrastructure. Council will review these current arrangements around gated sporting facilities with a view to enabling broader community access where possible.

### 4.3 Asset and Financial Management

**For every \$100 collected by Council, expenditure is proposed to be distributed as follows.**

<b>\$4.69</b>	<b>\$7.70</b>	<b>\$3.38</b>
<b>Leisure and Aquatics</b>	<b>Parks &amp; Open Space</b>	<b>Sport &amp; Recreation</b>

As outlined, Council has an expansive portfolio of sport and recreation assets. The total value of our active areas (assets at sporting fields) is over \$56 million, with the replacement value of all buildings at Council sporting facilities estimated at over \$182 million.

The management of ageing assets, those in need of renewal and replacement, is a key issue facing local government, and Canterbury-Bankstown. Whilst this Plan considers future requirements and upgrade of sports facilities within the City, it is vital that the City's existing sports assets are maintained and replaced in accordance with our asset management planning.

It is estimated that Council spends \$11 million annually on maintaining sports facilities, such as turf maintenance. In addition, Council also invests significantly in upgrading sports facilities through its annual capital works program. Total expenditure on renewing and upgrading sports facilities, including playing surfaces and amenities buildings, since 2017 is in excess of \$28 million.

Council's Financial Management Strategy addresses the long-term financial sustainability challenges including the need to adequately fund the maintenance and renewal of infrastructure and manage liabilities for future expenditure.

It is important to note that infrastructure is funded through a variety of mechanisms, including but not limited to, general revenue, development contributions, grants and other contributions. The broad range of services that Councils provide however, in conjunction with limited resources and availability of external funding means Council cannot deliver all of the desired sports infrastructure immediately, particularly for new facilities.

Council's focus therefore continues to be on asset replacement. This Plan will help identify priority projects to progressively renew and upgrade existing sports facilities through Council's Capital Works Program.

Council will engage in ongoing partnerships and collaboration with a range of stakeholders to pursue funding opportunities to ensure that optimal and sustainable sports outcomes are achieved, while also being mindful of the longer term asset management and maintenance costs.

If sports clubs or associations make capital contributions to the upgrade of facilities, this will be on the basis that ownership remains with Council and that use continues to be shared with all users of the facility.

#### 4.4 Non-Council facilities

While Council provides facilities for residents, we also acknowledge that in many cases sports are played across local government boundaries. It is expected that facilities are used by residents of other areas and that local residents will utilise facilities provided by adjoining councils. This is particularly the case for state and regional – City wide facilities which have a wider reach or provide access to more unique sporting activities.

Neighbouring council facilities which are easily accessible and within close proximity to Canterbury-Bankstown have been mapped in the relevant Sports Code Plans.

School grounds also provide sporting spaces for the community. While these grounds may not often be used for weekend competitions they are often used for training and school competitions on school days. Co-sharing of facilities may be a future opportunity that could be explored to increase the number of grounds where there is a gap in provision or where participation is exceeding the capacity of existing facilities.

Private facilities also contribute to the overall provision of sporting facilities within Canterbury-Bankstown. While Council cannot control how many facilities are provided or where, it is acknowledged that they play an important role in providing active recreation facilities for our residents, particularly in the form of indoor sporting centres.



# 05 Guiding our Sporting Future

## 5.1 Vision

Provide a range of diverse sports facilities that positively contribute towards Canterbury-Bankstown's vibrancy and sense of place whilst promoting an active and healthy community.

## 5.2 Principles

The following six principles guide the provision, development and management of sports facilities within the City of Canterbury Bankstown.

These principles directly support the Healthy and Active, Safe and Strong; and Clean and Green goals outlined in CBCity 2028.

The six principles are:

### 1. **Create accessible, sustainable and connected sports facilities.**

- Ensure facilities are progressively upgraded to meet Australian standards for accessibility.
- Upgrade facilities that are past the end of their useful life.
- Provide sporting facilities that are well located and integrated with existing and future public and active transport hubs and services.
- Apply environmental sustainability measures to facilities and open spaces through sustainable design and practices including sustainable water reuse and solar lighting.
- Optimise public access to parks and sportsgrounds through facilitation of active transport.

### 2. **Provide safe and clean facilities.**

- Ensure sports facilities and open spaces are attractive to visit, well managed and maintained and have adequate amenities that encourage users to stay.
- Utilise Crime Prevention through Environmental Design Principles (CPTED) to guide the planning and design of sporting facilities.

### 3. **Promote equal opportunities to participate and spectate for people of all ages, abilities and backgrounds.**

- Provide inclusive sports facilities by applying universal design principles when planning, designing and delivering new or upgraded sports facilities.
- Adapt sporting infrastructure to facilitate and support the increase in women's participation (e.g. include female compliant change rooms).
- Support community health and wellbeing through sporting participation, with an equitable access to improved facilities for players and spectators.

### 4. **Ensure a collaborative approach to sports facilities planning and development with community and sports associations.**

- Maximise the potential of community sports facilities through non-exclusive, collaborative lease arrangements between sports while considering the needs of all users.
- Support partnerships with private facilities to provide access to sporting venues for the community. Consider alternative funding and delivery methods.
- Investigate alternative locations and collaborative arrangements for training facilities at schools and indoor multi-purpose facilities.

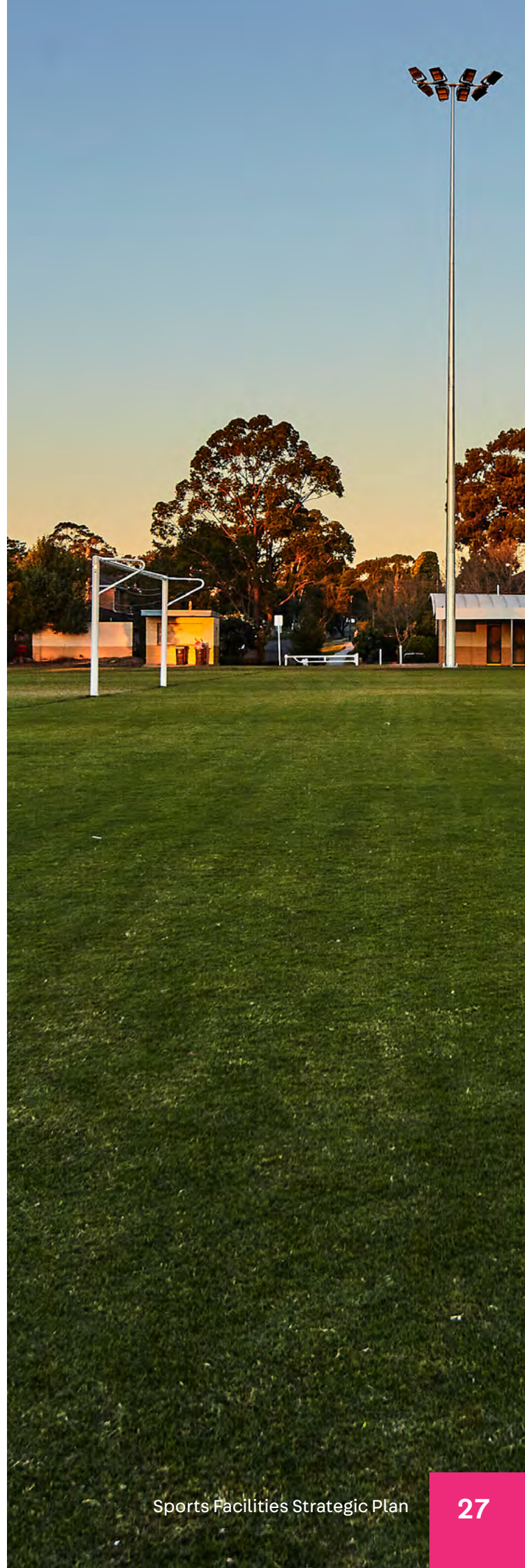
## 5. Prioritise an improvement in the grass roots sporting experience for local level community sport.

- Deliver sports facilities and programs to support the local grass roots sporting experience and encourage athlete pathways.
- Work with the Association for each sporting code and State Sporting Organisations to understand the broader needs and priorities of grass roots sports.
- Support local Associations to enable good governance, sustainable operations and equitable access to grass roots sporting opportunities.

## 6. Ensure functional, multi-purpose and adaptable facilities.

- Ensure the design of open space is conducive to facilitating the required sporting activities with appropriate equipment, storage and infrastructure while meeting the current service level hierarchy.
- Ensure sporting facilities are resilient and multi-purpose to ensure they are adaptive to intergenerational needs and enable longer sporting seasons with less recovery time, while utilising new SMART technologies to increase capacity.
- Ensure facilities meet Australian sports code standards.

*Note: Council cannot meet all of the prescribed standards of facilities outlined in individual codes facility guideline documents and will refer to Australian Standards and the design guidelines in this strategy.*





### 5.3 Hierarchies

Hierarchies are typically used within Council's Open Space Strategies and Plans of Management to reflect the different roles served by the diversity of open space in the City and identify the level of infrastructure provision of each.

Similarly, a hierarchy system has been applied to guide the level of infrastructure to adequately support the level of sport accommodated at sporting facilities across the City. It should be noted that there is no 'one size fits all' approach for standard levels of sporting infrastructure. These hierarchies therefore determine the function the facility plays and will typically consider the level of use and proximity to other facilities.

The provision standards of all facilities will be determined by their hierarchy. A facility should not exceed the provisions of its hierarchy level to ensure that there is equitable and achievable service provision across the City.

It should be noted that some facilities may have multiple hierarchies' dependant on the sporting code. In this case, facilities which are utilised by multiple codes will be upgraded to the higher hierarchy level. Where a sport facility upgrade is for a particular code, the relevant hierarchy for that sport will determine the upgrade.



### Neighbourhood

- Junior to senior level competition, local schools and casual bookings
- General distribution across the city, particularly in areas with high provision
- Limited restriction on use other than when in use by dedicated sport
- Funded by Council and grants - medium priority (safety and accessibility standards remain a high priority)

### District

- Junior to premier grade competition, schools and occasional regional competition
- Distribution of facilities across LGA, some facilities are elevated to a district level when there are gaps in provision or very high participation numbers
- Public access restricted when facility is in use by dedicated sport
- Funded by Council and grants - high priority

### Regional - City Wide

- Regional level competition
- Generally only one or two facilities in LGA
- Public access may be partially restricted
- Funded by State Government and Council - highest priority

### State

- Elite level state competition
- No more than one facility in LGA or no facilities if located outside of the LGA
- Public access generally restricted
- Funded primarily by State Government

## 5.4 Sports facility hierarchy standards

The following standards provide a best practice reference for the design of future sports facilities and informs what sporting upgrades may be allowed at existing facilities based on their hierarchy.

The standards have been developed referencing national sports facility standards, industry benchmarks and an understanding of the current Canterbury-Bankstown sports facilities and strategies.

These guidelines are not a minimum required standard, nor do they entitle a specific facility to the eligible upgrade. Rather, they identify what is permissible at the hierarchy level. Provision is dependent on the individual site, condition assessment, feasibility and works programing.



Sports Facilities Hierarchy Standards	Regional – City Wide	District	Neighbourhood
<b>Sports Infrastructure</b>			
Asphalt surface – netball courts	Yes	Yes	No
Basketball / Indoor courts – 4 or more	Yes	Yes	No
Basketball / Indoor courts – less than 4	No	Yes	Yes
Cricket practice nets – 2 or more	Yes	Yes	No
Electronic scoreboards (fixed)	Yes	No	No
Netball courts – 16 or more	Yes	No	No
Sports lighting – match play level	Yes	Yes	Yes
Sports lighting – training level (minimum required standard)	No	No	Yes
Synthetic surface – fields	Yes	No	No
Tennis courts – 8 or more	Yes	No	No
Turf surface – high quality	Yes	Yes	No
Turf surface – standard quality	No	No	Yes
<b>Spectators and officials infrastructure</b>			
Bus set down and pick up area	Yes	No	No
Canteen	Yes	Yes	Yes
Canteen / kitchen (with industrial kitchen facilities)	Yes	No	No
Change room – including toilets, showers and coaching space	Yes	Yes	No
Change rooms – with toilets only	No	Yes	Yes
Club room	Yes	Yes	No
Covered area off amenities (weather protection)	Yes	Yes	No
Emergency vehicle access	Yes	Yes	Yes
First aid	Yes	Yes	Yes
Gym	Yes	No	No
Office	Yes	No	No
Official's room	Yes	Yes	No
Off-road parking	Yes	Yes	No
Seating – shaded spectator (use of trees)	Yes	Yes	Yes
Seating – sheltered (players and coaches)	Yes	No	No
Seating – sheltered (spectators)	Yes	No	No
Seating – tiered (spectator)	Yes	Yes	No
Storage (for multiple codes)	Yes	Yes	No
<b>Operations</b>			
Long term lease or licence and seasonal licences	As per Community Facilities Policy and Seasonal Allocation of Sporting Grounds Policy		
<b>Parkland setting</b>			
Paths, connections, picnic shelters, landscaping, and other parkland amenity	See relevant Plan of Management		
Playgrounds	See Playgrounds and Play Spaces Strategic Plan		

Table 1 – Sports Facilities Hierarchy Standards

# 06 Future directions

## 6.1 City Wide

Over the life of this Plan, the sporting needs of the Canterbury-Bankstown community will continue to evolve as the population, individual sports, sports clubs, facility standards and community expectations change.

To ensure Council's sports facilities meet the needs of users in terms of functionality, safety and sustainability, the following considerations will assist in setting the strategic direction of the City's sporting facilities projects into the future.

Where possible, ensure facilities meet Australian sports code standards.
Where possible, ensure facilities meet the standards of the service level hierarchy.
Improve lighting to sports facilities to help activate the space in the evenings (where appropriate).
Improve access with installation of shared paths (cycle/pedestrian), including connection to existing shared path networks.
Review current arrangements around gated sporting facilities, where public access is managed, with a view to enabling broader community access where possible.
Review drainage and irrigation management plans.
Support partnerships with private facilities to provide access to sporting venues for the community. Consider alternative funding and delivery methods.
Investigate alternative locations and collaborative arrangements for training facilities at schools and indoor multi-purpose facilities where possible.
Investigate utilisation of new SMART technologies to increase the capacity of existing sport facilities.
Investigate solar lighting for environmental sustainability.
Continue to incorporate sustainable water reuse in open space design where feasible.
Utilise Crime Prevention through Environmental Design Principles (CPTED) to guide the planning and design of sporting facilities.
Complete periodical review of the Asset Management Strategy to identify amenities and facilities which require immediate action to mitigate high risk safety and compliance concerns.

## 6.2 Electronic scoreboards

The installation of electronic scoreboards at sportsgrounds is not part of Council's asset plans and require Council approval prior to installation. Where approved, the cost is to be funded entirely by the relevant club or association. This includes the ongoing maintenance, services and any required renewals. Any requests for electronic scoreboards require the support of the relevant sporting association and will be assessed against the principles of this Plan and site conditions.

Proposals to install a scoreboard must have planning approvals by Council and the installation will be managed by Council to ensure it complies with relevant guidelines. This includes strictly no advertising on any part of the scoreboard. Council will also have the final determination on the type and location of the scoreboard. If scoreboards deteriorate, become dangerous or are deemed inappropriate, they will be removed.

Given a large number of Council sporting grounds are multi-purpose facilities, there may be occasions where scoreboards need to be suitable for more than one sport. This will be addressed on a case by case basis, and shared users of the site are encouraged to jointly fund these scoreboard projects.

## 6.3 Building signage

Signage at clubhouse and amenities buildings is a commonly requested feature by Sports clubs. This is not part of Council's asset plans and will require approval before any signage can be installed.

Signage must comply with the Local Government Act 1993, and Council's adopted Plans of Management. This prevents any business advertisements being displayed, with only the display of club logos and/or names permissible. Works are to be entirely

funded by the club or association and will be removed at Council discretion should it no longer be deemed appropriate.

## 6.4 Synthetic sporting surfaces

Synthetic sporting surfaces have become increasingly popular with improvements to the quality, playability and the high level of use they provide. There has been a strong push for synthetic sporting surfaces from an industry and association level within many sports, particularly football.

The high durability of the surface results in benefits such as longer hours of use and wet weather use. Traditional maintenance is replaced by weekly surface cleaning and grooming.

Synthetic surfaces are an expensive investment with high initial and end of life costs. These costs can be offset to some degree with proper design and management which can allow for the surfaces to be hired to different user groups for club competition, small sided games or for casual bookings and training. Environmental impacts such as water permeability and urban heat impacts also have to be considered. After consideration of all factors, Council has determined four suitable locations for synthetic sporting fields for use by football across the City. Two surfaces will be provided for primary hiring by the two local football associations which cover the City, Bankstown District Amateur Football Association and Canterbury District Soccer Football Association. Another two fields will be available for use by the two National Premier League (NPL) teams which have home grounds within the City. Only regional-city wide hierarchy facilities meet the design guidelines requirements for a synthetic sporting field.

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# AFL Sports Code Plan

## Purpose

This Sports Code Plan (The Plan) provides a strategic approach to planning, design and delivery of upgraded and redeveloped AFL facilities in Canterbury-Bankstown. It includes priority recommendations for ensuring sufficient opportunities for participation are available to all; primarily for the competition level facilities (regional – city wide and district), while acknowledging the role neighbourhood facilities play in providing venues for training and recreational participation for the Canterbury-Bankstown community.

Australian Football League (AFL) has been identified as a primary sport. The opportunities and recommendations outlined in the Plan encourages a collaborative approach between the various sporting organisations, stakeholders, and Council. The Plan:

- Aligns with code-wide strategic priorities at regional, state and national levels, where appropriate;
- Identifies the key issues facing AFL in Canterbury-Bankstown both in the current situation, and future needs; and
- Provides recommendations and priority actions based on a rigorous process of evaluation to ensure current and future needs are met.

## Strategic alignment

AFL Australia developed its purpose statement in 2018 to help articulate their unique contribution, help guide decision making and inspire their people (AFL Annual Report 2018). AFL outline the core themes of the purpose statement as:

- Progress – improving, evolving and ensuring the long-term relevance of our game;
- Everyone – creating an inclusive game that everyone can access and enjoy;
- Heritage – the aspects of our game both past and present that we value and want to nurture and protect for future generations; and
- Possibilities – pushing the boundaries to create more magic moments within our game at all levels.

The AFL Commission has also provided clear direction for focus on six key areas:

- 18 strong AFL clubs;
- A spectacular game, at all levels of the game;
- Secure the revenues of our game and continue to invest in our game;
- Secure community football;
- Grow their fan base; and
- Attract and retain the most talented people to work in the football industry

The following AFL trends and initiatives have been considered in the development of this Sports Code Plan:

- Creating an inclusive game that everyone can access and enjoy;
- Secure community football; and
- The growth in women and juniors competition is increasing the demand on access to facilities.

# Current situation

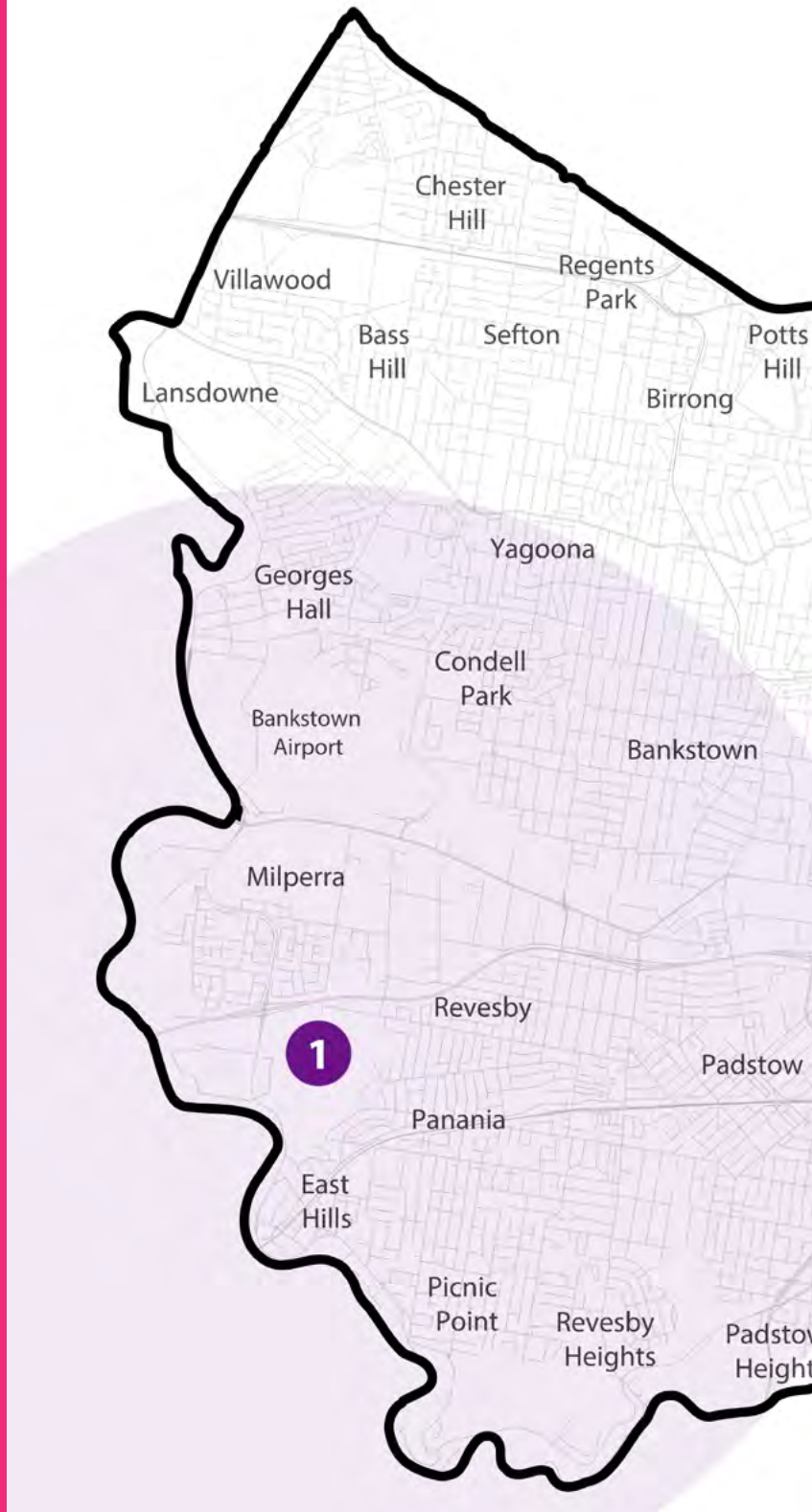
## Facility distribution

Figure 7 indicates the location of AFL facilities in Canterbury-Bankstown and their associated hierarchies.

The existing facilities are located in the west and east of the City. Recommendations are provided for how best to improve access to quality facilities in the strategic actions table.

