Strategic Sports Plan

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SUPPORTING RESOURCES – VOL 2
SPORTS FACILITIES HIERARCHY

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HIERARCHY OF PROVISION

Performance outcomes in relation to land quantum or quality are necessary to be able to identify the space or land needed to meet needs, and to assess capacity of existing assets to accommodate increased demand. This minimum level of supply is further informed by performance criteria relating to the suitability of the land to accommodate recreation and sporting use. The standards of service are also designed to ensure that land proposed for sporting areas can be developed and maintained effectively without unreasonable costs which can be associated with poor quality land.

The embellishments should be considered as a summary only and should be further informed by any current or future park planning and design guidelines undertaken by City of