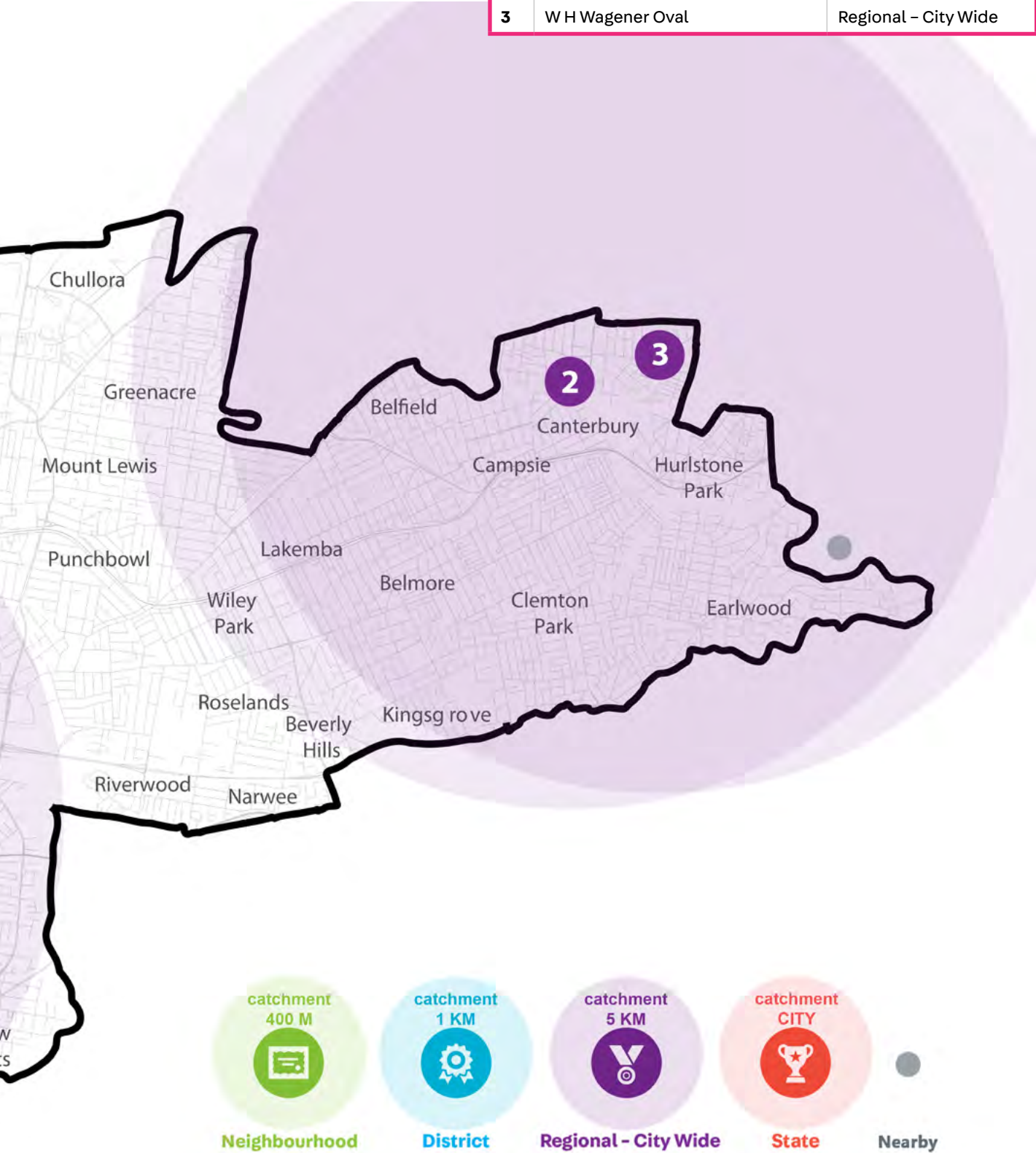
AFL facilities	
Facilities	3
Field provision	3
State	0
Regional - City Wide	3
District	0
Neighbourhood	0
Club participation	665
Participants per field	156
Teams per field (18)	8.6
Provision demand	<b>Low</b>   Medium   High
Provision distribution	Excellent   Good   <b>Fair</b>

Figure 7 – Distribution and catchment of AFL facilities in Canterbury-Bankstown



## AFL facilities and hierarchy

#	Facility name	Sport hierarchy
1	Kelso Park North	Regional – City Wide
2	Picken Oval	Regional – City Wide
3	W H Wagener Oval	Regional – City Wide



## Current participation and trends

AFL is generally increasing in participation rates across Canterbury-Bankstown and for children in NSW. More widely across Australia and for adults in NSW the participation rates have increased. Women's participation has seen the largest increase with a rise in participation in NSW and across Australia.

Consultation and review of strategic documents found the following trends:

- Significant increase in female participation in Western Sydney, NSW and across Australia.
- Increased commercialisation of the sport in Australia is leading to greater community awareness and additional funding opportunities.
- NSW AFL is targeting increased participation in AusKick and junior competition through school programs.

## Asset condition assessment findings

Asset condition assessments have made the following observations:

- There are three regionally recognised AFL facilities within Canterbury-Bankstown:
  - Kelso Park North is a regional – city wide facility in the western area of Canterbury-Bankstown. The facility is located within a large sporting precinct and shares facilities with multiple sports.
  - Picken Oval is located in the east of the City and is supported by Magpies Sports Club facilities which are located adjacent to the field.
  - W H Wagener Oval is located within close proximity to Picken Oval in the eastern area of Canterbury-Bankstown. The facility has recently had works to improve the playing surface and lighting and a new amenities building has been constructed.

## Facility guidelines

AFL Australia have developed facility guidelines for all levels of competition. The following document should be referenced during the design and planning of AFL facilities within Canterbury-Bankstown:

- AFL Preferred Facility Guidelines (2019)

**Council cannot meet all of the prescribed standards of facilities outlined in the above facility guideline documents. Safety, accessibility and functionality are key standards which will be the priority of Council and its facilities.**

## Strategic position

Council aims to improve the quality and access to AFL facilities to meet the requirements of all users. Part of this involves managing and designing facilities to ensure that the costs to maintain them are manageable for Council and equitable across all codes.

There are many challenges that will come with this as there is a need to manage the pressures being placed on facilities as a result of the increase in population and limited opportunity to expand current facilities. Council will need to consider the flexibility of sporting spaces and consider changes towards multi-use facilities to allow for maximum manageable use of all facilities.

While there are only three AFL facilities in Canterbury-Bankstown, the number of players per field is still well within a sustainable range. There is no current demand for additional facilities. Future participation in AFL may mean the existing facilities need to work harder to accommodate increased usage beyond the life of this Plan. Council will also need to consider the current operating model of existing facilities to allow for broader community access and continued shared use.

## Strategic Actions

The following actions have been identified based on the analysis of AFL trends, distribution and needs. Their implementation will be subject to the availability of funding, asset condition assessment, and broader city wide priorities.

Recommendations	
<p><b>1.1</b> Implement the <b>Kelso Park North</b> Master Plan which will provide:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- New amenities building for multiple users;</li> <li>- Additional carparking;</li> <li>- Improve access and internal site movements; and</li> <li>- Electronic scoreboard.</li> </ul>	High
<p><b>1.2</b> Prepare a Precinct Plan for Croydon Park Recreation Precinct including <b>Croydon Park netball courts, Picken Oval</b> and <b>Croydon Park</b>, to investigate improvements to amenities, parking and internal site access.</p>	Low





# Athletics Sports Code Plan

## Purpose

This Sports Code Plan (The Plan) provides a strategic approach to planning, design and delivery of upgraded and redeveloped athletics facilities in Canterbury-Bankstown. It includes priority recommendations for ensuring sufficient opportunities for participation are available to all; primarily for the competition level facilities (regional – city wide and district), while acknowledging the role neighbourhood facilities play in providing venues for training and recreational participation for the Canterbury-Bankstown community.

Athletics has been identified as a primary (high participation) sport. The opportunities and recommendations outlined in the Plan encourages a collaborative approach between the various sporting organisations, stakeholders and Council. The Plan:

- Aligns with code-wide strategic priorities at regional, state and national levels, where appropriate;
- Identifies the key issues facing athletics in Canterbury-Bankstown both in the current situation, and future needs; and
- Provides recommendations and priority actions based on a rigorous process of evaluation to ensure current and future needs are met.

## Strategic alignment

The **Reframing the Future – Athletics in New South Wales (OneSport) Strategic Plan** was developed to direct the sport from 2017 to 2020. It seeks to lead and support the development, delivery and review of athletics pathways, programs and events.

The three strategic priorities include:

- More people in NSW participating in athletics – people of all ages, backgrounds and abilities participating;
- Enabling our people – growth and development of NSW Athletics staff, coaches, officials and volunteer administrator; and
- Leading the way – work collaboratively and innovatively to build an industry leading sports community in NSW.

The following trends and initiatives from the Athletics Strategic Plan have been considered in the development of this Sports Code Plan:

- Support growth in the number of athletics participants; and
- Inclusion of all-abilities participants and participants of all ages.

# Current situation

## Facility distribution

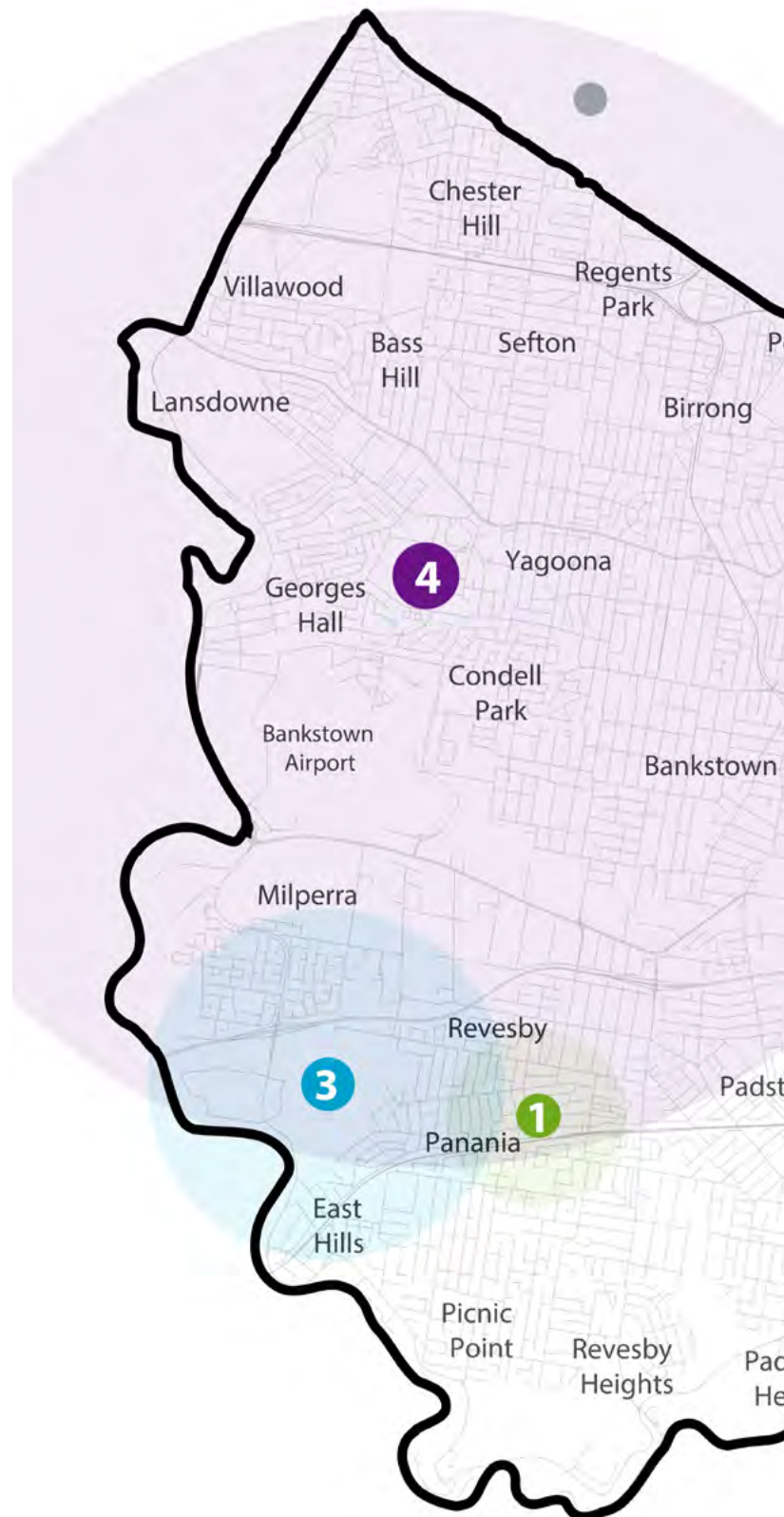
Figure 8 indicates the location of athletics facilities in Canterbury-Bankstown and their associated hierarchies.

Provision demand is at a low level as facilities are not being booked to capacity. The facilities are relatively well distributed across the area.

Recommendations are provided for how best to improve access to quality facilities in the strategic actions table.

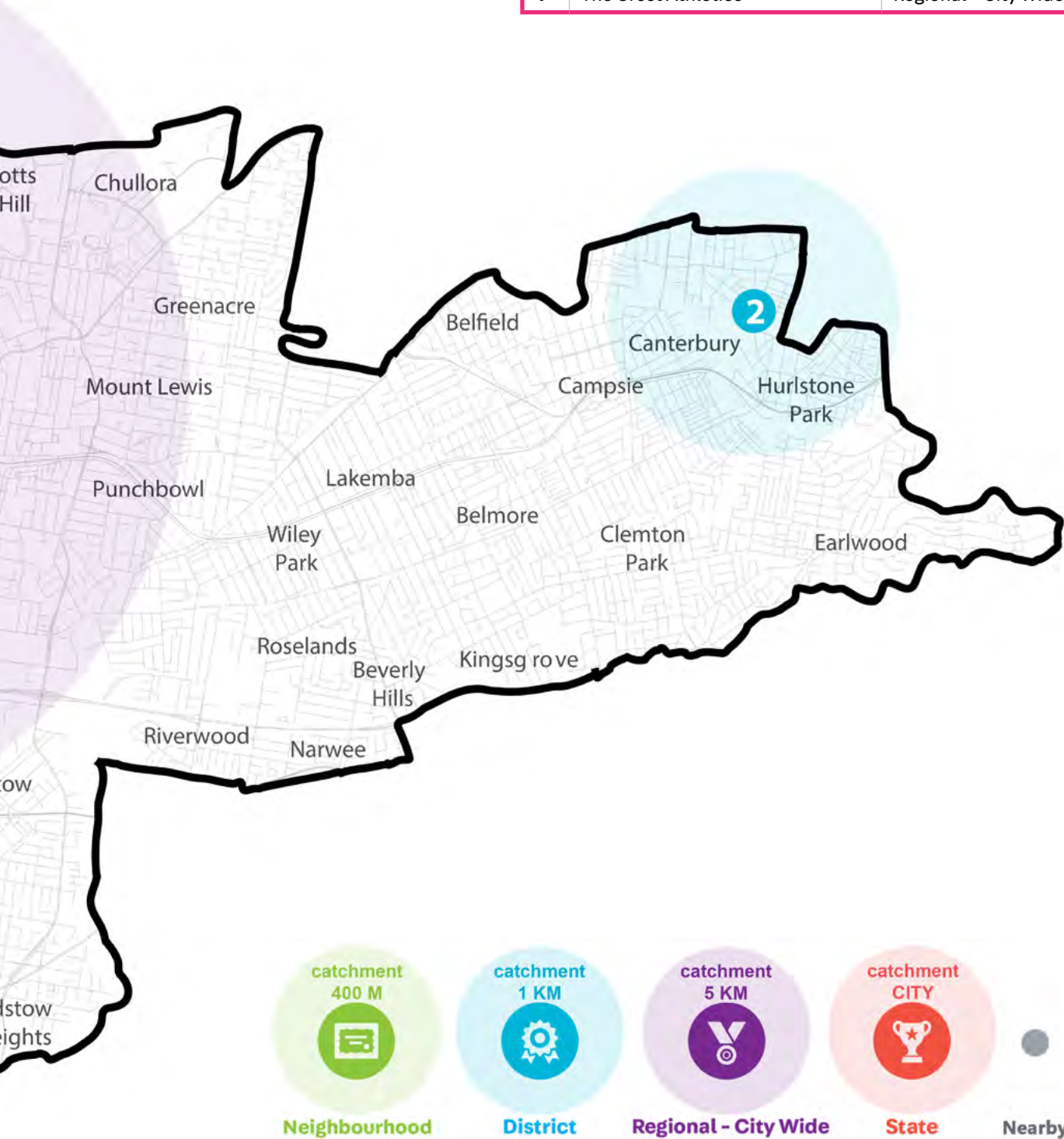
Athletics facilities	
Facilities	4
Field provision	5
State	0
Regional - City Wide	1
District	2
Neighbourhood	1
Club participation	2,596
Participants per facility	362
Teams per facility	n/a
Provision demand	Low   Medium   High
Provision distribution	Excellent   Good   Fair

Figure 8 - Distribution and catchment of athletics facilities in Canterbury-Bankstown



## Athletics facilities and hierarchy

#	Facility name	Sport hierarchy
1	Amour Park	Neighbourhood
2	Canterbury Park – Campbell Oval	District
3	Kelso Park North	District
4	The Crest Athletics	Regional – City Wide



## Current participation and trends

Participation in athletics in Canterbury-Bankstown has generally increased over the years, with significant spikes in seasons following Olympic Games.

Consultation and review of strategic documents found the following trends in athletics:

- Athletics is generally increasing in participation rates across Canterbury-Bankstown with this trend expected to remain steady.
- National Athletics participation has increased steadily over the last several years.
- Australia and for adults in NSW the participation rates have remained steady.
- Currently athletics is relatively balanced when it comes to male and female participation.

## Asset condition assessment findings

Asset condition assessments have made the following observations:

- The Crest Athletics is a regional – city wide facility which primarily services the western City. The facility has insufficient pedestrian connections between supporting amenities and adjacent open space.
- There are two district athletics facilities within Canterbury-Bankstown:
  - Campbell Oval (within Canterbury Park) is a district facility which primarily services the eastern City. The facility requires enhancements including improvements to its pedestrian and vehicle access.
  - The existing facility located at Western Sydney University in Milperra is being decommissioned and a new district athletics facility will be built at Kelso Park North.
- Amour Park is a neighbourhood facility used as an overflow location and normally contains track line markings only.

## Facility guidelines

The overarching Athletics associations (Athletics Australia and Athletics NSW) have developed a number of strategic documents in regard to track and field regulations and guidelines. The following documents should be referenced during the design and planning of athletics facilities within Canterbury-Bankstown:

- Track and Field Facilities Manual, IAAF – World Athletics (2019); and
- Marking a 400 metre track, Athletics Australia.

**Council cannot meet all of the prescribed standards of facilities outlined in the above facility guideline documents. Safety, accessibility and functionality are key standards which will be the priority of Council and its facilities.**

## Strategic position

Council aims to improve the quality and access to athletics facilities to meet the requirements of all users. Part of this involves managing and designing facilities to ensure that the costs to maintain them are manageable for Council and equitable across all codes.

There are many challenges that will come with this as there is a need to manage the pressures being placed on facilities as a result of the increase in population and limited opportunity to expand current facilities. Council will need to consider the flexibility of sporting spaces and consider changes towards multi-use facilities.

Athletics is an important local sport, with the existing range of facilities catering for a variety of users from local schools to regional Athletics carnivals. Booking trends and players per facility ratios indicate that the current number of facilities are meeting the needs of users. The network of facilities also provides a sufficient level of infrastructure to encourage athlete pathways and development.

The current spread of Athletics facilities across the City provides for easy access to a number of facilities for all participants. Neighbourhood level grounds, such as Amour Park, are currently being marked up for school carnivals when the remaining higher-level facilities are at capacity. Should the need for additional facilities arise, particularly in the central area of the City, Council will consider shared use of other sporting facilities given that large oval shaped fields are capable of being marked for athletics.

## Strategic Actions

The following actions have been identified based on the analysis of athletics trends, distribution and needs. Their implementation will be subject to the availability of funding, asset condition assessment, and broader city wide priorities.

Recommendations	Priority
<b>2.1</b> Implement the <b>Kelso Park North</b> Master Plan which will create a new athletics facility and associated amenities and parking.	High
<b>2.2</b> Prepare a Plan for the <b>Canterbury Park Precinct</b> which considers individual sports, amenities, pedestrian circulation and the site as a whole.	Medium
<b>2.3</b> Prepare a Precinct Plan for the <b>Crest Sporting Precinct</b> .	Medium





# Baseball Sports Code Plan

## Purpose

This Sports Code Plan (The Plan) provides a strategic approach to planning, design and delivery of upgraded and redeveloped baseball facilities in Canterbury-Bankstown. It includes priority recommendations for ensuring sufficient opportunities for participation are available to all; primarily for competition level facilities (regional – city wide and district), while acknowledging the role neighbourhood facilities play in providing venues for training and recreational participation for the Canterbury-Bankstown community.

Baseball has been identified as a primary (regionally significant) sport. The opportunities and recommendations outlined in the Plan encourages a collaborative approach between the various sporting organisations, stakeholders and Council. The Plan:

- Aligns with code-wide strategic priorities at regional, state and national levels, where appropriate;
- Identifies the key issues facing baseball in Canterbury-Bankstown both in the current situation, and future needs; and
- Provides recommendations and priority actions based on a rigorous process of evaluation to ensure current and future needs are met.

## Strategic alignment

The Baseball Australia Strategic Plan outlines its aspirations, purpose and measures for its four levels (Aussie T-Ball, Little League, Australian Baseball League and Team Australia).

### Aussie T-Ball:

- Aspiration: Grow baseball through a quality junior program.
- Purpose: Increase in participation.
- Measures: Participation numbers, conversion to club, integration to ABL.

### Little League:

- Aspiration: Australian sport's leading community-based competition.
- Purpose: Growth and retention.
- Measures: Growth in Little League players and charters.

### Australian Baseball League:

- Aspirations: Broadcast Asia-Pacific League
- Purpose: Exposure and brand.
- Measures: Attendance, viewership and commercial returns.

### Team Australia:

- Aspiration: Top Five World Ranking
- Purpose: Team success and athlete development.
- Measures: Team Australia ranking, increased quality of Australian players.

The following baseball trends and initiatives have been considered in the development of this Sports Code Plan:

- Growth in participation at a grass-roots level.

# Current situation

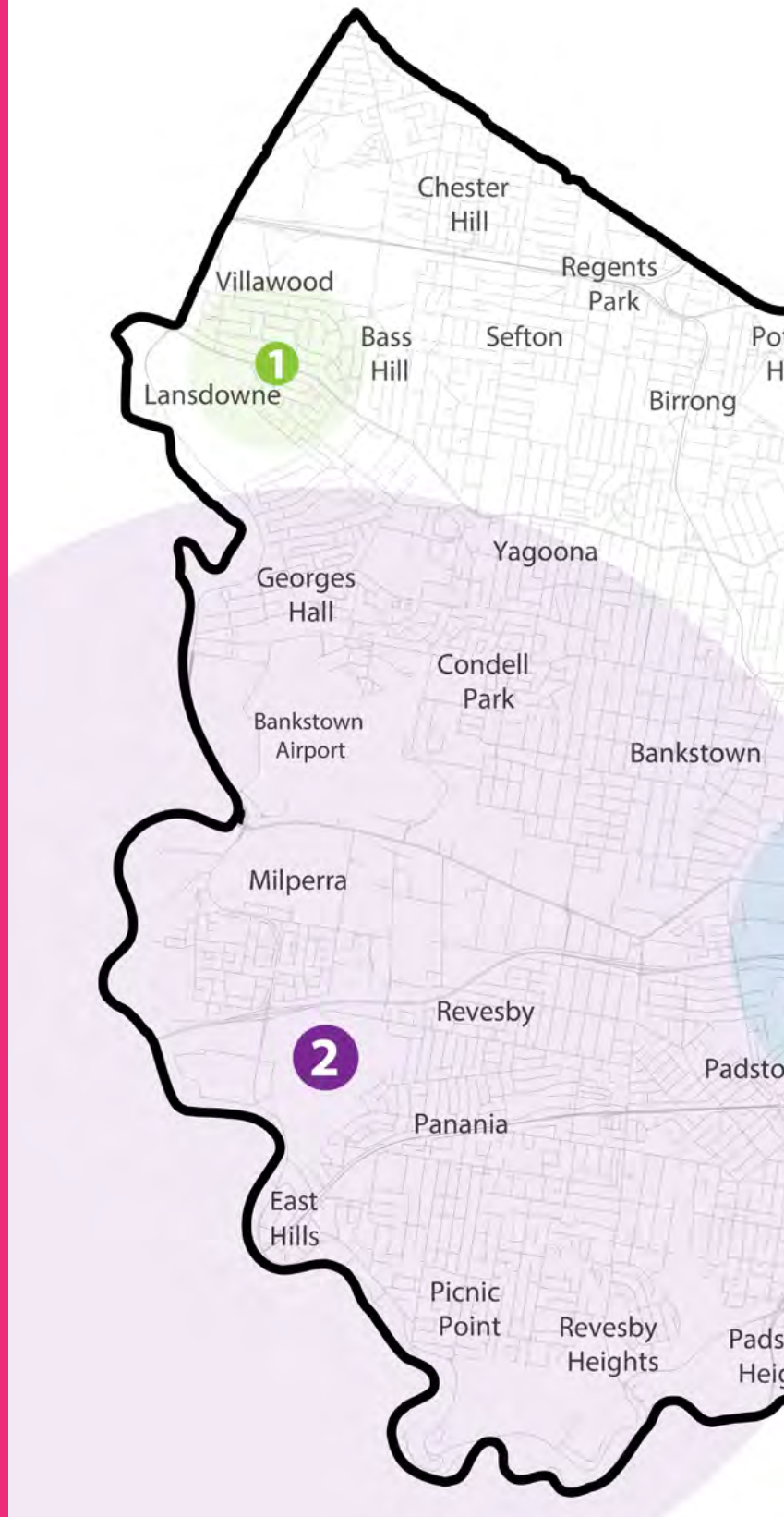
## Facility distribution

Figure 9 indicates the location of baseball facilities in Canterbury Bankstown and their associated hierarchies.

Recommendations are provided for how best to improve access to quality facilities in the strategic actions table.

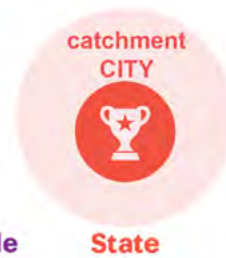
Baseball facilities	
Facilities	3
Field provision	10
State	0
Regional - City Wide	1
District	1
Neighbourhood	1
Club participation	319
Participants per field	31.9
Teams per field (15)	2.1
Provision demand	Low   Medium   High
Provision distribution	Excellent   Good   Fair

Figure 9 – Distribution and catchment of baseball facilities in Canterbury-Bankstown



## Baseball facilities and hierarchy

#	Facility name	Sport hierarchy
1	Boggabilla Reserve	Neighbourhood
2	Kelso Park North - Baseball	Regional – City Wide
3	McLaughlin Oval	District



## Current participation and trends

The following trends are emerging in baseball in Canterbury-Bankstown, NSW and more broadly across the sport nationally.

- Baseball has a steady participation rate in Canterbury-Bankstown.
- Baseball Australia has added two new teams to the elite competition. This has increased opportunity for growth, support and development of the elite level competition.
- It remains a predominately male dominant sport.
- It has experienced an increasing participation rate over the last ten years for children and adults in Australia.

## Asset condition assessment findings

Asset condition assessments have made the following observations.

- There is one regionally recognised baseball facility within Canterbury-Bankstown at Kelso Park North. The facility is located within a larger sporting precinct and shares amenities with multiple codes.
- There is one district baseball facility at McLaughlin Oval which is located in the Central South area of Canterbury-Bankstown. One of the fields at McLaughlin Oval requires remediation.
- Boggabilla Reserve is a neighbourhood facility which is maintained to a good standard.

## Facility guidelines

Baseball Australia provide facility guidelines for competition. The following document should be referenced during the design and planning of baseball facilities within Canterbury-Bankstown:

- Official Australian Baseball Rules 7th Edition (2014)

**Council cannot meet all of the prescribed standards of facilities outlined in the above facility guideline documents. Safety, accessibility and functionality are key standards which will be the priority of Council and its facilities.**

## Strategic position

Council aims to improve the quality and access to baseball facilities to meet the requirements of all users. Part of this involves managing and designing facilities to ensure that the costs to maintain them are manageable for Council and equitable across all codes.

There are many challenges that will come with this as there is a need to manage the pressures being placed on facilities as a result of the increase in population and limited opportunity to expand current facilities. Council will need to consider the flexibility of sporting spaces and consider changes towards multi-use facilities.

Existing participation in baseball covers many areas of our City with participation numbers within a sustainable range. Based on these trends, the expansion of facilities is not required at this time. The greater challenge for Council is the physical location of these facilities, with three local clubs playing in three different associations. Given the competing demands for a similar level of investment at existing sites, this current arrangement is not sustainable long term. Beyond the life of this Plan, there may be a need to consider provision in the east of the City if trends show there is a high demand over coming years. This could be resolved by reviewing capacity for multi-use between codes.

## Strategic Actions

The following actions have been identified based on the analysis of baseball trends, distribution and needs. Their implementation will be subject to the availability of funding, asset condition assessment, and broader city wide priorities.

Recommendations	Priority
<p><b>3.1</b> Implement the <b>Kelso Park North</b> Master Plan which will provide:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- New amenities building for multiple users;</li> <li>- Additional carparking; and</li> <li>- Improve access and internal site movements.</li> </ul>	High
<p><b>3.2</b> When possible, allow baseball users to utilise the smaller diamonds at <b>Kelso Park North</b> for junior games to increase overall participation, capacity and club collaboration.</p>	High
<p><b>3.3</b> Upgrade facilities at <b>McLaughlin Oval</b> to improve capacity.</p>	Medium





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# Basketball Sports Code Plan

## Purpose

This Sports Code Plan (The Plan) provides a strategic approach to planning, design and delivery of upgraded and redeveloped basketball facilities in Canterbury-Bankstown. It includes priority recommendations for ensuring sufficient opportunities for participation are available to all; primarily for the competition level facilities (regional – city wide and district), while acknowledging the role neighbourhood facilities play in providing venues for training and recreational participation for the Canterbury-Bankstown community.

Basketball has been identified as a primary (high participation) sport. The opportunities and recommendations outlined in the Plan encourages a collaborative approach between the various sporting organisations, stakeholders and Council. The Plan:

- Aligns with code-wide strategic priorities at regional, state and national levels, where appropriate;
- Identifies the key issues facing Basketball in Canterbury-Bankstown both in the current situation, and future needs; and
- Provides recommendations and priority actions based on a rigorous process of evaluation to ensure current and future needs are met.

## Strategic alignment

The Basketball New South Wales Strategic Plan's mission is to unify the sport and lead in the growth, promotion and participation of basketball within NSW. The focus is to provide pathways for players that are gender equal, community based and accessible by players of all different levels and abilities. The Basketball NSW Strategic Plan (2016 – 2020) focuses on the seven strategic pillars which include:

- Leadership;
- Culture and inclusion;
- Elite pathways;
- Competition;
- Awareness;
- Participation; and
- Facilities

The following trends and initiatives from the Basketball NSW Strategic Plan have been considered in the development of this Sports Code Plan:

- Female participation is 38 per cent across the country and metropolitan NSW.
- There is focus on developing opportunities for all abilities.
- There is strategic support and resources available to clubs and organisations to engage with members and governments, driving the growth of hub facilities.

# Current situation

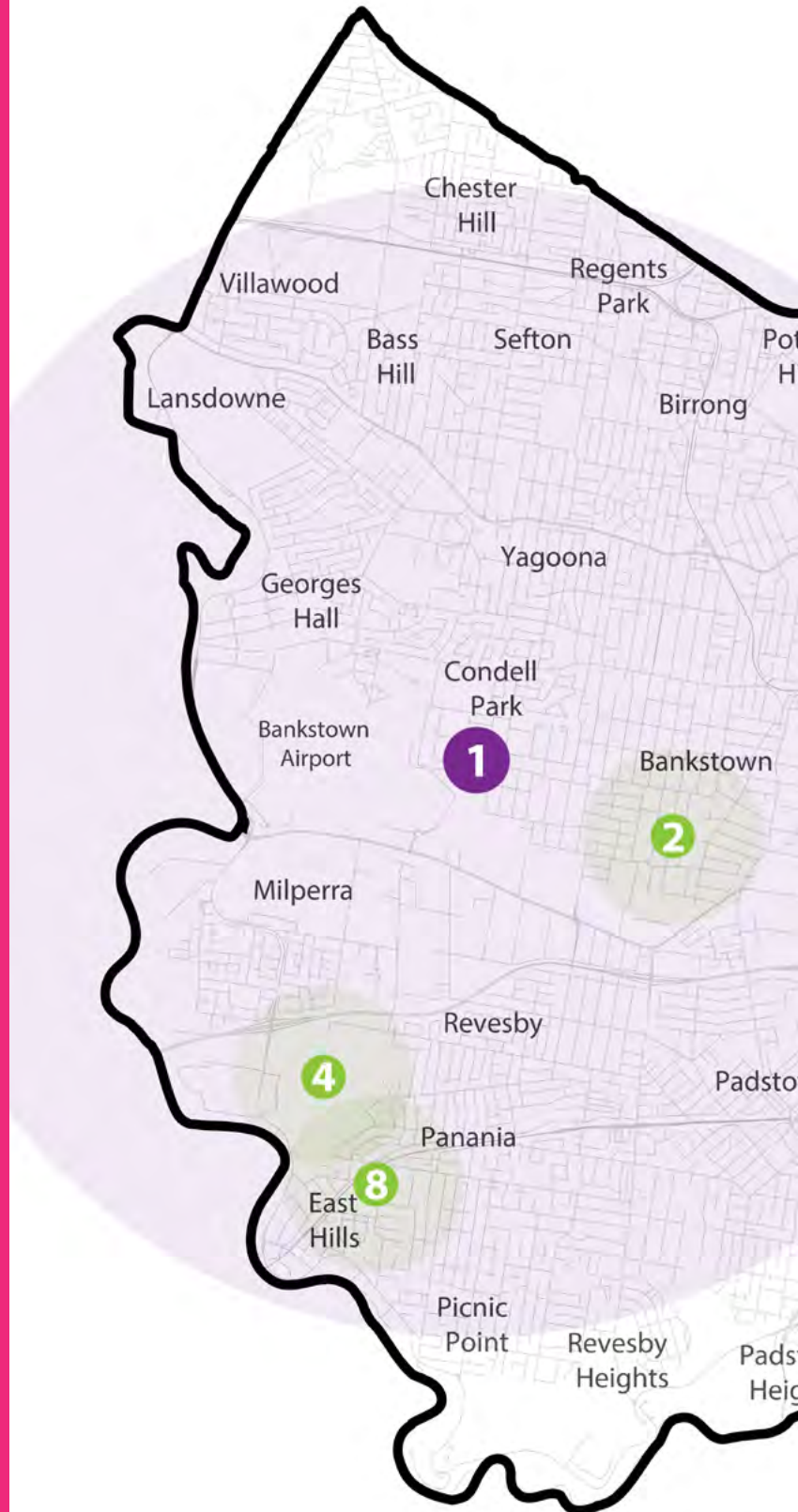
## Facility distribution

Figure 10 indicates the location of Basketball facilities in Canterbury-Bankstown and their associated hierarchies.

Recommendations are provided for how to best improve access to quality facilities in the strategic actions table.

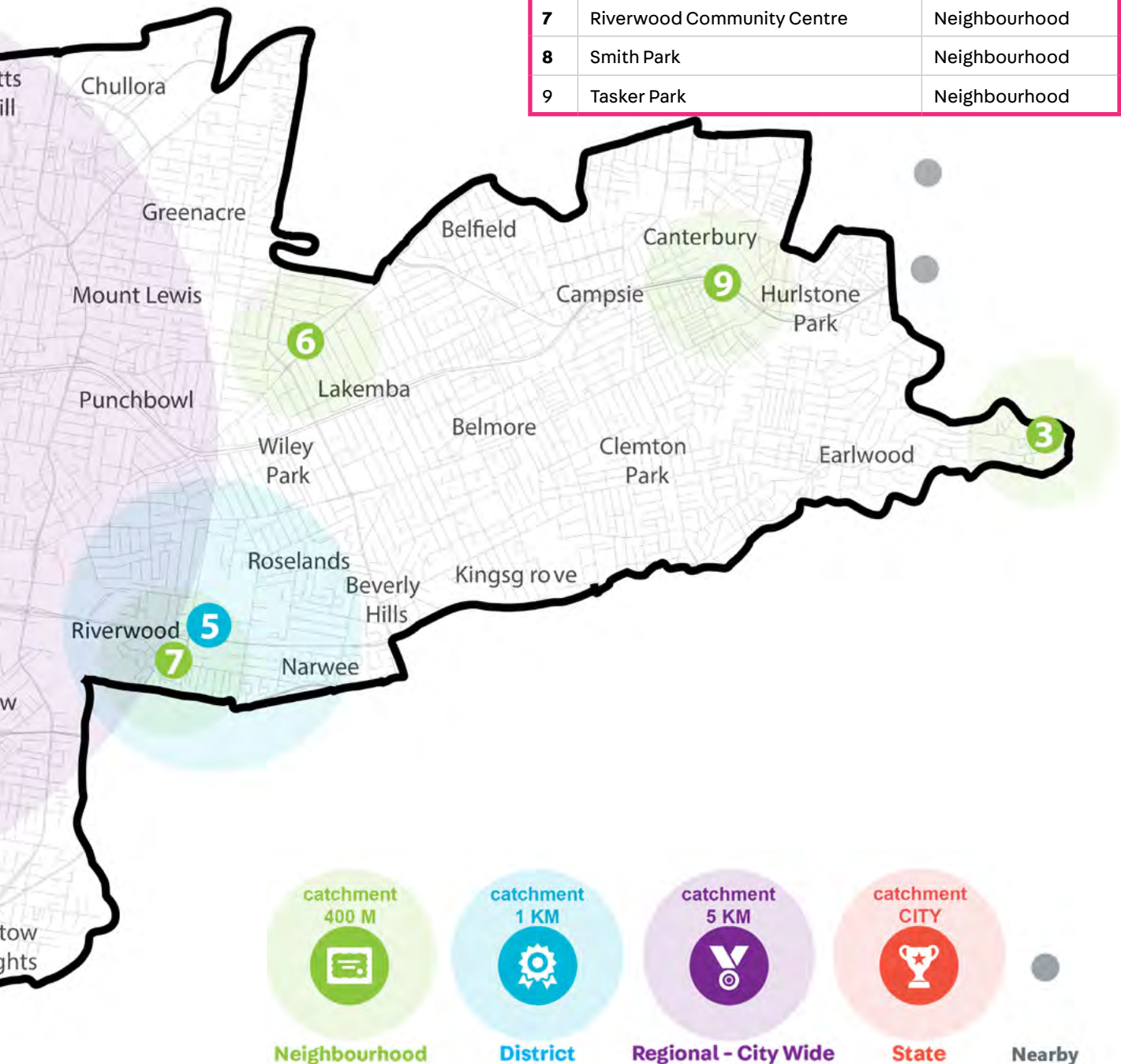
Basketball facilities	
Facilities	9
Court provision	63
State	0
Regional - City Wide	1
District	1
Neighbourhood	7
Club participation	7564
Participants per court	105.3
Teams per court (12)	8.7
Provision demand	Low   <b>Medium</b>   High
Provision distribution	Excellent   <b>Good</b>   Fair

Figure 10 – Distribution and catchment of basketball facilities in Canterbury-Bankstown



## Basketball facilities and hierarchy

#	Facility name	Sport hierarchy
1	Bankstown Basketball Stadium	Regional – City Wide
2	Bankstown City Sports Complex	Neighbourhood
3	Gough Whitlam Park	Neighbourhood
4	Marco Reserve	Neighbourhood
5	Morris Iemma Indoor Sports Centre	District
6	Australian National Sports Club	Neighbourhood
7	Riverwood Community Centre	Neighbourhood
8	Smith Park	Neighbourhood
9	Tasker Park	Neighbourhood



## Current participation and trends

Basketball is increasing in participation in Canterbury-Bankstown and across NSW and Australia for both children and adults. The junior competition at Bankstown Basketball Association has seen the most significant growth of all the local level competitions and programs since 2014 with a 112 per cent increase. The basic skills program has also grown with a 37 per cent increase since 2014. Primary School competition has reduced by 17 per cent.

Consultation and review of strategic documents found the following trends.

- Increasing popularity of three sided games.
- Need for increased indoor sports facilities capacity due to the increased patronage and utilisation of indoor facilities by multiple sports across varied time-frame. This is leading to a clash in scheduling and sense of ownership over the facilities.
- Structured basketball competitions tend to be facilitated in indoor multicourt venues where the playing surface, scoreboard facilities and number of courts support viable competitions.
- Regional and high level competition courts require additional spectator seating.

## Asset condition assessment findings

Asset condition assessments have made the following observations.

- Bankstown Basketball Stadium is a regional – city wide facility which is the only purpose built basketball centre within Canterbury-Bankstown. The stadium hosts regional competitions and events, as well as other indoor sports. The stadium is now at capacity and is not meeting the increased participation demand of the community.
- Morris Iemma Indoor Sports Centre is a 4 court multi-use district facility which holds indoor basketball competitions. The centre hosts a diverse range of indoor sports competitions and services for the community. The facility is currently in above average condition and is meeting all required provision benchmarks, however with limited remaining capacity.

- There are seven neighbourhood level basketball courts across the city, which are primarily recreational in function and include:
  - The Australian National Sports Club in Parry Park is a neighbourhood facility that runs indoor basketball competitions and other indoor sports.
  - Gough Whitlam Park and Tasker Park are basketball courts located within broader sports precincts.
  - Bankstown City Sports Complex, Marco Reserve and Smith Park are multi-purpose courts providing training and recreational space for both basketball and netball.
  - Riverwood Community Centre contains an indoor basketball court.
  - Half courts have not been considered in this code plan as they are considered local provision and are identified within the Playgrounds and Play Spaces Strategic Plan.

## Facility guidelines

The overarching basketball associations (FIBA, NBL, Basketball Australia and Basketball NSW) have developed a number of strategic documents providing playing surface regulations and guidelines as well as safety in design for basketball facilities and supporting amenities. The following documents should be referenced during the design and planning of basketball facilities in Canterbury-Bankstown.

- Sports Dimensions Guide for Playing Areas, Western Australian Department of Sport and Recreation (2016).
- Community Sporting Facility Lighting Guide, Victorian Department of Planning and Community Development (2012).
- FIBA Guide to Basketball Facilities, International Basketball Federation (2009).
- Guidelines for Safe installation of Basketball Rings, Basketball Australia (2009).
- Community Sporting Facility Lighting Guide, Victorian Department of Planning and Community Development (2012).

**Council cannot meet all of the prescribed standards of facilities outlined in the above facility guideline documents. Safety, accessibility and functionality are key standards which will be the priority of Council and its facilities.**



## Strategic position

Council aims to improve the quality and access to basketball facilities to meet the requirements of all users. Part of this involves managing and designing facilities to ensure that the costs to maintain them are manageable for Council and equitable across all codes.

There are many challenges that will come with this as there is a need to manage the pressures being placed on facilities as a result of the increase in population and limited opportunity to expand current facilities. Council will need to consider the flexibility of sporting spaces and consider changes towards multi-use facilities to allow for maximum manageable use of all facilities.

The City is experiencing a growth in basketball participation levels, both in organised competition and casual use. Based on these trends, there is a need for additional basketball courts, and in particular indoor sporting facilities. Council will continue to investigate opportunities to address the gap in provision. Where new facilities are being investigated, facilities need to be multipurpose. Partnerships with existing sporting associations and local schools should be considered to help assure future provision in all areas, particularly those lacking courts.

## Strategic Actions

The following actions have been identified based on the analysis of basketball trends, distribution and needs. Their implementation will be subject to the availability of funding, asset condition assessment, and broader city wide priorities.

Recommendations	Priority
<b>4.1</b> Expand services and amenities at <b>Bankstown Basketball Stadium</b> to meet standards required of the level competition (Regional / State finals) and maximise potential for multi-purpose capacity including expanding the number of courts.	High
<b>4.2</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Prepare a Precinct Plan for the Riverwood Sporting Precinct including <b>Lance Hutchinson Oval, Bland Oval</b> and <b>Morris Iemma Indoor Sports Centre</b>.</li> <li>Investigate feasibility of expansion opportunities.</li> </ul>	Medium
<b>4.3</b> Consider turning one netball court at <b>Clemton Park</b> into a multi-use court to cater for a gap in the south east of the City.	Low
<b>4.4</b> Consider new full sized neighbourhood court to improve the gap in provision in the north west of the City.	Low



# Cricket Sports Code Plan

## Purpose

This Sports Code Plan (The Plan) provides a strategic approach to planning, design and delivery of upgraded and redeveloped cricket facilities in Canterbury-Bankstown. It includes priority recommendations for ensuring sufficient opportunities for participation are available to all; primarily for the competition level facilities (regional – city wide and district), while acknowledging the role neighbourhood facilities play in providing venues for training and recreational participation for the Canterbury-Bankstown community.

Cricket has been identified as a primary (high participation) sport. The opportunities and recommendations outlined in the Plan encourages a collaborative approach between the various sporting organisations, stakeholders and Council. The Plan:

- Aligns with code-wide strategic priorities at regional, state and national levels, where appropriate;
- Identifies the key issues facing cricket in Canterbury-Bankstown both in the current situation, and future needs; and
- Provides recommendations and priority actions based on a rigorous process of evaluation to ensure current and future needs are met.

## Strategic alignment

The Cricket Australia Strategic Plan provides a direction for the sport across Australia. The strategy was developed in collaboration with organisations, volunteers, members, coaches, players and administrators. It is based on three key focus areas.

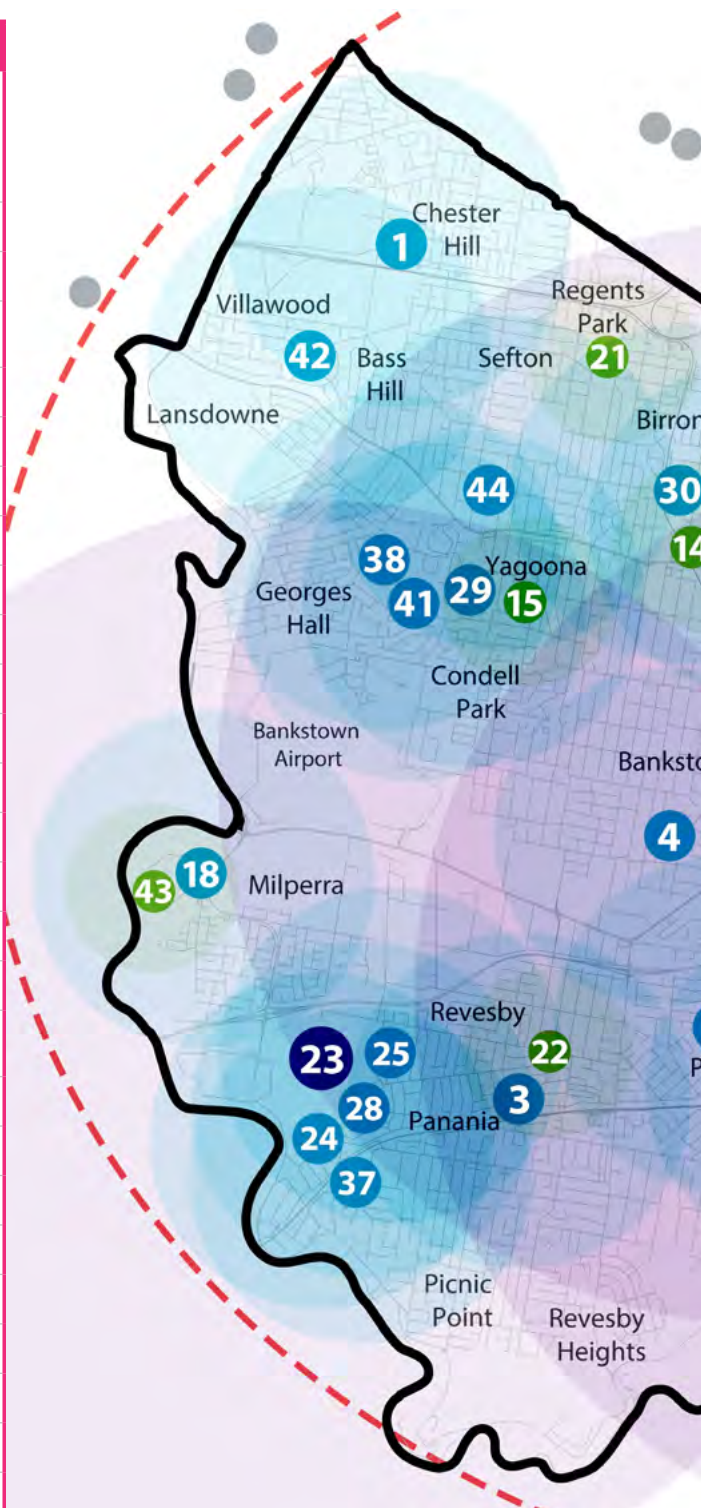
- Fans – we will give fans what they want and grow the Big Bash.
- Participants and volunteers – we will create the best participation experiences to grow junior cricket.
- Elite Players and Teams – we will deliver the best high performance system for players.

The following trends and initiatives from the Cricket Australia Strategy have been considered in the development of this Sports Code Plan.

- Support cricket as a leading sport for all levels, ages and genders.
- Promote cricket to inspire long term participation.
- Implement innovative technology to deliver great experiences to fans, participants and volunteers.
- Maximise long term sustainable revenue to drive investment in the game.

## Cricket facilities and hierarchy

#	Facility name	Sport hierarchy
1	Abbott Park Complex – Frank Bamfield Memorial Oval (includes the Bill Lovelee Youth Centre)	District
2	Allum Park	District
3	Amour Park	District
4	Bankstown City Sports Complex – Buchanan Oval	District
5	Bankstown Memorial Oval	State
6	Beaman Park	District
7	Bennett Park	District
8	Bland Oval	District
9	Canterbury Park – Blick Oval	Regional – City Wide
10	Clemton Park	District
11	Croydon Park	District
12	Earlwood Oval	District
13	Ewen Park	District
14	Gazzard Park	Neighbourhood*
15	Gillman Reserve	Neighbourhood
16	Gordon Parker Reserve	District
17	Gough Whitlam Park	District
18	Graf Park – George Green Oval	District
19	Graham Thomas Oval	Regional – City Wide
20	Hughes Park	Neighbourhood
21	Jim Ring Reserve	Neighbourhood
22	Johnstone Reserve	Neighbourhood
23	Kelso Park North	Regional – City Wide
24	Kelso Park South	District
25	Killara Reserve	District
26	Lance Hutchinson Oval	Regional – City Wide
27	Lees Park	District
28	Marco Reserve	District
29	Neville Reserve	District
30	O'Neill Park	District



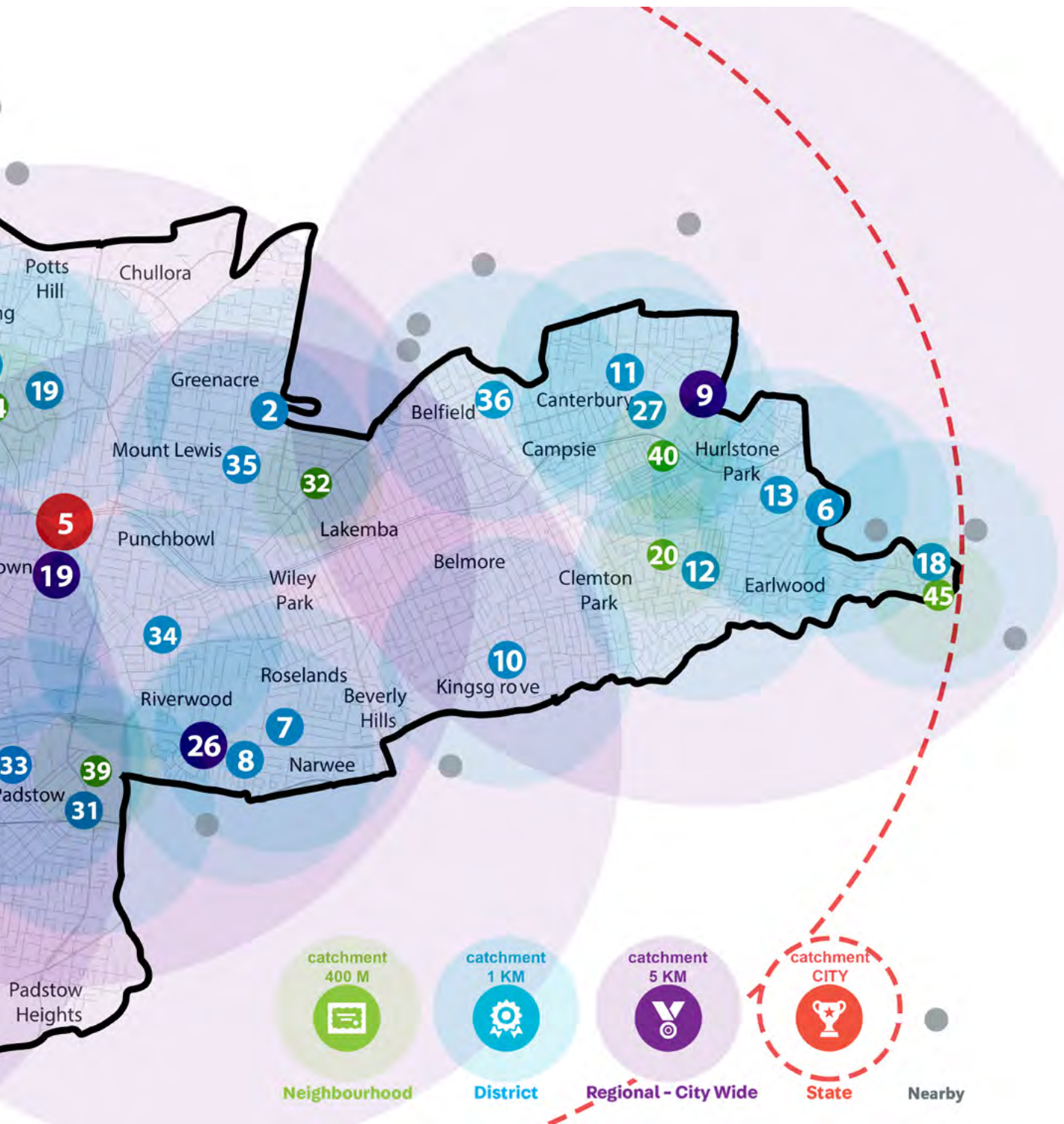


Figure 11 – Distribution and catchment of cricket facilities in Canterbury-Bankstown

#	Facility name	Sport hierarchy
31	Parry Park	District
32	Playford Park	District
33	Punchbowl Park	District
34	Roberts Park	District
35	Rudd Park	District
36	Smith Park	District
37	Steve Folkes Reserve	District
38	Stuart Street Reserve	Neighbourhood
39	Tasker Park	Neighbourhood
40	The Crest Soccer	District
41	Thurina Park	District
42	Vale of Ah Reserve	Neighbourhood
43	Walshaw Park	District
44	Waterworth Park	District



# Current situation

## Facility distribution

Figure 11 indicates the location of cricket facilities in Canterbury-Bankstown and their associated hierarchies.

Canterbury-Bankstown is currently well serviced by cricket facilities. The regional facilities in Canterbury-Bankstown are well distributed within all residential areas. District and neighbourhood facilities are adequately dispersed throughout the area.

Recommendations are provided for how best to improve access to quality facilities in the strategic actions table.

Cricket facilities	
Facilities	66
Field provision	1
State	4
Regional – City Wide	31
District	8
Neighbourhood	5016
Club participation	88.1
Participants per field	7.3
Teams per field (12)	2.1
Participation demand	Low   <b>Medium</b>   High
Provision distribution	<b>Excellent</b>   Good   Fair

## Current participation and trends

Cricket has steady participation rates in Canterbury-Bankstown and is experiencing increased participation across NSW for juniors. Currently, cricket is most popular with males (65%), however entry level programs for school ages are near equal for both genders (50.5%/49.5%). Cricket is particularly popular for juniors, making up 84 per cent of club membership.

Consultation with cricket organisations and review of strategic documents identified the following trends.

- There is a strong, active and growing base of members, spectators, players and coaches nationally.
- Female participation has increased 25 per cent across the country and metropolitan NSW in the last two years.
- There has been an increase in indigenous (47%) and multicultural (28%) participation in the last two years.
- There has been an increase in the number of associations within Canterbury-Bankstown as many social groups have formed associations to enable the booking of fields.

## Asset condition assessment findings

Asset condition assessments have made the following observations.

- There is one state facility at Bankstown Memorial Oval which hosts the highest level of competition in Canterbury-Bankstown. The facility is generally not used for community sports purposes, although the adjacent Graham Thomas Oval provides a range of community uses.
- There are four regional – city wide facilities which are all in above average condition. All four regional – city wide facilities have turf wickets.
  - Blick Oval is located within Canterbury Park. The facility is part of a broader recreation precinct which also includes football, athletics and tennis.

- Graham Thomas Oval is located next to Bankstown Memorial Oval and the John Mackay Indoor Sports Centre. It forms part of a larger cricket precinct within the Bankstown CBD.
- Kelso Park North is located within a large sporting complex which includes AFL, baseball and softball. The facility will also soon include athletics.
- Lance Hutchinson Oval is located in parkland along the M5 motorway. It is adjacent to the Morris Iemma Indoor Sports Centre and Bland Oval.
- Of the thirty-one district level cricket facilities, the majority are in an above average condition. Despite being dated they are still meeting the needs of the users.
  - Croydon Park has ageing toilet facilities.
  - Neville Reserve has recently been redeveloped with a new facility providing toilets, change rooms and kiosk.
  - Bland Oval and Punchbowl Park have turf wickets however the future sporting layouts of both sites will be investigated, and the fields hierarchies will remain at a district level.
- There are eight neighbourhood cricket facilities with the average overall condition varying. The amenities are generally ageing but still performing their functions.
  - Gillman Reserve and Johnstone Park have ageing toilet facilities.
  - Gazzard Park utilises new toilets next to the playground. As the facility is small, separate neighbourhood level sporting amenities are not provided.

## Facility guidelines

The overarching cricket organisations (Cricket Australia and Cricket NSW) have developed a number of strategic documents in regard to playing field regulations and guidelines as well as safety in design for cricket facilities and amenities. The following documents should be referenced during the design and planning of cricket facilities within Canterbury-Bankstown.

- Community Cricket Facility Guidelines, Cricket Australia (2015).

- Clubrooms and Change Facilities, Cricket Australia (2015).

**Council cannot meet all of the prescribed standards of facilities outlined in the above facility guideline documents. Safety, accessibility and functionality are key standards which will be the priority of Council and its facilities.**

## Strategic position

Council aims to improve the quality and access to cricket facilities to meet the requirements of all users. Part of this involves managing and designing facilities to ensure that the costs to maintain them are manageable for Council and equitable across all codes.

There are many challenges that will come with this as there is a need to manage the pressures being placed on facilities as a result of the increase in population and limited opportunity to expand current facilities. Council will need to consider the flexibility of sporting spaces and consider changes towards multi-use facilities.

The number of cricket facilities in Canterbury-Bankstown is expansive, catering for a range of different levels and abilities. Bankstown's Memorial Oval is Council's premier cricket facility. As a Centre of Excellence, the facility often hosts state level games and encourages athlete development and pathway in our City.

There is currently up to seven different competitions operating in Canterbury-Bankstown. This presents a number of challenges in balancing the needs and requirements of each user group.

Furthermore, Canterbury-Bankstown is home to seven turf wicket facilities, which presents challenges in operating costs, limits usage for juniors and grass-roots competition and restricts multi use of some facilities and broader community access. Council will need to consider the future provision of turf wickets to ensure it is able to balance the broader sporting needs should this demand continue.

There may also be a need to consider provision in the central and central east of the City if trends show there is an increased demand over coming years. Any future provision will need to balance the broader sporting needs.

## Strategic Actions

The following actions have been identified based on the analysis of cricket trends, distribution and needs. Their implementation will be subject to the availability of funding, asset condition assessment, and broader city wide priorities.

Recommendations	Priority
<b>5.1</b> Facilitate shared use of Council facilities between different codes e.g. consider additional storage for cricket when designing new amenities.	High
<b>5.2</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Work with the Bankstown District Cricket Club to develop the <b>Bankstown Memorial Oval</b> Master Plan.</li> <li>• Encourage the use of <b>Bankstown Memorial Oval</b> for training and competition by alternate levels of cricket, including juniors, where practical.</li> </ul>	High
<b>5.3</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Develop Precinct Plan for <b>Punchbowl Park</b>.</li> <li>• Consider reducing the number of turf wickets in the City, with the potential to replace the turf wicket with a synthetic wicket at <b>Punchbowl Park</b>.</li> </ul>	High
<b>5.4</b> Improve the quality of practice nets equitably throughout the City. Priorities include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Earlwood Oval (new cricket wicket facility)</li> <li>– Remove single practice nets at end of life.</li> </ul>	High
<b>5.5</b> When possible, provide cricket facilities during winter to allow for winter cricket competition.	Medium
<b>5.6</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Prepare a Precinct Plan for the Riverwood Sporting Precinct including <b>Lance Hutchinson Oval, Bland Oval</b> and <b>Morris Iemma Indoor Sports Centre</b>. Consider redevelopment amenities as part of the precinct plan.</li> <li>• Enable <b>Lance Hutchinson Oval</b> and <b>Bland Oval</b> to be used by local cricket associations.</li> <li>• Consider reducing the number of turf wickets in the City, with the potential to replace the turf wicket with a synthetic wicket at <b>Bland Oval</b>.</li> </ul>	Medium
<b>5.7</b> Prepare a plan for the <b>Canterbury Park</b> Precinct which considers individual sports, amenities, pedestrian circulation and the site as a whole.	Medium
<b>5.8</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Improve the quality of cricket pitches within the City. Priorities include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– <b>Beaman Park</b></li> <li>– <b>Hughes Park</b></li> <li>– <b>Killara Reserve</b></li> <li>– <b>Walshaw Park</b></li> </ul> </li> <li>• Extend the size of pitches that are too short or too narrow. Priorities include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– <b>Earlwood Oval</b></li> <li>– <b>Lees Park</b></li> </ul> </li> </ul>	Medium
<b>5.9</b> Improve field surfaces and irrigation at high priority sportsgrounds.	Medium
<b>5.10</b> Investigate locations for new junior cricket pitches across the City, to cater for the growth in junior cricket.	Medium
<b>5.11</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Redesign new amenities building at <b>Waterworth Park</b> for multiple users as per Master Plan.</li> <li>• Improve site access to amenities and fields at <b>Waterworth Park</b> with new path links from the street, parking areas and velodrome.</li> </ul>	Medium
<b>5.12</b> Prepare Precinct Plan for the <b>Crest Sporting Precinct</b> .	Medium
<b>5.13</b> Identify and upgrade amenities nearing the end of their life.	Medium
<b>5.14</b> Implement additional crossing points and investigate potential to collaborate with Sydney Water to naturalise the concrete channel at <b>Jim Ring Reserve</b> .	Low
<b>5.15</b> Complete a Precinct Plan for Croydon Park Recreation Precinct including <b>Croydon Park netball courts, Picken Oval</b> and <b>Croydon Park</b> , to investigate improvements to amenities, parking and internal site access.	Low
<b>5.16</b> Implement Master Plan for <b>Salt Pan Creek Reserve</b> to create a significant sporting precinct, new fields and other associated infrastructure.	Low
<b>5.17</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Consider constructing an additional new cricket pitch at <b>Kelso Park North</b>, in the general vicinity of the softball fields.</li> <li>• Implement the <b>Kelso Park North</b> Master Plan which will provide: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– New amenities building for multiple users;</li> <li>– Additional carparking; and</li> <li>– Improve access and internal site movements.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	Low



# Cycling Sports Code Plan

## Purpose

This Sports Code Plan (The Plan) provides a strategic approach to planning, design and delivery of upgraded and redeveloped cycling facilities in Canterbury-Bankstown. It includes priority recommendations for ensuring sufficient opportunities for participation are available to all; primarily for the competition level facilities (regional – city wide and district), while acknowledging the role neighbourhood facilities play in providing venues for training and recreational participation for the Canterbury-Bankstown community.

Cycling has been identified as a primary sport. The opportunities and recommendations outlined in the Plan encourage a collaborative approach between the various sporting organisations, stakeholders and Council. The Plan:

- Aligns with code-wide strategic priorities at regional, state and national levels, where appropriate.
- Identifies the key issues facing cycling in Canterbury-Bankstown both in the current situation, and future needs; and
- Provides recommendations and priority actions based on a rigorous process of evaluation to ensure current and future needs are met.

## Strategic alignment

Cycling Australia launched “Strategy 2020” to capture opportunities and to strengthen connections within the cycling community throughout Australia.

The Strategy provides guidance to improve the sport for cyclists of all ages and abilities. This is proposed through objectives aligned with Cycling Australia’s five strategic platforms which are:

- Sports;
- Community;
- Commercial;
- Advocacy; and
- Governance.

The following trends and initiatives from the Cycling Australia Strategy 2020 have been considered in the development of this Sports Code Plan.

- Deliver the world’s best performance.
- Grow participation and membership.
- Unlock the potential of cycling.
- Strengthen cycling’s voice.
- Improve build operational efficiencies.

# Current situation

## Facility distribution

Figure 12 indicates the location of cycling facilities in Canterbury-Bankstown and their associated hierarchies.

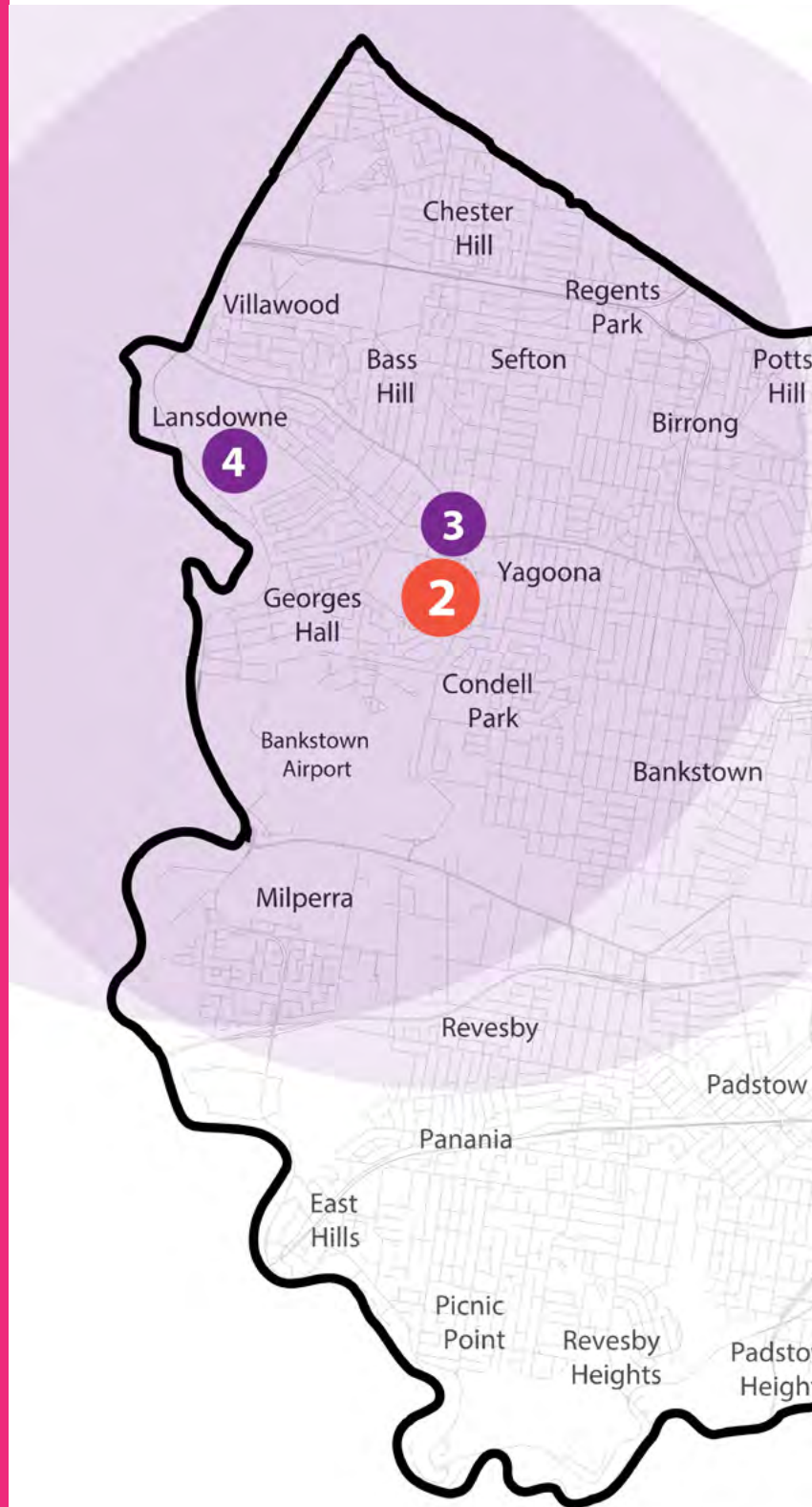
Canterbury-Bankstown is currently well serviced by cycling facilities. It should be noted that most of the facilities provide different types of cycling.

Council's Active Transport Action Plan should be read when considering cycling infrastructure such as cycle and shared path networks.

Recommendations are provided for how best to improve access to quality facilities in the strategic actions table.

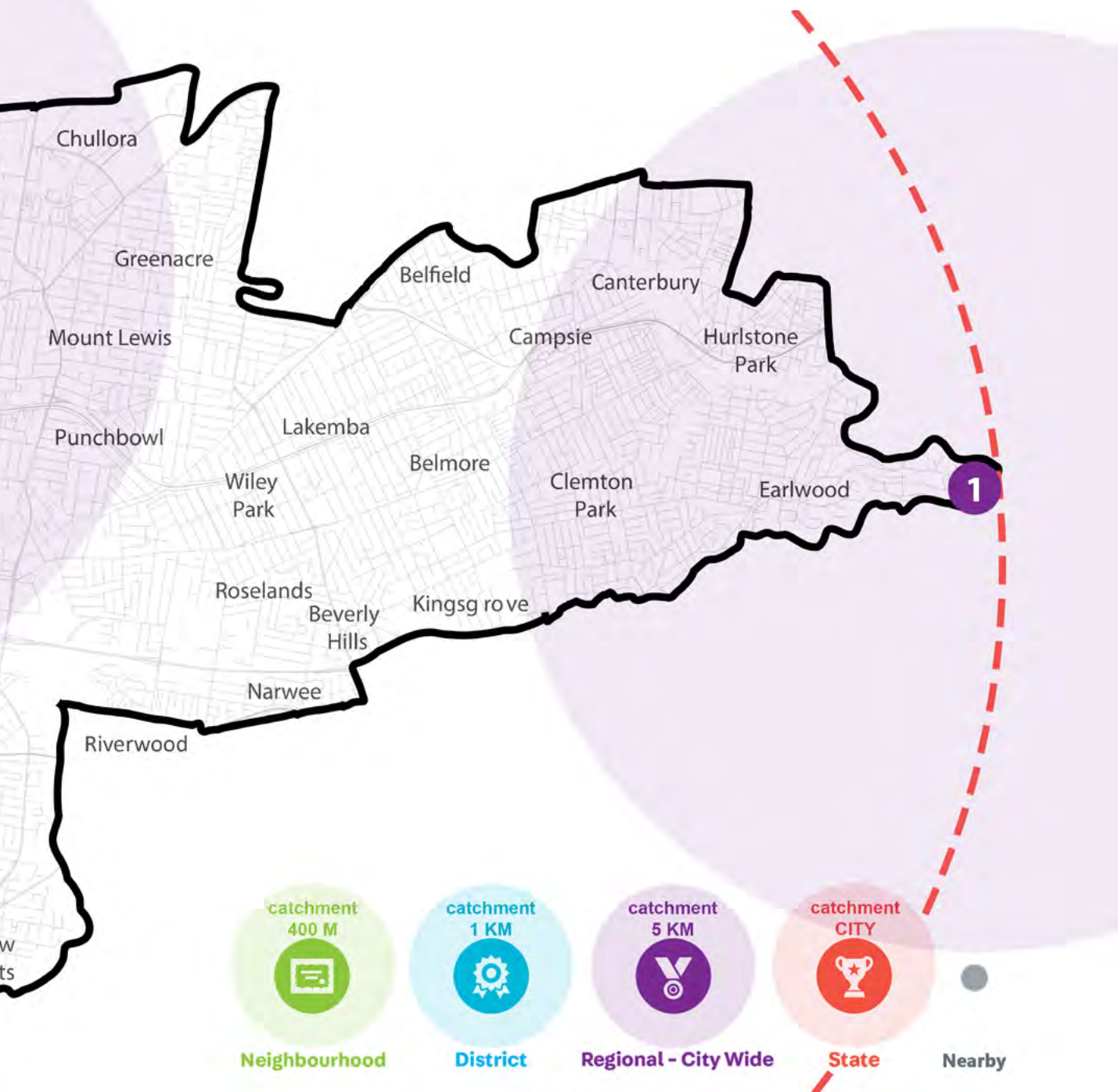
Cycling facilities	
Facilities	4
Field provision	n/a
State	1
Regional - City Wide	3
District	0
Neighbourhood	0
Club participation	2421
Participants per facility	252
Teams per facility	n/a
Provision demand	<b>Low</b>   Medium   High
Provision distribution	<b>Excellent</b>   Good   Fair

Figure 12 – Distribution and catchment of cycling facilities in Canterbury-Bankstown



## Cycling facilities and hierarchy

#	Facility name	Sport hierarchy
1	Canterbury Velodrome (also known as Tempe Velodrome)	Regional – City Wide
2	Dunc Gray Velodrome	State
3	Jack Walsh Criterium Track (formerly known as Louisa Reserve)	Regional – City Wide
4	Lansdowne Reserve	Regional – City Wide



## Current participation and trends

Cycling is increasing in participation rates generally across Australia and in the Canterbury-Bankstown area, although rates for children's participation in NSW are decreasing. Cycling in Canterbury-Bankstown includes a variety of styles including criterium, indoor and outdoor track competition and opportunity for recreational BMX and mountain biking.

Currently cycling club membership in Canterbury-Bankstown makes up nearly 15 per cent of memberships in NSW. Dulwich Hill Bicycling Club has the largest membership group in the area. The indoor velodrome is most popular for elite training and large competitions with the other cycling facilities primarily used for individual club training and inter-club competitions.

- Consultation and review of strategic documents found the following trends in cycling.
- In NSW it is increasingly easier to be a cyclist due to the increased safety and design in roads, paths and cycleways.
- Promotion of cycling as a mode of everyday transport encourages cycling as a sport.
- Improvement of monitoring and evaluation of cycling programs.

## Asset condition assessment findings

Asset condition assessments have made the following observations.

- The Dunc Gray Velodrome facility is a state level indoor velodrome that was purpose built for the Sydney 2000 Olympic Games; the facility is located within The Crest sports facility precinct. The facility is the only one of its kind in NSW and hosts state, national and international events. The future of the facility is subject to ongoing discussion between Council, the NSW Government and the various cycling organisations who utilise the facility. The facility is in need of refurbishment and currently has capacity for additional users, although is not freely accessible to the community.

- The Canterbury (Tempe) Velodrome is an outdoor velodrome with supporting amenities and is currently co-located with other sports uses. A sports field is located within the infield of the velodrome. Although the facility is dated, it currently meets the needs of its user groups.
- Jack Walsh Criterium Track (formerly Louisa Reserve) is a regional – city wide facility also located within The Crest sports facility precinct. The facility includes an asphalt track with no amenities. User groups utilise amenities within the adjacent Crest Athletics facility and the Dunc Grey Velodrome. There is a need to work with the State Government to ensure that future planning allows for better wayfinding and public access to the amenities within the velodrome.
- Lansdowne Park is a cycling track with dated amenities and insufficient supporting services. The facility has high levels of utilisation and requires improvements to support this use.

## Facility guidelines

The overarching cycling organisations (Cycling NSW and Cycling Australia) have developed a number of strategic documents to guide track and road regulations. The regulations inform the planning, design and safety of all members across the country. The following documents should be referenced during the design and planning of specialised cycling facilities within Canterbury-Bankstown.

- Cycling Sports Facilities – Design Guide, Sport England (2003).
- Cycling Australia Technical Regulations (Track & Road), Cycling Australia (2010).
- BMX Australia Track Guidelines, BMX Australia (2013).

**Council cannot meet all of the prescribed standards of facilities outlined in the above facility guideline documents. Safety, accessibility and functionality are key standards which will be the priority of Council and its facilities.**

**Council's Active Transport Action Plan should be referenced in relation to cycling infrastructure such as cycle and shared path networks.**



## Strategic position

Council aims to improve the quality of cycling facilities to meet the requirements of all users. Part of this involves managing and designing facilities to ensure that the costs to maintain them are manageable for Council and equitable across all codes.

There are many challenges that will come with this as there is a need to manage the pressures being placed on facilities as a result of the increase in population and limited opportunity to expand current facilities. Council will need to consider the flexibility of sporting spaces and consider changes towards multi-use facilities to allow for maximum manageable use of all facilities.

Canterbury-Bankstown provides a variety of different cycling facilities that cater for users from across Greater Sydney. The extent of facilities provided, including two velodromes, suggests the provision is adequately meeting the needs of current participants.

The Dunc Gray Velodrome was constructed for the 2000 Sydney Olympic Games. It is currently under a management agreement with the NSW Office of Sport. It is not Council's primary role to manage and maintain an International level cycling facility. As such, Council will continue to work with the NSW Government to plan for the future of the facility, whether that be exploring opportunities for shared use, demolition or the redevelopment of a new state run facility.

## Strategic Actions

The following actions have been identified based on the analysis of cycling trends, distribution and needs. Their implementation will be subject to the availability of funding, asset condition assessment, and broader city wide priorities.

Recommendations	Priority
<b>6.1</b> Work with the NSW Government to plan for the future of the <b>Dunc Gray Velodrome</b> .	High
<b>6.2</b> Review the future needs and uses at the <b>Canterbury Velodrome</b> .	High
<b>6.3</b> Prepare Precinct Plan for <b>Lansdowne Reserve</b> to improve the entry access, way finding and supporting amenities.	High
<b>6.4</b> Prepare Precinct Plan for the <b>Crest Sporting Precinct</b> .	Medium
<b>6.5</b> Complete a review to determine if there is a need to provide BMX or mountain biking facilities.	Low



# Football (Soccer) Sports Code Plan

## Purpose

This Sports Code Plan (The Plan) provides a strategic approach to planning, design and delivery of upgraded and redeveloped football facilities in Canterbury-Bankstown. It includes priority recommendations for ensuring sufficient opportunities for participation are available to all; primarily for the competition level facilities (regional – city wide and district), while acknowledging the role neighbourhood facilities play in providing venues for training and recreational participation for the Canterbury-Bankstown community.

Football has been identified as a primary (high participation) sport. The opportunities and recommendations outlined in the Plan encourages a collaborative approach between the various sporting organisations, stakeholders and Council. The Plan:

- Aligns with code-wide strategic priorities at regional, state and national levels, where appropriate;
- Identifies the key issues facing football in Canterbury-Bankstown both in the current situation, and future needs; and
- Provides recommendations and priority actions based on a rigorous process of evaluation to ensure current and future needs are met.

## Strategic alignment

The Football NSW Facilities Plan has been developed to set out a long term vision and framework to plan, grow, develop and promote football facilities at all levels within NSW. The document provides guidance to help clubs meet their local challenges particularly with defining appropriate facility standards and services.

Developing and maintaining relationships to improve the infrastructure and facilities are a key focus, the strategy outlines the variety of services offered through the advocacy and advisory service of Football NSW including strategic planning, stakeholder engagement, financial planning and member mentoring.

The Plan also highlights a number of tools Football NSW will build to assist in facility management including database, mapping, reporting, business case templates and maintenance guidelines.

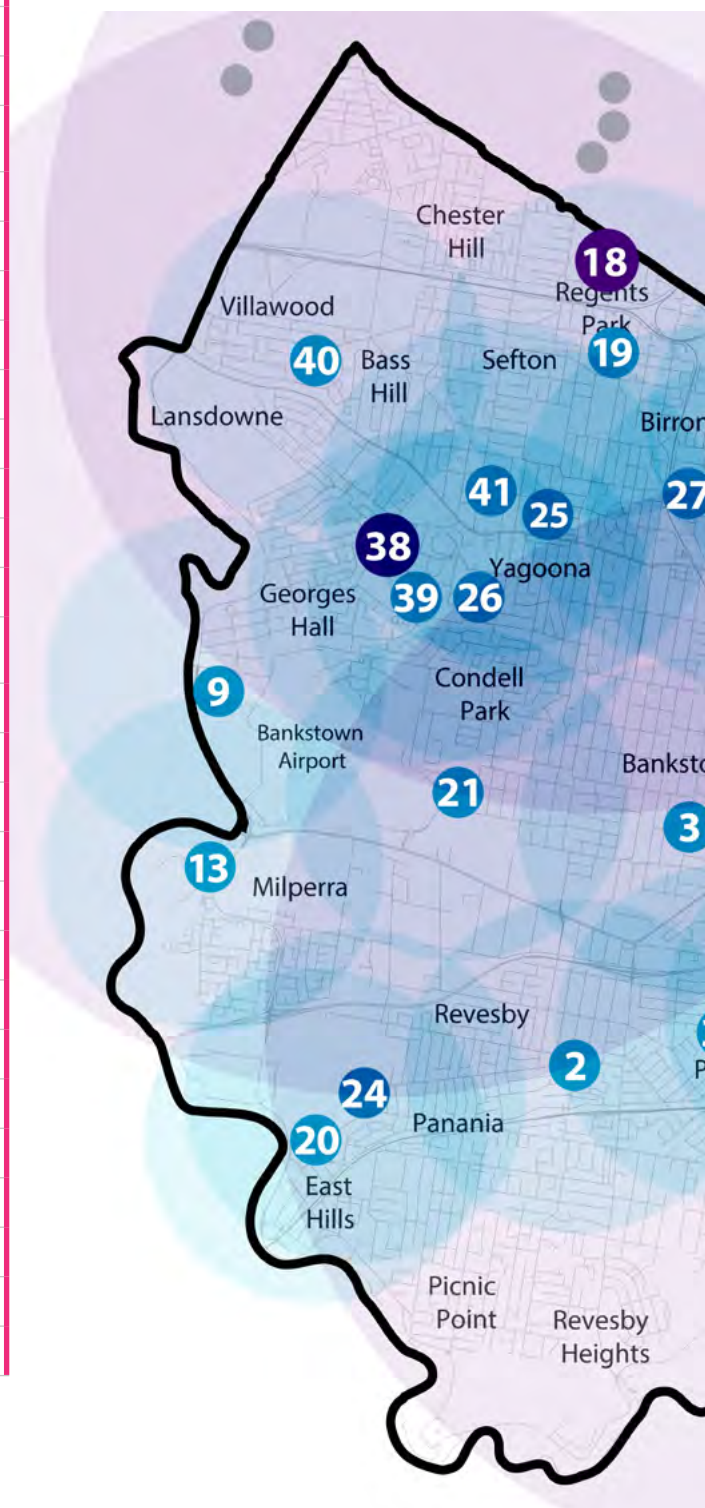
The following trends and initiatives from the Football NSW Strategies have been considered in the development of this Sports Code Plan.

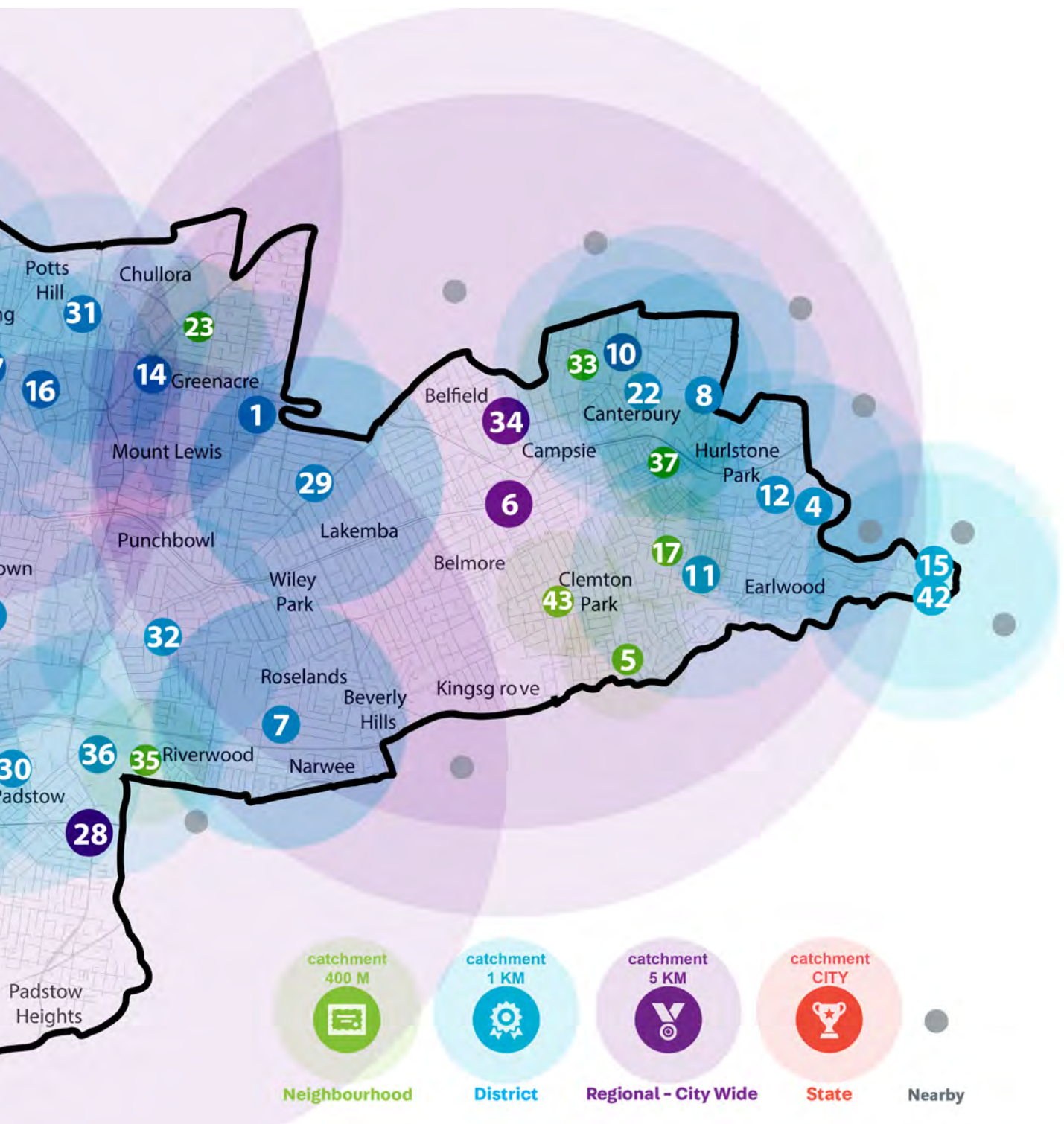
- Knowledge of facility needs and requirements.
- Capability to meet local challenges.
- Approach to planning and developing facilities.
- Partnerships with the football community, government, sponsors and suppliers.

## Football facilities and hierarchy

#	Facility name	Sport hierarchy
1	Allum Park	District
2	Amour Park	District
3	Bankstown City Sports Complex	District
4	Beaman Park	District
5	Beaumont Park	Neighbourhood
6	Belmore Sportsground – Peter Moore Field	Regional – City Wide
7	Bennett Park	District
8	Canterbury Park – Blick Oval	District
9	Coleman Park	District
10	Croydon Park	District
11	Earlwood Oval	District
12	Ewen Park	District
13	Gordon Parker Reserve	District
14	Gosling Park	District
15	Gough Whitlam Park	District
16	Graf Park – George Green Oval	District
17	Hughes Park	Neighbourhood
18	Jensen Park	Regional – City Wide
19	Jim Ring Reserve	District
20	Kelso Park South	District
21	Kinch Reserve	District
22	Lees Park	District
23	Lockwood Park	District
24	Marco Reserve	District
25	Middleton Park	District
26	Neville Reserve	District
27	O'Neill Park	District
28	Padstow Park	Regional – City Wide
29	Parry Park	District
30	Playford Park	District

Figure 13 – Distribution and catchment of football facilities in Canterbury-Bankstown





#	Facility name	Sport hierarchy
31	Potts Park	District
32	Punchbowl Park	District
33	Rosedale Park	Neighbourhood
34	Rudd Park	Regional – City Wide
35	Salt Pan Parklands – Kentucky Reserve	Neighbourhood
36	Stuart Street Reserve	District
37	Tasker Park	District
38	The Crest Athletics – Inner Field	Regional – City Wide
39	The Crest Soccer	District
40	Thurina Park	District
41	Walshaw Park	District
42	Waterworth Park	District
43	Yatama Park	Neighbourhood



# Current situation

## Facility distribution

Figure 13 indicates the location of football facilities in Canterbury-Bankstown and their associated hierarchies. Football facilities are well distributed within Canterbury-Bankstown however participation demand is high and continues to increase.

Recommendations are provided for how best to improve access to quality facilities within the strategic actions table.

Football facilities	
Facilities	43
Field provision	115 (89 full / 28 mini)
State	0
Regional – City Wide	5
District	33
Neighbourhood	5
Club participation	27,100
Participants per field	128
Teams per field (16)	8
Participation demand	Low   Medium   <b>High</b>
Provision distribution	Excellent   <b>Good</b>   Fair

## Current participation and trends

Football is experiencing increased participation rates across Canterbury-Bankstown, NSW and Australia. Currently football is more popular for males in both the Bankstown (85%) and Canterbury (79%) Clubs. Football is generally more popular for females in the district between 12-17 years compared to other age groups.

Consultation with football organisations and review of strategic documents identified the following trends.

- Increase in synthetic field installation.
- Inclusion of female change rooms.
- Inclusion of referee rooms for males and females.
- Modification of facilities to allow for multi-sport use.
- Football NSW has 22 per cent more players than other NSW football codes combined (2018), and the reach of football extends into the broader community with benefits to education, physical health and promoting an inclusive community.

## Asset condition assessment findings

Asset condition assessments have made the following observations.

- Of the five regional – city wide football facilities, all facilities are above average overall condition.
  - Belmore Sportsground and Peter Moore Field (south) host National Premier League (NPL) teams. Higher level games are played within Belmore Stadium as it meets the Football NSW stadium technical requirements. Training and lower division games take place at Peter Moore Field. A synthetic field has been identified for Peter Moore Field.
  - Jensen Park has a synthetic field and futsal courts as well as a turf field. This synthetic field was the first to be constructed in Canterbury-Bankstown. The facilities are generally in good condition however do require some amenity upgrades to meet the regional – city wide level. The ground also hosts NPL teams.

- A new synthetic field has been constructed at Rudd Park. Further work will be required to ensure that Rudd Park is at a regional – city wide level, including the need for improved amenities and site circulation.
- Padstow Park has been identified for a new synthetic football field in the south of the City. Further work will be required to ensure that Padstow Park is at a regional – city wide level, including the need for improved amenities and relocation of cricket.
- The Crest Athletics infield hosts higher level games and provides training spaces for NPL teams.
- There are 33 district football facilities.
  - Many district facilities lack adequate quality amenities for their hierarchy level.
  - Beaman Park provides additional fields for three large sized football clubs in the east of the City.
  - Marco Reserve is a large facility which is home to two clubs and is within the larger Kelso Parklands area of sporting facilities within the City’s south west.
- There are five neighbourhood football facilities.
  - Several of the facilities have new or updated amenities, however the remaining are dated and nearing the end of their useful life.

## Facility guidelines

The overarching football associations (FFA, Football Australia and Football NSW) have developed a number of strategic documents addressing to playing field regulations and guidelines as well as safety in design for football facilities and amenities. The following documents should be referenced during the design and planning of football facilities within Canterbury-Bankstown.

- Football Facility Guides, Football NSW (2015).
- Football Lighting, Football NSW (2015).
- Synthetic Fields, Football NSW (2017).
- Football NSW Infrastructure Strategy (2020).

**Council cannot meet all of the prescribed standards of facilities outlined in the above facility guideline documents. Safety, accessibility and functionality are key standards which will be the priority of Council and its facilities.**

## Strategic position

Council aims to improve the quality and access to football facilities to meet the requirements of all users. Part of this involves managing and designing facilities to ensure that the costs to maintain them are manageable for Council and equitable across all codes.

There are many challenges that will come with this as there is a need to manage the pressures being placed on facilities as a result of the increase in population and limited opportunity to expand current facilities. Council will need to consider the flexibility of sporting spaces and consider changes towards multi-use facilities to allow for maximum manageable use of all facilities.

Football is one of the largest participation sports in our City and the sport that places particular pressures on ageing infrastructure, the functionality of the infrastructure and our capacity to meet the growing demand. As participation rates continue to increase, there will be a need to continue to invest in the quality of the rectangular playing fields, particularly in the eastern part of the City.

Synthetic fields have been constructed at Jensen Oval and Rudd Park, and planning has also progressed for two new synthetic fields across the City. Further synthetic fields will need to be considered on a case by case basis.

There is an opportunity to establish Rudd Park as the eastern hub of community football, with the possibility of working in partnership with the Canterbury District Soccer Football Association onsite in future developments. Similarly, with the construction of a synthetic field at Padstow Park, there is the potential for this site to be the western hub of community football and a future partnership with the Bankstown District Amateur Football Association.

## Strategic Actions

The following actions have been identified based on the analysis of football trends, distribution and needs. Their implementation will be subject to the availability of funding, asset condition assessment, and broader city wide priorities.

Recommendations	Priority
<b>7.1</b> Deliver synthetic fields at <b>Padstow Park</b> and <b>Peter Moore Field</b> and consider improvements to supporting amenities.	High
<b>7.2</b> Realign fields to include football at <b>Waterworth Park</b> as per the Gough Whitlam and Waterworth Park Master Plan.	High
<b>7.3</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Install new and upgraded sports field lighting at various parks, including:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– <b>Beaman Park</b></li> <li>– <b>Padstow Park</b></li> <li>– <b>Bankstown City Sports Complex</b></li> </ul> </li> <li>• Upgrade existing lighting to LED.</li> </ul>	High
<b>7.4</b> Improve amenities at <b>Jensen Park</b> to bring it up to the required standards.	High
<b>7.5</b> Deliver new amenities building at <b>Marco Reserve</b> .	High
<b>7.6</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Prepare a Plan for the <b>Canterbury Park Precinct</b> which considers individual sports, amenities, pedestrian circulation and the site as a whole.</li> <li>• Pending the future of the Canterbury Racecourse site, explore opportunities for the provision of additional rectangular, multi-purpose sporting fields on the eastern side of the City.</li> </ul>	Medium
<b>7.7</b> Improve access, wayfinding and parking at <b>Peter Moore Field</b> as per the Belmore Sportsground Master Plan.	Medium
<b>7.8</b> Improve field surfaces and irrigation at high priority sportsgrounds.	Medium
<b>7.9</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Redesign new amenities building at <b>Waterworth Park</b> for multiple users as per Master Plan.</li> <li>• Improve site access with new path links from the street, parking areas and velodrome to amenities.</li> </ul>	Medium
<b>7.10</b> Improve access routes and wayfinding for players and spectators at <b>Jensen Park</b> .	Medium
<b>7.11</b> Prepare a Precinct Plan for the <b>Crest Sporting Precinct</b> .	Medium
<b>7.12</b> Improve shade and seating across parks, primarily with increased tree planting and shade structures at higher level facilities where reasonable.	Low
<b>7.13</b> Identify and upgrade amenities nearing the end of their life.	Low
<b>7.14</b> Implement additional crossing point and investigate potential to collaborate with Sydney Water to naturalise the concrete channel at <b>Jim Ring Reserve</b> .	Low
<b>7.15</b> Implement Master Plan for <b>Salt Pan Creek Parklands</b> to create a significant sporting precinct, new fields and other associated infrastructure.	Low
<b>7.16</b> Complete a Precinct Plan for Croydon Park Recreation Precinct including <b>Croydon Park netball courts, Picken Oval</b> and <b>Croydon Park</b> , to investigate improvements to amenities, parking and internal site access.	Low



# Netball Sports Code Plan

## Purpose

This Sports Code Plan (The Plan) provides a strategic approach to planning, design and delivery of upgraded and redeveloped netball facilities in Canterbury-Bankstown. It includes priority recommendations for ensuring sufficient opportunities for participation are available to all; primarily for the competition level facilities (regional – city wide and district), while acknowledging the role neighbourhood facilities play in providing venues for training and recreational participation for the Canterbury-Bankstown community.

Netball has been identified as a primary (high participation) sport. The opportunities and recommendations outlined in the Plan encourages a collaborative approach between the various sporting organisations, stakeholders and Council. The Plan:

- Aligns with code-wide strategic priorities at regional, state and national levels, where appropriate;
- Identifies the key issues netball in Canterbury-Bankstown both in the current situation, and future needs; and
- Provides recommendations and priority actions based on a rigorous process of evaluation to ensure current and future needs are met.

## Strategic alignment

The Netball New South Wales State-wide Facilities Strategy (2018-2033) is used to support Netball NSW, member netball associations, netball clubs and all levels of government to ensure optimal netball facilities provision across NSW. It identifies key issues, gaps, opportunities and needs in relation to provision, development and management of netball facilities in NSW and provides direction to all netball stakeholder groups in NSW. The strategic priorities are to:

- Drive capability and capacity for Associations to grow.
- Shape Netball NSW urbanisation footprint to build capacity.
- Showcase netball in bigger and bolder arenas globally.

The following trends and initiatives from the Netball Australia Annual Report have been considered in the development of this Sports Code Plan.

- The national facilities policy which was developed for the 2017 season adds updates relevant changes to indoor and outdoor netball facilities.
- Continued growth, promotion and participation of the sport at all levels, including the strong presence in schools.

# Current situation

## Facility distribution

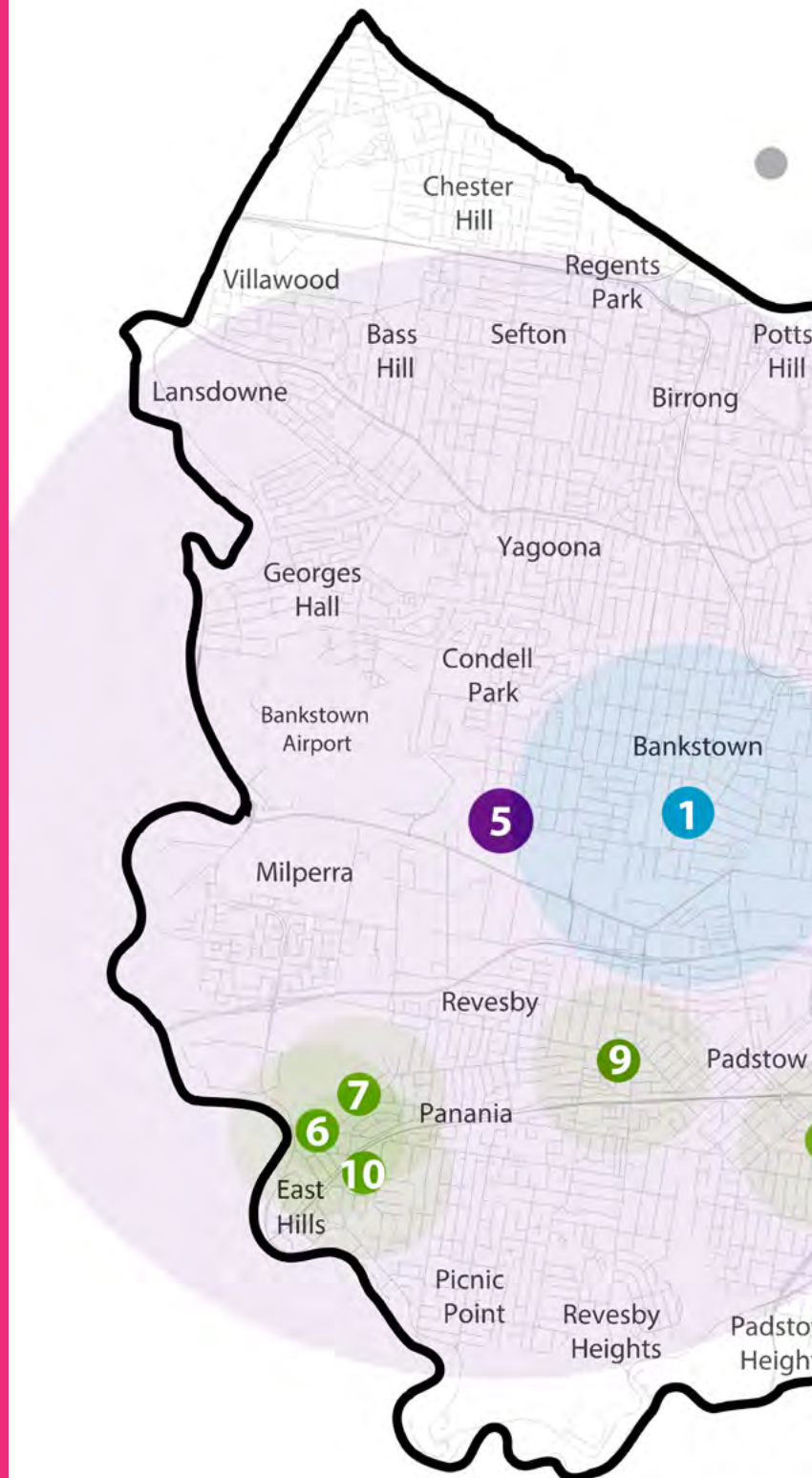
Figure 14 indicates the location of netball facilities in Canterbury-Bankstown and their associated hierarchies.

Canterbury-Bankstown is currently well serviced by netball facilities. Netball facilities are well distributed across the south western area.

Recommendations are provided for how to best improve access to quality facilities in the strategic actions table.

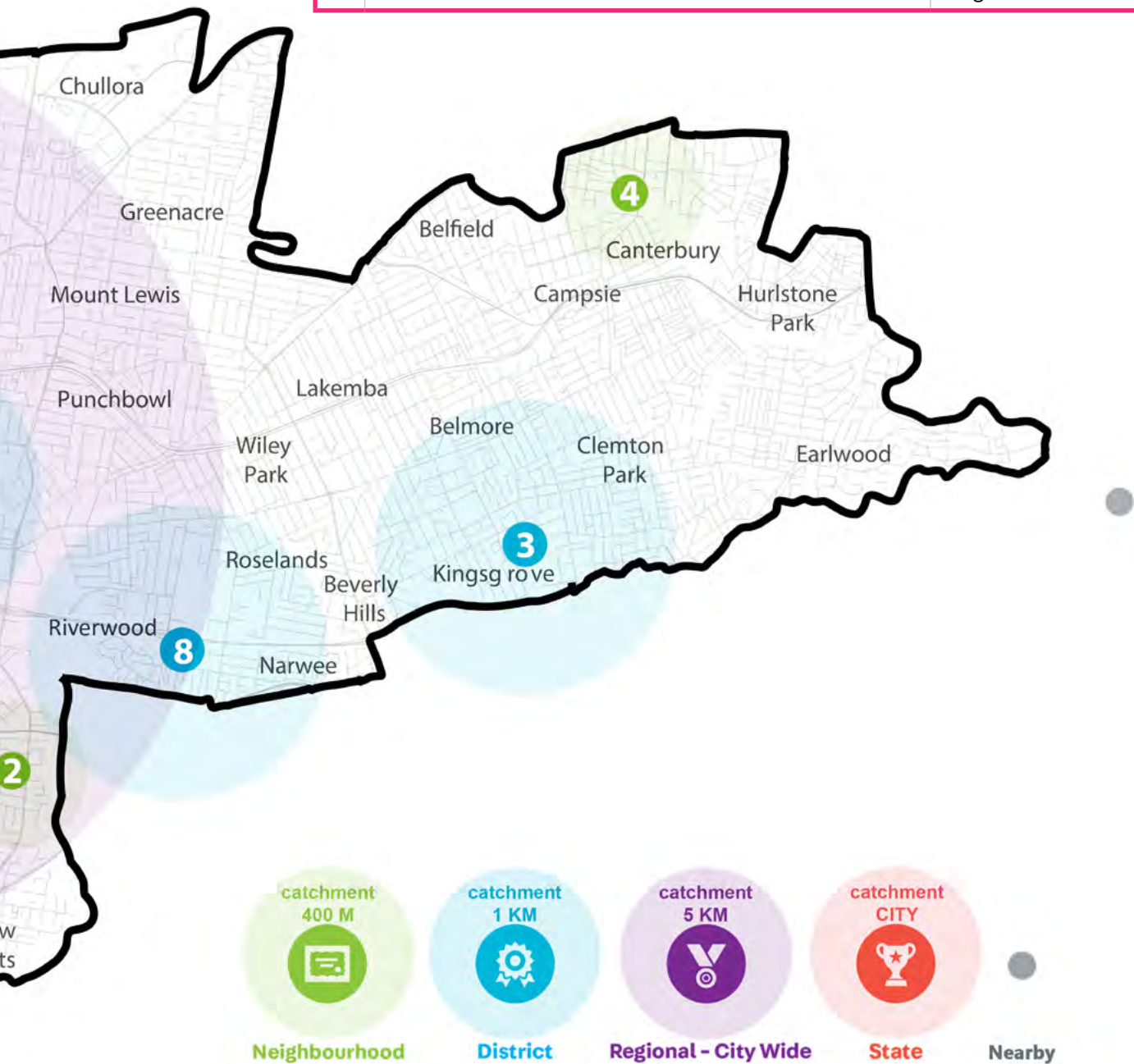
Netball facilities	
Facilities	10
Court provision	78
State	0
Regional - City Wide	1
District	3
Neighbourhood	6
Club participation	1680
Participants per court	34
Teams per court (12)	2.8
Provision demand	Low   Medium   High
Provision distribution	Excellent   Good   Fair

Figure 14 – Distribution and catchment of netball facilities in Canterbury-Bankstown



## Netball facilities and hierarchy

#	Facility name	Sport hierarchy
1	Bankstown City Sports Complex	District
2	Clarke Reserve	Neighbourhood
3	Clemton Park	District
4	Croydon Park	Neighbourhood
5	Deverall Park	Regional - City Wide
6	Kelso Park South	Neighbourhood
7	Marco Reserve	Neighbourhood
8	Morris lemma Indoor Sports Centre	District
9	Pivetta Park	Neighbourhood
10	Smith Park	Neighbourhood



## Current participation and trends

Netball has steady participation rates in Canterbury-Bankstown and generally across Australia for children and adults. However, participation is declining for adults in NSW.

Currently netball is generally most popular for junior age group at the Bankstown City Netball Association (approximately 40%), aligning with NSW trends. NetSetGO (5-10 year olds) is more popular with Bankstown City Netball Association (approximately 30%) than in NSW generally (approximately 20%).

Consultation and review of strategic documents found the following trends.

- Increasing popularity of short sided games such as Fast5 netball including shorter quarters, less players, power plays and super shots.
- Increased interest in higher league of netball that prompted the new national netball league, Suncorp Super Netball and broadcasting of netball on a national scale.

## Asset condition assessment findings

Asset condition assessments have made the following observations.

- There are ten netball facilities within Canterbury-Bankstown.
- There is one regional – city wide netball facility at Deverall Park which includes both asphalt and grass netball courts. However, current provision does not meet the level required by a regional facility according to the hierarchy guidelines.
- There are three district netball facilities within Canterbury-Bankstown. The facilities are within multi-purpose sporting precincts and provide a high level of provision:
  - Morris lemma Indoor Sports Centre provides indoor netball competitions and is a relatively new indoor facility which meets current requirements and condition guidelines.

- Clemton Park netball courts include both asphalt and grass courts which lack sufficient supporting infrastructure such as lighting.
- Bankstown City Sports Complex netball facilities include six asphalt courts.
- There are six neighbourhood facilities within Canterbury-Bankstown:
  - Picken Oval has five courts with only two being asphalt. There is a need to investigate provision of toilets at the facility.
  - Clarke Reserve provides multiple grass netball courts with a toilet block to support them.
  - The Kelso Park South netball facility has one grass and one asphalt court and is primarily used for training purposes only. Wear and tear on the grass court would indicate the facility is well used.
  - Marco Reserve has two small courts which are located in the rear corner of the reserve.
  - Pivetta Park has two grass netball courts and a supporting amenities building.
  - Smith Park provides a single multi-purpose court.

## Facility guidelines

The overarching netball organisations (Netball Australia and Netball NSW) have developed a number of strategic documents in regard to playing field regulations and guidelines as well as safety in design for netball facilities and amenities. The following documents should be referenced during the design and planning of netball facilities within Canterbury-Bankstown.

- Netball in New South Wales - Statewide Facilities Strategy (2018 - 2033), Netball NSW (2018).
- National Facilities Policy, Netball Australia (2016).

**Council cannot meet all of the prescribed standards of facilities outlined in the above facility guideline documents. Safety, accessibility and functionality are key standards which will be the priority of Council and its facilities.**

## Strategic position

Council aims to improve the quality and access to netball facilities to meet the requirements of all users. Part of this involves managing and designing facilities to ensure that the costs to maintain them are manageable for Council and equitable across all codes.

There are many challenges that will come with this as there is a need to manage the pressures being placed on facilities as a result of the increase in population and limited opportunity to expand current facilities. Council will need to consider the flexibility of sporting spaces and consider changes towards multi-use facilities to allow for maximum manageable use of all facilities.

Current participation numbers suggest the sport is sufficiently managed with the current distribution of facilities and there is no need for additional netball courts. Beyond the life of this Plan, there may be a future need to provide new neighbourhood level training facilities in areas with high participation or where there is a gap in provision. The Plan identifies the need for additional indoor multipurpose courts. Where new facilities are being investigated, facilities need to be multipurpose and netball's needs should be considered as part of this investigation. Possible partnership with basketball and schools should be considered to help assure future provision in all areas, particularly those lacking courts.

## Strategic Actions

The following actions have been identified based on the analysis of netball trends, distribution and needs. Their implementation will be subject to the availability of funding, asset condition assessment, and broader city wide priorities.

Recommendations	Priority
<b>8.1</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Prepare a Precinct Plan for the Riverwood Sporting Precinct including <b>Lance Hutchinson Oval, Bland Oval</b> and <b>Morris Iemma Indoor Sports Centre</b>.</li> <li>Consider feasibility and potential for expansion of the <b>Morris Iemma Indoor Sports Centre</b> to increase capacity across the network.</li> </ul>	Medium
<b>8.2</b> Investigate the installation of lighting at <b>Clemton Park</b> netball courts to increase capacity.	Medium
<b>8.3</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Complete a Precinct Plan for Croydon Park Recreation Precinct including <b>Croydon Park netball courts, Picken Oval</b> and <b>Croydon Park</b>, to investigate improvements to amenities, parking and internal site access.</li> <li>Investigate improvements to amenities for <b>Croydon Park</b> netball courts.</li> </ul>	Low
<b>8.4</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Investigate the provision of shaded / covered netball courts for outdoor competition and training at <b>Deverall Park</b>.</li> <li>Investigate the provision of additional asphalt courts at <b>Deverall Park</b> for future compliance with regional competition requirements.</li> </ul>	Low
<b>8.5</b> Investigate potential to partner with basketball to establish and improve multi-purpose facilities.	Low



# Rugby League Sports Code Plan

## Purpose

This Sports Code Plan (The Plan) provides a strategic approach to planning, design and delivery of upgraded and redeveloped rugby league facilities in Canterbury-Bankstown. It includes priority recommendations for ensuring sufficient opportunities for participation are available to all; primarily for the competition level facilities (regional – city wide and district), while acknowledging the role neighbourhood facilities play in providing venues for training and recreational participation for the Canterbury-Bankstown community.

Rugby league has been identified as a primary (high participation) sport. The opportunities and recommendations outlined in the Plan encourages a collaborative approach between the various sporting organisations, stakeholders and Council. The Plan:

- Aligns with code-wide strategic priorities at regional, state and national levels, where appropriate;
- Identifies the key issues facing rugby league in Canterbury-Bankstown both in the current situation, and future needs; and
- Provides recommendations and priority actions based on a rigorous process of evaluation to ensure current and future needs are met

## Strategic alignment

The National Rugby League (NRL) Strategic Plan for rugby league in Australia was developed to direct the sport from 2018 to 2022. It seeks to establish a plan for continual growth and expansion of the sport from grass roots to elite level competition. It highlights the new stadiums being built and proposed, increased funding for grassroots and junior leagues, new state teams and overseas expansion and the success of the women's game as the fastest growing part of the NRL. The three strategic pillars that are echoed throughout the document are:

- Unite – to be the most accessibly and inclusive Australian sport, offering highest quality participation experiences;
- Excite – First choice entertainment, investing in fans experience; and
- Inspire – Become a larger and diverse community.

The following trends and initiatives from the NRL Strategic Plan have been considered in the development of this Sports Code Plan:

- Continue growth in junior competition from grassroots to elite level.
- Partnerships with elite level competition – Canterbury-Bankstown Bulldogs.
- New women's competitions – encourage and promote these throughout the community.
- Support the development of alternative/ short forms of the game.

# Current situation

## Facility distribution

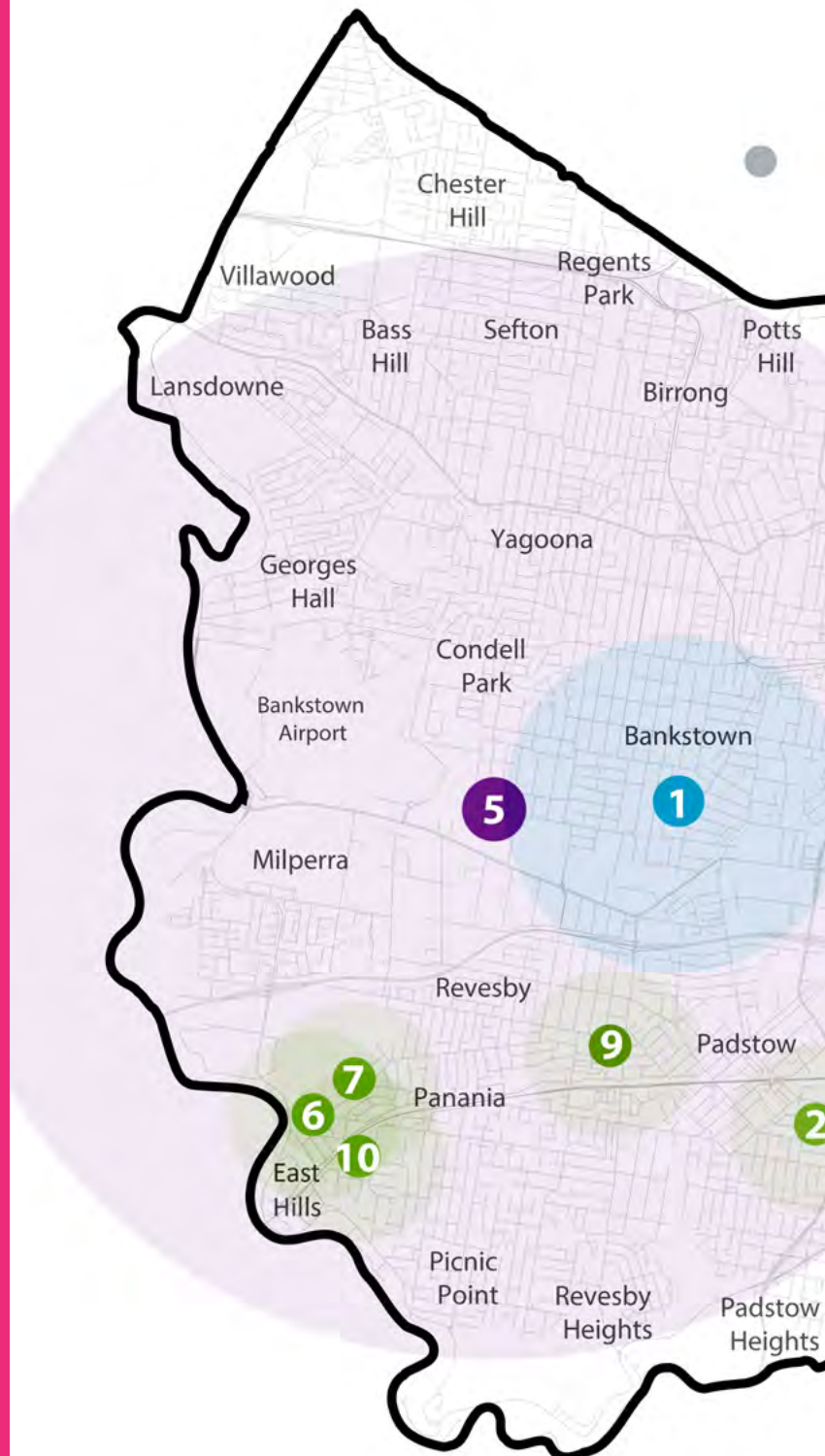
Figure 15 indicates the location of rugby league facilities in Canterbury-Bankstown and their associated hierarchies.

Canterbury-Bankstown is currently well serviced by rugby league facilities.

Recommendations are provided for how best to improve access to quality facilities within the strategic actions table.

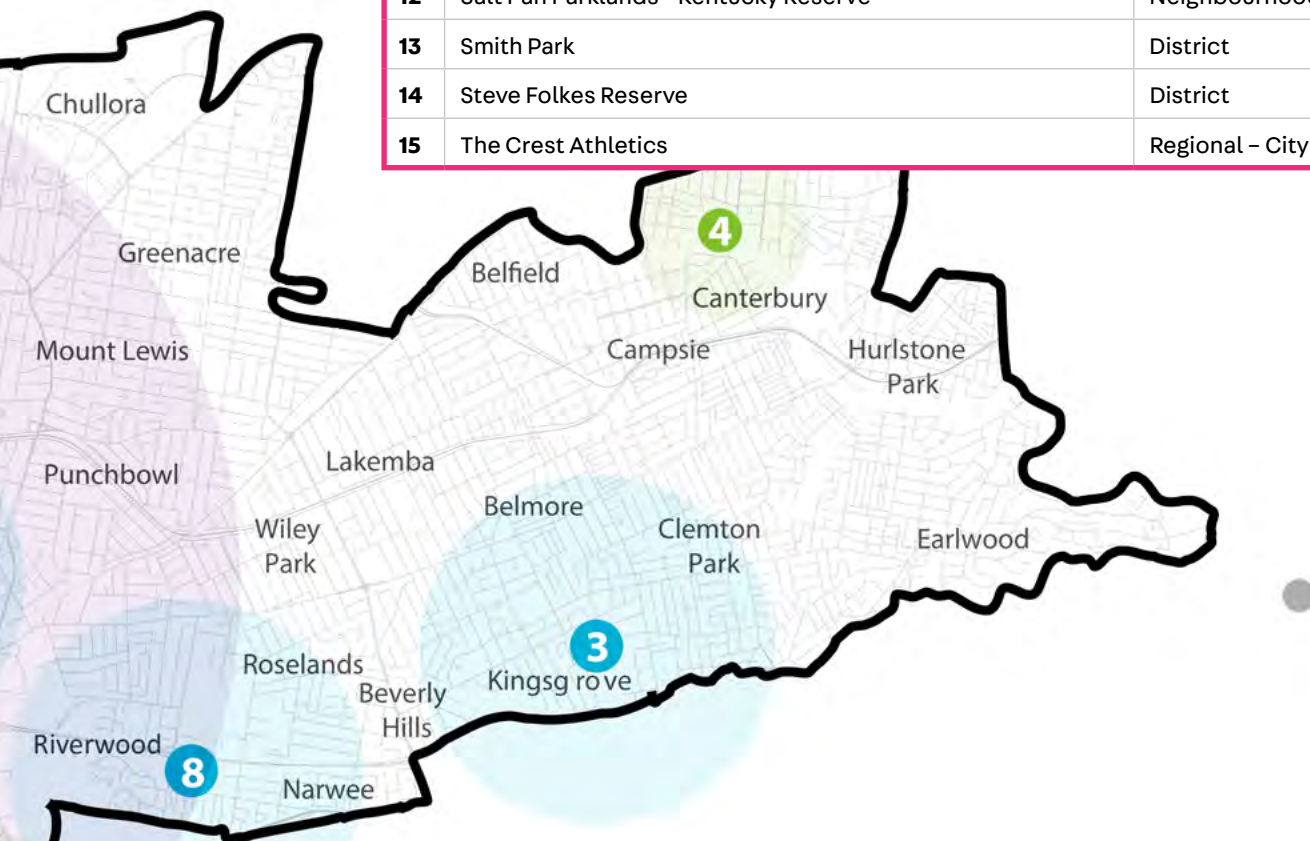
Rugby League facilities	
Facilities	15
Field provision	26
State	1
Regional – City Wide	2
District	10
Neighbourhood	2
Club participation	2,919
Participants per field	113
Teams per field (17)	6.7
Participation demand	Low   Medium   High
Provision distribution	Excellent   Good   Fair

Figure 15 – Distribution and catchment of rugby league facilities in Canterbury-Bankstown



## Rugby facilities and hierarchy

#	Facility name	Sport hierarchy
1	Abbott Park Complex (includes the Bill Lovelee Youth Centre)	District
2	Belmore Sportsground	State
3	Bill Delauney Reserve	District
4	Clemton Park	District
5	Killara Reserve	District
6	Middleton Park	Neighbourhood
7	Neptune Park	District
8	Peter Moore Field (north)	District
9	Punchbowl Park	District
10	Roberts Park	District
11	Ruse Park	District
12	Salt Pan Parklands - Kentucky Reserve	Neighbourhood
13	Smith Park	District
14	Steve Folkes Reserve	District
15	The Crest Athletics	Regional - City Wide



## Current participation and trends

Rugby league is generally increasing in participation rates across Canterbury-Bankstown and for children in NSW. More widely across Australia and for adults in NSW the participation rates have remained steady.

Currently rugby league is significantly more popular for males (80%) compared to females (20%). 37 per cent of total players in 2017 were new players into the game, compared to a similar 38 per cent in 2016.

Consultation and review of strategic documents found the following trends.

- Growth of competitive touch football and oz tag.
- Participation for females at an all-time high (63% increase from 2017).
- Growth of recreational styles of the game, particularly short sided rugby and league tag.

## Asset condition assessment findings

Asset condition assessments have made the following observations.

- There is one state rugby league facility at Belmore Sports Ground, which is utilised by the Canterbury-Bankstown Bulldogs professional NRL team. The facility has the capability to host state and national events and is under the management by the Bulldogs NRL organisation.
- There are two regionally recognised rugby league facilities within Canterbury-Bankstown:
  - The Crest Athletics Facilities is within The Crest Sporting Precinct. The infield can be used for higher level games.
  - The Abbott Park sporting complex had two fields as well as the Bill Lovelee Youth Centre.
- There are ten district and two neighbourhood rugby league facilities. Several facilities require improvements to amenities and parking.

## Facility guidelines

The overarching rugby league associations (Rugby League Australia and Rugby League NSW) have developed a number of strategic documents in regard to playing field regulations and guidelines

as well as safety in design for rugby league facilities and amenities. The following documents should be referenced during the design and planning of rugby league facilities within Canterbury-Bankstown:

- Preferred Facility Guidelines, NRL (2014)
- Performance and Construction Standards, NRL (2012).

**Council cannot meet all of the prescribed standards of facilities outlined in the above facility guideline documents. Safety, accessibility and functionality are key standards which will be the priority of Council and its facilities.**

## Strategic position

Council aims to improve the quality and access to rugby league facilities to meet the requirements of all users. Part of this involves managing and designing facilities to ensure that the costs to maintain them are manageable for Council and equitable across all codes.

There are many challenges that will come with this as there is a need to manage the pressures being placed on facilities as a result of the increase in population and limited opportunity to expand current facilities. Council will need to consider the flexibility of sporting spaces and consider changes towards multi-use facilities to allow for greater use.

There is a relatively low level of Rugby League participation in Canterbury-Bankstown compared to other sports. Sufficient supply of Rugby League facilities suggest Council does not currently need to explore new sites, however potential multi-purpose facilities will continue to be considered. There may be a need to consider provision in the east of the City if trends show there is an increase in demand. Council will continue to work with the local Association to understand the broader needs and priorities of the sport, including potential infrastructure upgrades.

Belmore Sportsground is the home of the Canterbury-Bankstown Bulldogs. The facility is primarily used for training, with the occasional match being played. Council will work with the Bulldogs to create partnerships to plan for the future of the Belmore Sports Precinct as a sporting hub and create opportunities for athlete pathways in accordance with the Belmore Masterplan.

## Strategic Actions

The following actions have been identified based on the analysis of rugby league trends, distribution and needs. Their implementation will be subject to the availability of funding, asset condition assessment, and broader city wide priorities.

Recommendations	Priority
<b>9.1</b> Encourage partnerships with grassroots clubs and high level competition and where practical support use of <b>Belmore Sportsground</b> and <b>Peter Moore Field</b> for training and competition by alternate levels of rugby league.	High
<b>9.2</b> Develop Precinct Plan for <b>Punchbowl Park</b> .	High
<b>9.3</b> Investigate juniors' growth locations in the central City.	High
<b>9.4</b> Identify and upgrade amenities nearing the end of their life.	Medium
<b>9.5</b> Improve access, wayfinding and parking as per the <b>Belmore Sportsground</b> Master Plan.	Medium
<b>9.6</b> Prepare Precinct Plan for the <b>Crest Sporting Precinct</b> .	Low
<b>9.7</b> Implement Master Plan for <b>Salt Pan Creek Reserve</b> to create a significant sporting precinct, new fields and other associated infrastructure.	Low





# Tennis Sports Code Plan

## Purpose

This Sports Code Plan (The Plan) provides a strategic approach to planning, design and delivery of upgraded and redeveloped tennis facilities in Canterbury-Bankstown. It includes priority recommendations for ensuring sufficient opportunities for participation are available to all; primarily for the competition level facilities (regional – city wide and district), while acknowledging the role neighbourhood facilities play in providing venues for training and recreational participation for the Canterbury-Bankstown community.

Tennis has been identified as a primary sport. The opportunities and recommendations outlined in the Plan encourages a collaborative approach between the various sporting organisations, stakeholders and Council. The Plan:

- Aligns with code-wide strategic priorities at regional, state and national levels, where appropriate;
- Identifies the key issues facing tennis in Canterbury-Bankstown both in the current situation, and future needs; and
- Provides recommendations and priority actions based on a rigorous process of evaluation to ensure current and future needs are met

## Strategic alignment

The Tennis New South Wales Strategic Plan was developed to direct the sport from 2018 to 2021. It seeks to get more people playing tennis more often by considering their four strategic pillars which include:

- Play – to support clubs and coaches to get more people participating in tennis;
- Places – to assist our clubs, coaches and councils to invest in and operate sustainable tennis venues;
- Promote – to effectively promote tennis and the work of Tennis NSW to our players, clubs, coaches and councils; and
- People – to attract, retain and develop great people to best serve our sport.

The following trends and initiatives from the Tennis NSW Strategic Plan 2018 – 2021 have been considered in the development of this Sports Code Plan.

- Support growth in the number of tennis participants.
- Inclusion of all abilities participants and participants of all ages.
- Access to tennis facilities.

# Current situation

## Facility distribution

Figure 16 indicates the location of tennis facilities in Canterbury-Bankstown and their associated hierarchies.

The provision demand and distribution of tennis facilities indicate that there are enough facilities which are relatively well distributed across the area.

Recommendations are provided for how to best improve access to quality facilities in the strategic actions table.

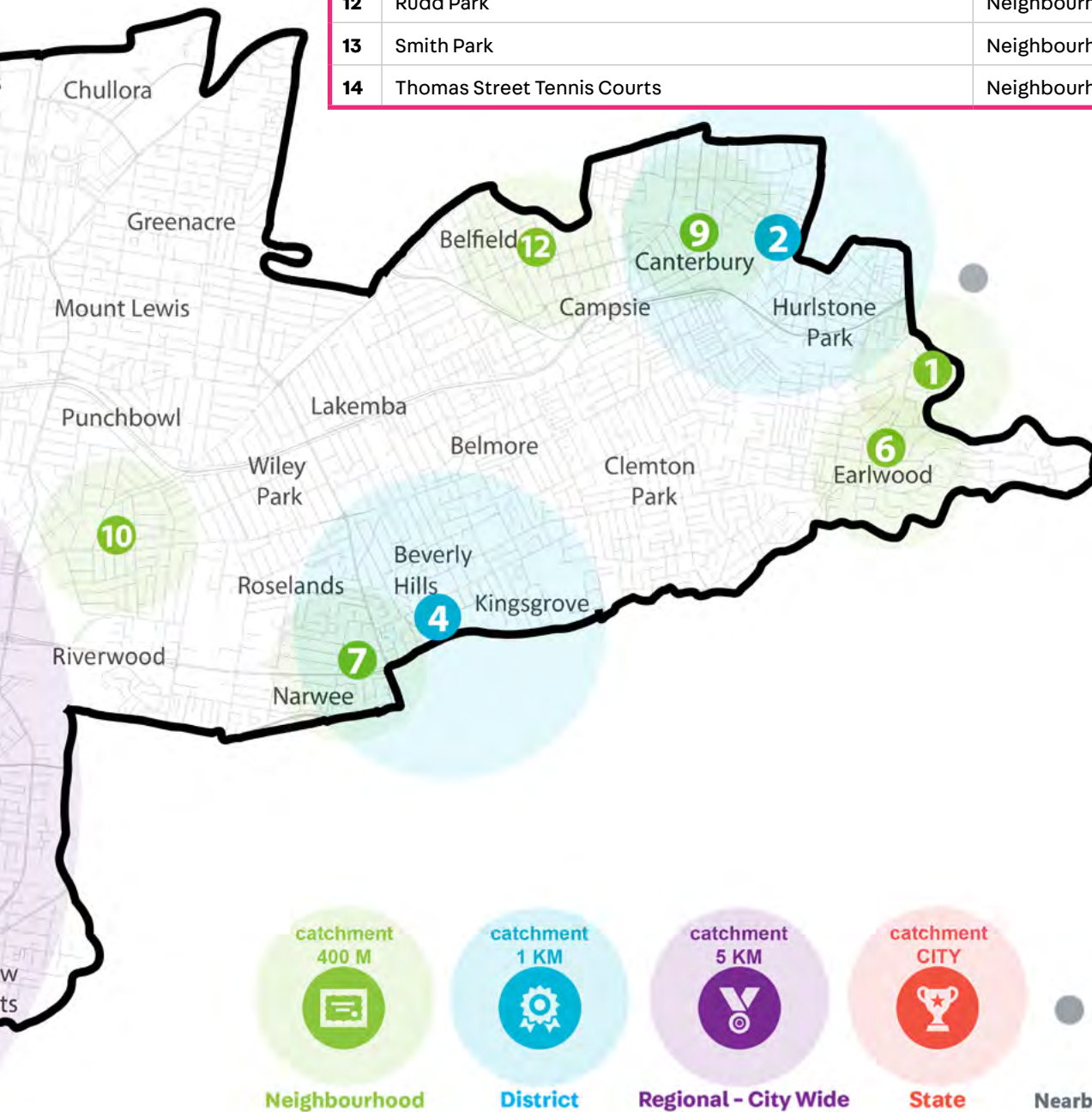
Tennis facilities	
Facilities	14
Court provision	64
State	0
Regional - City Wide	1
District	5
Neighbourhood	8
Club participation	1,208
Participants per court	19
Teams per court (2/4)	9.7/4.8
Provision demand	Low   Medium   High
Provision distribution	Excellent   Good   Fair

Figure 16 – Distribution and catchment of tennis facilities in Canterbury-Bankstown



## Tennis facilities and hierarchy

#	Facility name	Sport hierarchy
1	Beaman Park	Neighbourhood
2	Canterbury Park – King Street Tennis Courts	District
3	Coleman Park	District
4	Coolabah Street Reserve Tennis Courts	District
5	Deverall Park	District
6	Earlwood Oval Tennis Courts	Neighbourhood
7	John Mountford Reserve	Neighbourhood
8	Kelso Park South – Panania Tennis Centre	Regional – City Wide
9	Lees Park	Neighbourhood
10	Punchbowl Park	Neighbourhood
11	Roger Bowman Tennis Courts – Rose Park	District
12	Rudd Park	Neighbourhood
13	Smith Park	Neighbourhood
14	Thomas Street Tennis Courts	Neighbourhood



## Current participation and trends

Participation in tennis in Canterbury-Bankstown has generally remained high but steady over the years.

Consultation and review of strategic documents found the following trends.

- 76 per cent of tennis participants in NSW are adults.
- Tennis participation in NSW is the largest in Australia.
- There is currently a large participation drop in NSW for children aged nine to 14.
- There is a higher demand for social tennis rather than competition and tournaments.
- 82 per cent of venues in NSW sit on Council or Crown Land.

## Asset condition assessment findings

Asset condition assessments have made the following observations.

- There is one regional – city wide tennis facility within Canterbury-Bankstown at Kelso Park South (Panania Tennis Centre). This facility contains eight courts and has limited potential to expand any further due to availability of land.
- There are five district facilities which each comprise five or more courts, with the exception of Coolabah Street Reserve which comprises four courts but has capacity to expand pending future master planning of open space in area.
- There are six neighbourhood facilities which are generally made up of four or less courts. Many of these courts are ageing and some are experiencing reduced use primarily due to access and demographics.
- Lighting infrastructure at many facilities requires upgrading.

## Facility guidelines

The Tennis Australia have developed strategic documents for court regulations and guidelines. The National Tennis Facility Planning and Development Guide (2013) should be referenced during the design and planning of tennis facilities within Canterbury-Bankstown.

**Council cannot meet all of the prescribed standards of facilities outlined in the above facility guideline documents. Safety, accessibility and functionality are key standards which will be the priority of Council and its facilities.**

## Strategic position

Council aims to improve the quality and access to tennis facilities to meet the requirements of all users. Part of this involves managing and designing facilities to ensure that the costs to maintain them are manageable for Council and equitable across all sporting codes.

There are many challenges that will come with this as there is a need to manage the pressures being placed on facilities as a result of the increase in population and limited opportunity to expand current facilities. Council will need to consider the flexibility of sporting spaces and consider changes towards multi-use facilities.

When reviewing the number of tennis players per court, it is evident that the current supply is sufficient. Council's focus is on maintaining and embellishing existing tennis facilities rather than the creation of new sites. This is consistent with the Plan's recommendation to investigate the provision of additional courts at existing facilities if the demand arises.

## Strategic Actions

The following actions have been identified based on the analysis of tennis trends, distribution and needs. Their implementation will be subject to the availability of funding, asset condition assessment, and broader city wide priorities.

Recommendations	Priority
<b>10.1</b> Improve surfaces and fencing at high priority sites.	High
<b>10.2</b> Upgrade the Kelso Park South - Panania Tennis Centre to meet standards required of a regional tennis facility.	High
<b>10.3</b> Prepare a Plan for the <b>Canterbury Park Precinct</b> which considers individual sports, amenities, pedestrian circulation and the site as a whole.	Medium
<b>10.4</b> Work with tennis providers to encourage an update to booking and access methods to courts (e.g. pin lock systems and online bookings), to promote casual recreational use.	Medium
<b>10.5</b> Upgrade dated lighting infrastructure at tennis facilities.	Medium
<b>10.6</b> Identify and upgrade amenities nearing the end of their life.	Medium
<b>10.7</b> Consider adding additional courts to existing facilities where there is demand and it is considered feasible.	Low





# Golf Sports Code Plan

There are currently two public golf courses owned and operated by the City of Canterbury-Bankstown. There are also another two privately owned and operated golf courses within the LGA. In addition, there are ten golf courses (public and private) in adjacent Local Government Areas in close proximity to Canterbury-Bankstown residents. Therefore, there is no current distribution gap identified when including these additional courses into the distribution analysis.

## Current Participation and Trends

Participation in both competitive and recreational golf is generally declining across Australia. A report by Golf Australia released in May 2017 highlighted NSW as having the most significant decline in membership numbers nationally. Therefore there is a movement for adaptive re-use and diversification of golf facilities to include supplementary activities such as driving ranges, putt-putt courses and alternative forms of the game (e.g. FootGolf, DiscGolf and FlingGolf).

The impact that COVID-19 has had on golf participation has been significant and creates a level of uncertainty relating to future participation trends.

## Strategic Position

The City of Canterbury Bankstown currently provides two public golf courses that present entry-level golf participation options for the community. These two courses are currently managed under different operating models. While the public courses focus on providing equitable access to golf for residents, they are currently both subsidised by Council. It is also acknowledged that the broader region is generally well catered for in relation to golf courses.

Council aims to improve the quality and access to golf facilities to meet the requirements of all users. Part of this involves managing facilities to ensure that the costs to maintain them are manageable for Council and equitable across all sporting codes.

There are many challenges that will come with this as there is a need to manage the pressures being placed on facilities as a result of the increase in population and limited opportunity to expand current facilities. Council will need to consider the flexibility of existing open spaces and consider changes towards multi-use facilities.

A strategic review for golf courses is currently being undertaken to evaluate the long-term future needs for local public golf facilities. In recognition of the uncertainty in participation trends due to COVID-19, participation will continue to be monitored to guide future decisions.

## Strategic Actions

The following recommendations have been made based on the analysis of golf trends, distribution and needs.

Recommendations	Priority
<b>11.1</b> Complete a Golf Courses Review for both <b>Canterbury Golf Course</b> and <b>Sefton Golf Course</b> .	High

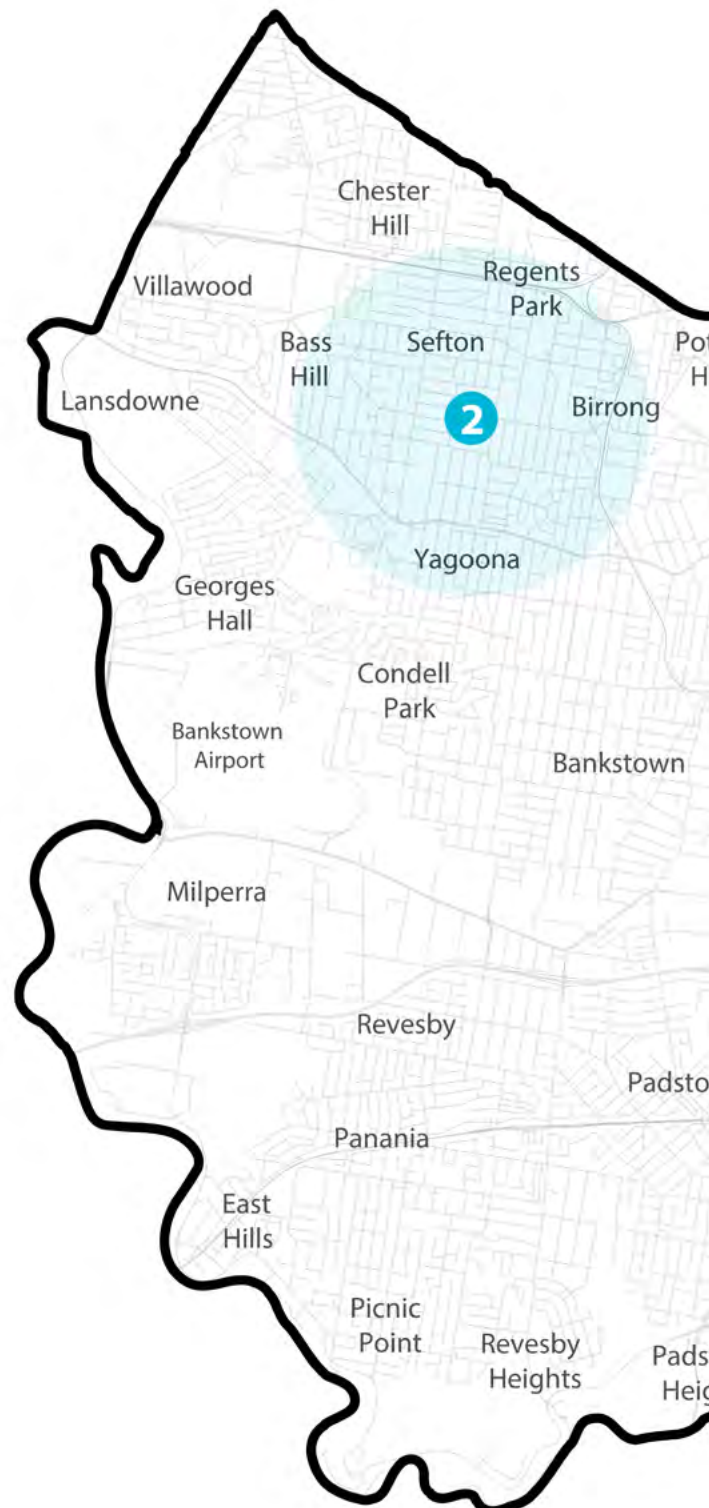
## Council position

Council will review its two existing golf facilities to determine if they should continue to run solely as golf courses, with private and neighbouring Local Government Areas provision being considered. No additional golf courses will be provided by Council. Other golf offerings may be provided by the private sector.

Golf facilities	
Facilities	2
Field provision	n/a
State	0
Regional – City Wide	0
District	2
Neighbourhood	0
Participation	450 casual users per week 2019 (Canterbury)
Provision demand	<b>Low</b>   Medium   High
Provision distribution	<b>Excellent</b>   Good   Fair

## Golf facilities and hierarchy

#	Facility name	Sport hierarchy
1	Canterbury Golf Course	District
2	Sefton Golf Course	District



## Design guidelines and ongoing planning principles

Design guidelines and ongoing planning principles as described in the Sports Facilities Strategic Plan and Code Plans must be considered at all sporting facilities to guide the level of the facility and to ensure that safety and accessibility standards are met.

## Hierarchies

The hierarchies used are based on those identified in Council's Open Space Strategies. They determine the function the facility plays within the City and region and will usually consider the level of use and proximity to other facilities. Not all facilities can be maintained to the highest level, therefore hierarchy standards are required.

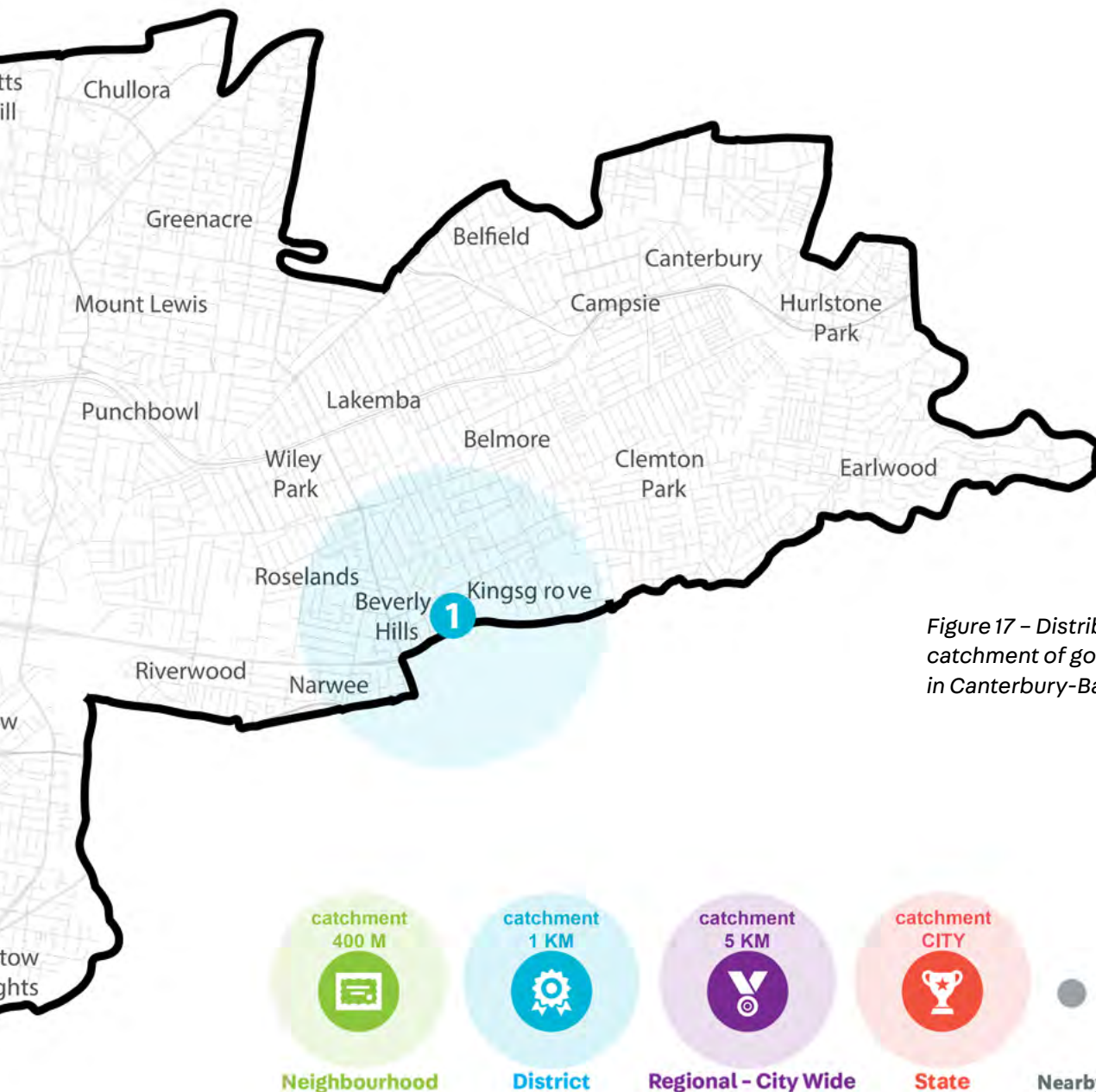


Figure 17 – Distribution and catchment of golf facilities in Canterbury-Bankstown



# Hockey Sports Code Plan

There are 186 players registered to three hockey clubs in Canterbury-Bankstown, playing out of The Crest and other smaller facilities. Consider collaboration with surrounding regions who have sufficient hockey facilities to encourage shared use. Consider partnering with private or educational facilities to provide access to additional hockey fields for competition and training purposes.

## Trends

Hockey has a marginally decreasing participation rate in Canterbury-Bankstown.

## Strategic Position

Council aims to improve the quality and access to hockey facilities to meet the requirements of all users. Part of this involves managing and designing facilities to ensure that the costs to maintain them are manageable for Council and equitable across all sporting codes.

There are many challenges that will come with this as there is a need to manage the pressures being placed on facilities as a result of the increase in population and limited opportunity to expand current facilities. Council will need to consider the flexibility of sporting spaces and consider changes towards multi-use facilities.

With the number of players per field in a sustainable range, the current participation trends do not support the expansion of hockey facilities. Council will focus on improving the quality at The Crest Hockey facility, whilst continually monitoring future participation trends.

## Strategic Actions

The following recommendations have been made based on the analysis of hockey trends, distribution and needs.

Their implementation will be subject to the availability of funding, asset condition assessment, and broader city wide priorities

Recommendations	Priority
12.1 Prepare Precinct Plan for the <b>Crest Sporting Precinct</b> and consider upgrading amenities.	Low

## Council position

Continue to provide for hockey at The Crest. Additional outdoor hockey facilities are not currently required.

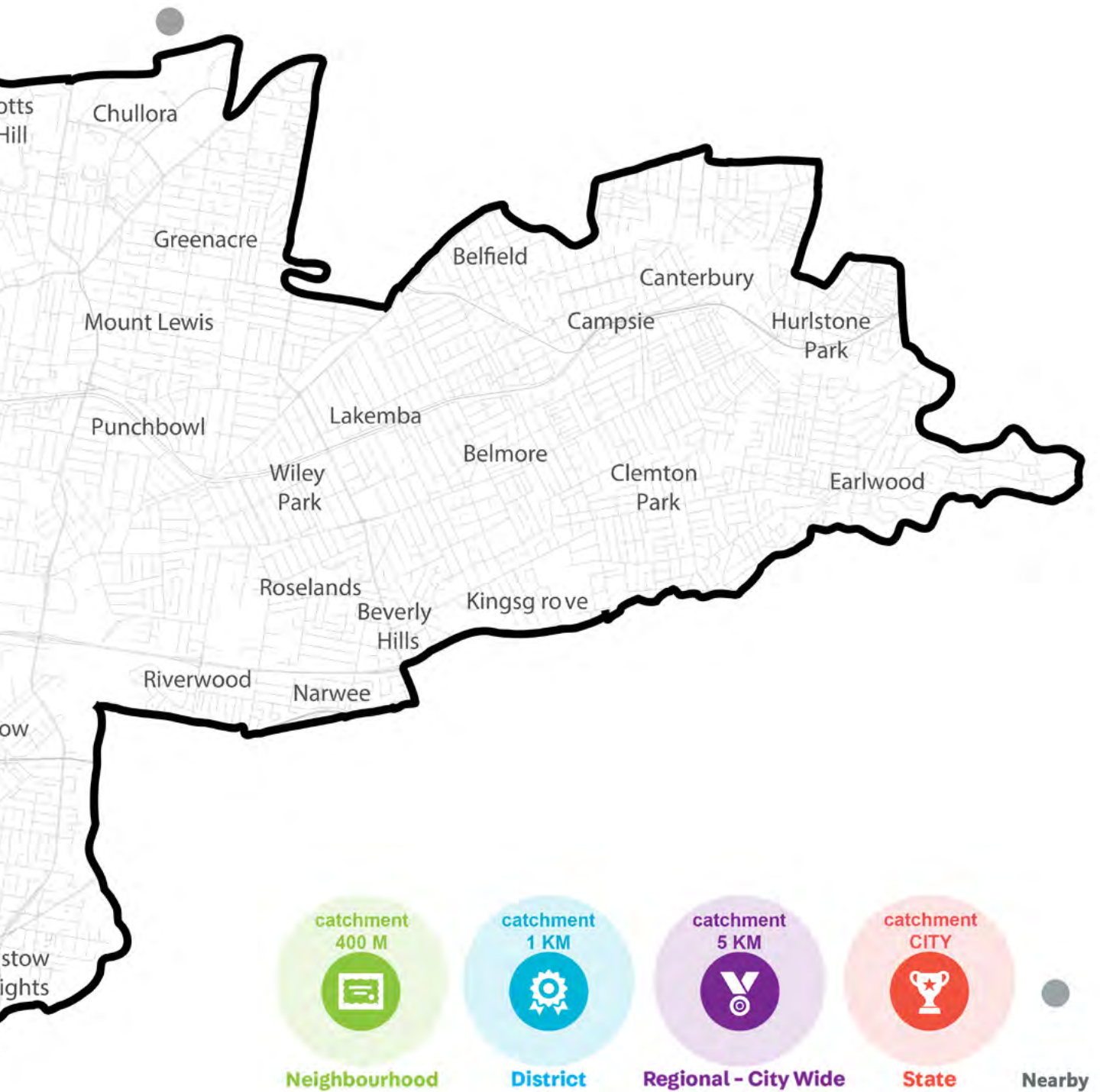
Hockey facilities	
Facilities	1
Field provision	2
State	0
Regional - City Wide	0
District	1
Neighbourhood	0
Club participation	186
Participants per field	46.6
Teams per field (17)	2.7
Provision demand	<b>Low</b>   Medium   High
Provision distribution	Excellent   <b>Good</b>   Fair

Figure 18 – Distribution and catchment of Hockey facilities in Canterbury-Bankstown



## Hockey facilities and hierarchy

#	Facility name	Sport hierarchy
1	The Crest Hockey	District





# Indoor Sports Code Plan

Indoor sports are varied and provide diverse opportunities for entertainment and exercise. Indoor sports facilities within Canterbury-Bankstown differ in use, with strong participation in a variety of sports represented. Currently, facilities are not keeping up with demand, with participation being capped at some facilities due to capacity issues. For the purpose of this study the following sports are included in Indoor Sports.

- Badminton.
- Futsal (Indoor only).
- Gymnastics.
- Table Tennis.
- Volleyball.
- Ice Skating.
- Karate.

Indoor Sports facilities may also include indoor basketball and netball, however, these sports are being addressed separately by Sports Code Plans. Gyms have not been considered in this Plan.

## Trends

The following trends are emerging in Indoor Sports in Canterbury-Bankstown, NSW and more broadly across the sport nationally.

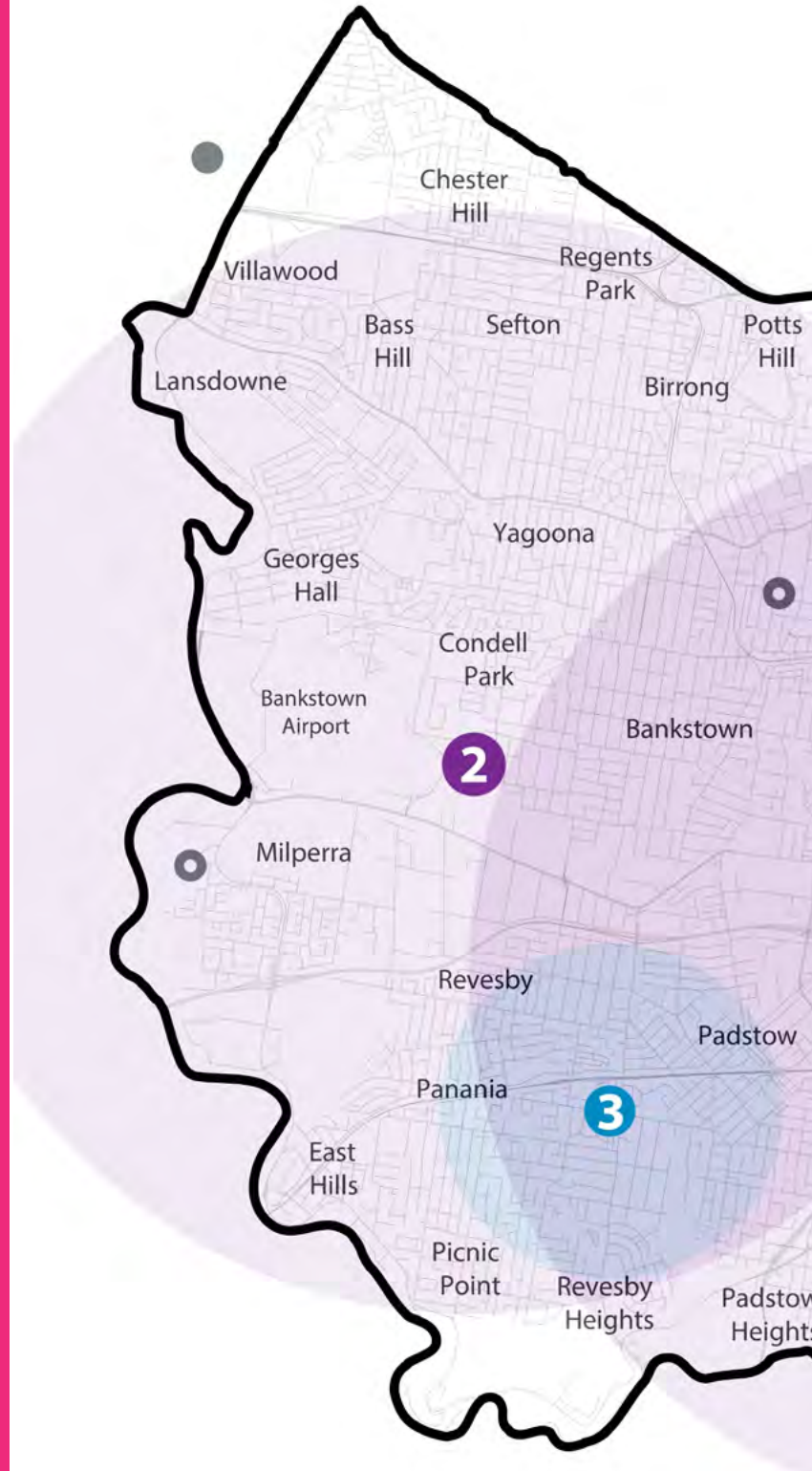
- Significant increase in social sports in Australia, the majority of which are undertaken in indoor facilities.
- Indoor sports centres are seen as social hubs within communities and usually offer a range of sports and services, particularly targeting intergenerational use.
- Indoor sports centres are adaptable over time, accommodating a range of uses and are therefore more likely to meet changing market and participation trends.
- Larger multi-purpose facilities show resilience in commercial viability to their adaptability.

## Council position

To continue to maintain its existing indoor facilities as they provide an important recreation asset. Consider future upgrades to increase court numbers at high level facilities which host a range of court based sports.

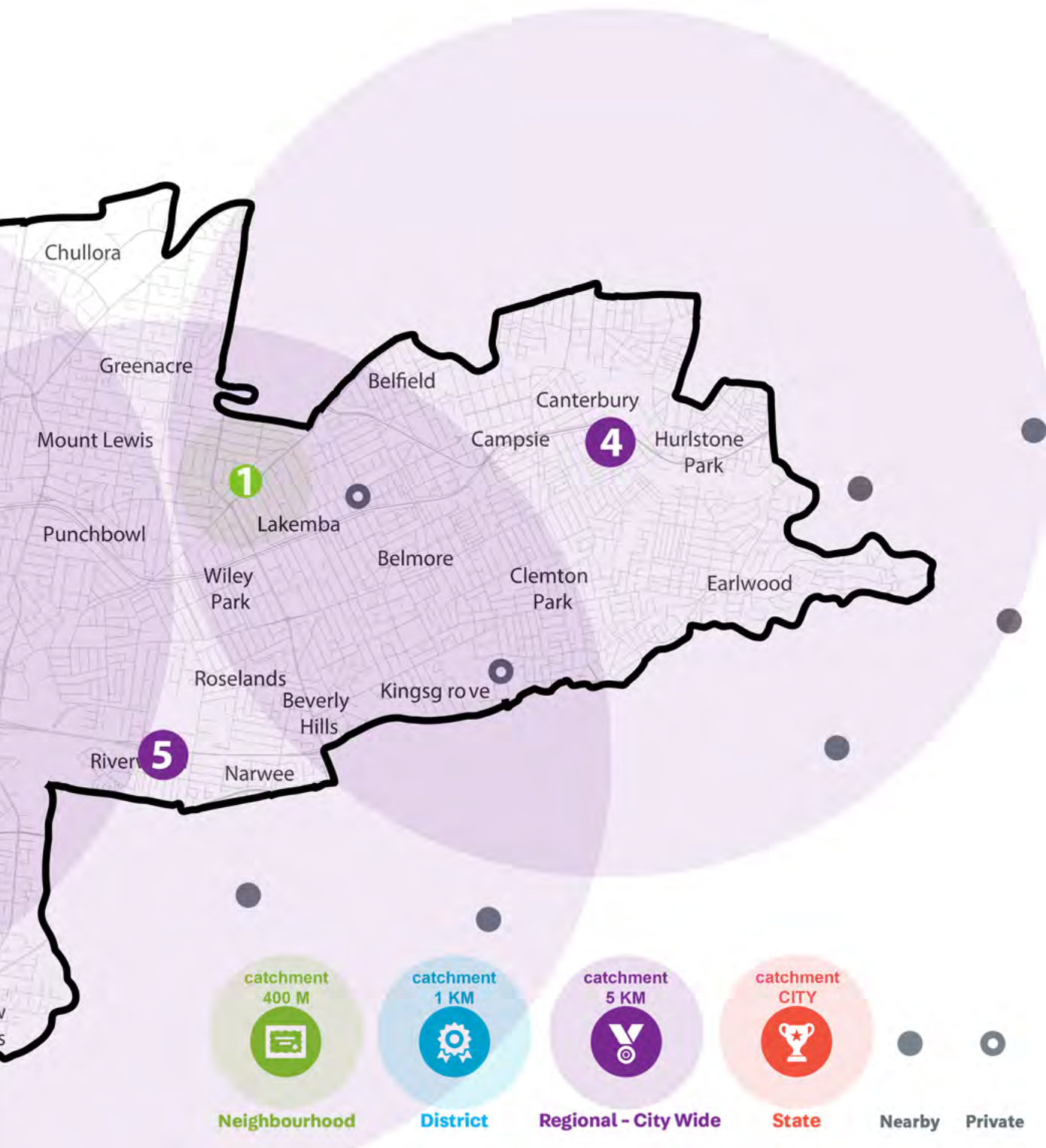
Indoor Sports facilities	
Facilities	5
Court provision	20 Multi-use courts 1 Ice-skating rink 2 Gymnastics 4 Cricket 5 Multipurpose spaces
State	0
Regional – City Wide	3
District	1
Neighbourhood	1
Provision demand	Low   <b>Medium</b>   High
Provision distribution	<b>Excellent</b>   Good   Fair

Figure 19 – Distribution and catchment of indoor facilities in Canterbury-Bankstown



## Indoor Sports facilities and hierarchy

#	Facility name	Sport hierarchy
1	Australian National Sports Club	Neighbourhood
2	Bankstown Basketball Stadium	Regional – City Wide
3	Bankstown City YMCA	District
4	Canterbury Olympic Ice Rink	Regional – City Wide
5	Morris Iemma Indoor Sports Centre	Regional – City Wide



## **Australian National Sports Club**

The Australian National Sports Club is a multi-use recreation facility located within Parry Park in Punchbowl. The facility runs multiple indoor sports including basketball, futsal, badminton, volleyball and karate. This facility is privately managed.

## **Bankstown Basketball Stadium**

Bankstown Basketball Stadium provides indoor facilities for basketball, futsal and volleyball. There is an increased demand for sports other than basketball to be played at the centre and this is resulting in the facility reaching its capacity for all sports provision. There is a need to provide additional courts at the facility to ensure the facility can keep up with the demand.

## **Canterbury Olympic Ice Rink**

Canterbury Olympic Ice Rink is identified as a regional – city wide indoor sporting facility as it not only services the Canterbury-Bankstown community but also the surrounding region. The facility is one of only five indoor ice skating facilities in Metropolitan Sydney therefore it plays an important role in providing a location for general recreation as well as sports such as figure skating, speed skating and ice hockey.

## **Morris lemma Indoor Sports Centre**

Morris lemma Indoor Sports Centre comprises two large indoor courts which can be divided into four smaller courts for games such as futsal and to provide spaces for other indoor games such as badminton, volleyball and more niche recreation activities such as unicycle hockey. The facility caters for small competitions as well as school and general recreation bookings. While the current courts allow for the provision of many indoor sporting activities, it limits the size of competitions it can host, particularly when full sized courts are required.

## **Bankstown City YMCA**

Bankstown City YMCA provide a range of indoor sporting activities including provision for gymnastics and rock climbing. A number of rooms and floor spaces are available to hire for a range of recreation activities including dance and yoga.

## **Strategic Position**

Council aims to improve the quality and access to indoor sports to meet the requirements of all users. Part of this involves managing and designing facilities to ensure that the costs to maintain them are manageable for Council and equitable across all codes.

There are many challenges that will come with this as there is a need to manage the pressures being placed on facilities as a result of the increase in population and limited opportunity to expand current facilities. Council will need to consider the flexibility of sporting spaces and consider changes towards multi-use facilities to allow for greater use.

There are number of existing private operators contribute to the delivery of indoor sports opportunities in Canterbury-Bankstown.

Council acknowledges the current distribution does not meet the demand for indoor sports facilities. The growing demand for these facilities stems from an increased popularity in sports such as basketball, futsal and indoor netball. Future investment towards indoor sports facilities will need to balance an appropriate location with future opportunities and specific sporting code requirements. Any future development of indoor sports needs to be multipurpose.

Council will continue to look at opportunities, however the provision of this type of facility requires significant investment. Any future facility needs further investigation and options should include collaboration with the Department of Education for access to indoor school sport facilities.

## Strategic Actions

The following recommendations have been made based on the analysis of indoor sports facilities trends, distribution and needs.

Their implementation will be subject to the availability of funding, asset condition assessment, and broader city wide priorities.

Recommendations	Priority
<b>13.1</b> Expand services and amenities at <b>Bankstown Basketball Stadium</b> to meet standards required of the level competition (Regional / State finals) and maximise potential for multi-purpose capacity including expanding the number of courts.	High
<b>13.2</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Prepare a Precinct Plan for the Riverwood Sporting Precinct including <b>Lance Hutchinson Oval, Bland Oval</b> and <b>Morris Iemma Indoor Sports Centre</b>.</li> <li>• Consider feasibility and potential for expansion of the <b>Morris Iemma Indoor Sports Centre</b> to increase capacity across the network.</li> </ul>	Medium
<b>13.3</b> Incorporate indoor sports facilities into future leisure and aquatic centre redevelopments where recommended in the Leisure and Aquatics Strategic Plan.	Medium





## Council position

Continue to provide high quality oztag fields across Canterbury-Bankstown.

### Touch Football - Oztag facilities

Club participation	4693
Provision demand	Low   Medium   <b>High</b>
Provision distribution	<b>Excellent</b>   Good   Fair

# Oztag Sports Code Plan

Oztag is a fast growing sport within Canterbury-Bankstown, with competitions at a variety of levels, including elite, grassroots juniors and social/ recreational.

Historically facilities such as Marco Reserve would be the primary location for oztag to be played. It is now being recognised that the sport has the adaptability to be played on most sports field surfaces. This creates a new level of flexibility when providing playing fields for oztag. Higher competition levels do have specific facility requirements.

## Trends

The following trends are emerging in Oztag in Canterbury-Bankstown, NSW and more broadly across the sport nationally.

- High participation in social competitions across Australia.
- High junior participation, approximately 50 per cent of regular junior rugby league players aged 12-15 years.

## Strategic Position

Council aims to improve the quality and access to Oztag facilities to meet the requirements of all users. Part of this involves managing and designing facilities to ensure that the costs to maintain them are manageable for Council and equitable across all codes.

There are many challenges that will come with this as there is a need to manage the pressures being placed on facilities as a result of the increase in population and limited opportunity to expand current facilities. Council will need to consider the flexibility of sporting spaces and consider changes towards multi-use facilities to allow for greater use.

Council acknowledges the increased popularity and participation in Oztag in recent years. As a sport with great flexibility, with the ability to be played at various facilities, Council will continue to monitor the demand and identify suitable locations if required, however the current provision of playing fields meets community needs. The challenge for Council is the competing demands for investment as a result of the numerous associations operating smaller competitions across the City.

## Strategic Actions

The following recommendations have been made based on the analysis of oztag trends, distribution and needs.

Their implementation will be subject to the availability of funding, asset condition assessment, and broader city wide priorities.

Recommendations	Priority
<b>14.1</b> Improve field surfaces and irrigation at high priority sportsgrounds.	High
<b>14.2</b> Identify and upgrade amenities nearing the end of their life.	Medium



# Softball Sports Code Plan

Softball is experiencing steady participation rates in Canterbury-Bankstown, state-wide and nationally. The Kelso Park North softball facility is the only regional softball facility within the surrounding Local Government Areas' and is therefore well utilised by players and spectators from both within and outside Canterbury-Bankstown.

## Trends

The following trends are emerging in softball in Canterbury-Bankstown, NSW and more broadly across the sport nationally.

- Remains a female dominant sport with approximately 76 per cent of participants in Australia being female.
- Continued high participation in school programs.
- 80 per cent of participants also perform volunteering duties for their clubs and organisations.

## Strategic Position

Council aims to improve the quality and access to softball facilities to meet the requirements of all users. Part of this involves managing and designing facilities to ensure that the costs to maintain them are manageable for Council and equitable across all codes.

There are many challenges that will come with this as there is a need to manage the pressures being placed on facilities as a result of the increase in population and limited opportunity to expand current facilities. Council will need to consider the flexibility of sporting spaces and consider changes towards multi-use facilities to allow for greater use.

With the number of players per field in a sustainable range, the current participation trends do not support the expansion of softball facilities. Council will enhance the quality of the Kelso Park North facility, with a focus on improving the experience for female participants due to their high levels of participation in the code.

## Strategic Actions

The following recommendations have been made based on the analysis of softball trends, distribution and needs.

Their implementation will be subject to the availability of funding, asset condition assessment, and broader city wide priorities.

Recommendations	Priority
<b>15.1</b> • Redesign new amenities for softball and reconfigure layout of amenities to improve internal site movements at <b>Kelso Park North</b> . • Provide additional car parking at <b>Kelso Park North</b> . • Improve access, wayfinding and parking as per the <b>Kelso North Master Plan</b> .	High
<b>15.1</b> When possible allow baseball users to utilise the smaller diamonds at <b>Kelso Park North</b> for junior games to increase overall participation, capacity and club collaboration.	High

## Council position

Continue to provide a regional – city wide facility at Kelso Park North which will continue to provide softball facilities for Canterbury-Bankstown and the wider region.

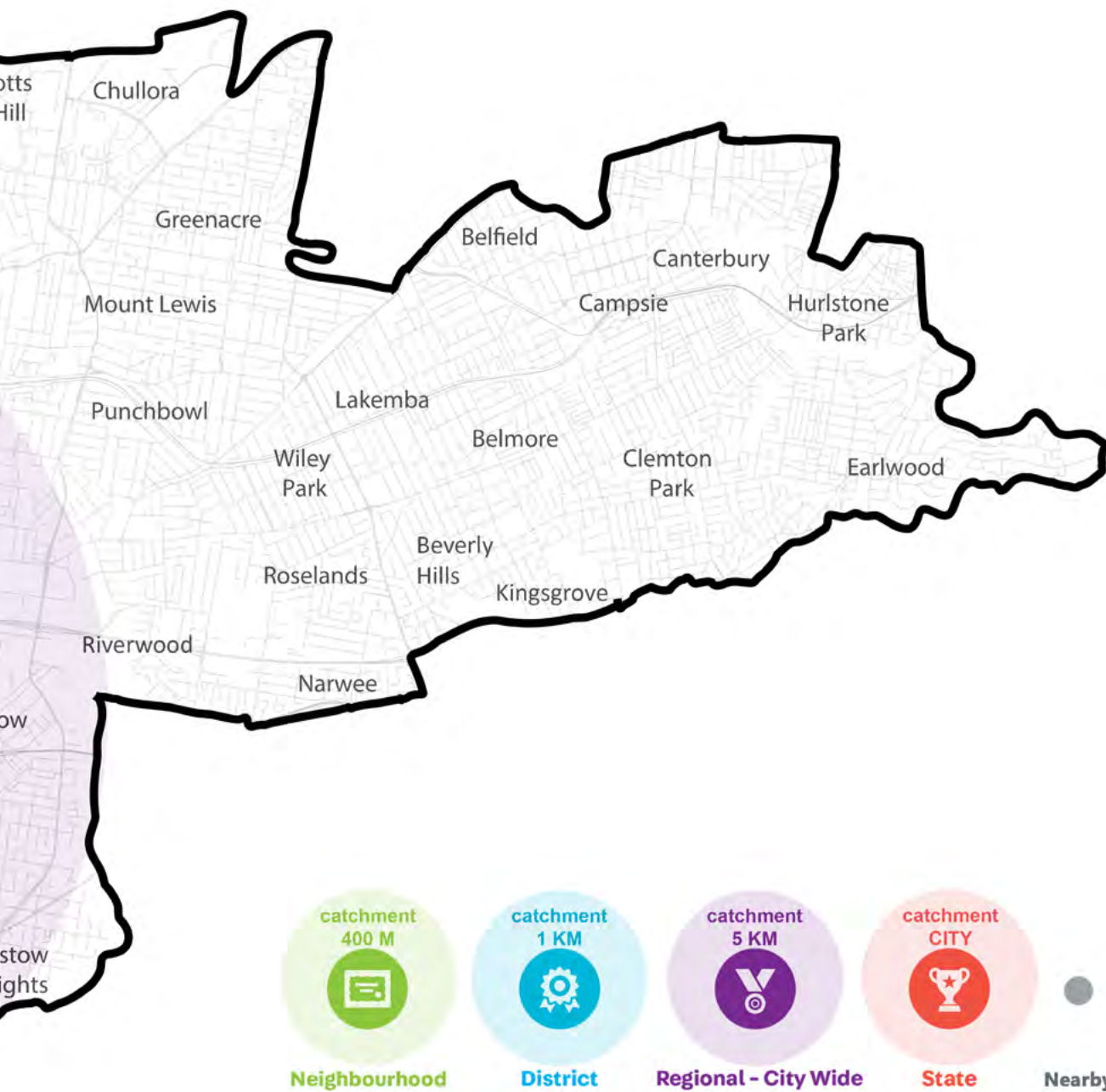
Softball facilities	
Facilities	1
Field provision	11
State	0
Regional – City Wide	1
District	0
Neighbourhood	0
Club participation	624
Participants per field	57.8
Teams per field (10)	5.7
Provision demand	Low   Medium   High
Provision distribution	Excellent   <b>Good</b>   Fair

Figure 20 – Distribution and catchment of softball facilities in Canterbury-Bankstown



## Softball facilities and hierarchy

#	Facility name	Sport hierarchy
1	Kelso Park North	Regional – City Wide





## Council position

Continue to provide high quality touch football fields across Canterbury-Bankstown.

### Touch Football - Oztag facilities

Club participation	3995
Participants per field	428.3
Provision demand	Low   <b>Medium</b>   High
Provision distribution	<b>Excellent</b>   Good   Fair

# Touch Football Sports Code Plan

Touch football is a fast growing sport within Canterbury-Bankstown, with competitions at a variety of levels, including elite, grassroots juniors and social/recreational.

Historically facilities such as Waterworth Park and Vale of Ah were the main locations for touch football to be played. It is now being recognised that the sport has the adaptability to be played on most sports field surfaces. This creates a new level of flexibility when providing playing fields for touch football.

Higher competition levels do have specific facility requirements. Canterbury-Bankstown is currently home to the state touch football headquarters which increases promotion of the sport within the community.

## Strategic Position

Council aims to improve the quality and access to touch football facilities to meet the requirements of all users. Part of this involves managing and designing facilities to ensure that the costs to maintain them are manageable for Council and equitable across all codes.

There are many challenges that will come with this as there is a need to manage the pressures being placed on facilities as a result of the increase in population and limited opportunity to expand current facilities. Council will need to consider the flexibility of sporting spaces and consider changes towards multi-use facilities to allow for greater use.

New South Wales Touch Football are based at the Canterbury Velodrome, adjacent to Waterworth Park. State level carnivals and competitions are

played at Waterworth and within the Canterbury Velodrome. This facility acts as a pathway for athlete development across the City.

Council acknowledges the increased popularity and participation in Touch Football in recent years. As a sport with great flexibility, with the ability to be played at various facilities, Council will continue to monitor the demand and identify suitable locations if required, however the current provision of playing fields meets community needs. The challenge for Council is the competing demands for investment as a result of the numerous associations operating smaller competitions across the City.

## Trends

The following trends are emerging in touch football in Canterbury-Bankstown, NSW and more broadly across the sport nationally.

- High participation in social competitions across Australia.
- High junior participation, approximately 50 per cent of regular junior rugby league players aged 12-15 years.
- Higher participation of touch football in NSW and Queensland compared to other states due to its development from rugby league.

## Strategic Actions

The following recommendations have been made based on the analysis of touch football trends, distribution and needs.

Their implementation will be subject to the availability of funding, asset condition assessment, and broader city wide priorities.

Recommendations	Priority
<b>16.2</b> Improve field surfaces and irrigation at high priority sportsgrounds.	High
<b>16.3</b> Identify and upgrade amenities nearing the end of their life.	Medium
<b>16.4</b> Redesign new amenities building at <b>Waterworth Park</b> for multiple users as per the adopted Master Plan.	Medium
<b>16.5</b> Improve site access with new path links from the street, parking areas and velodrome to amenities.	

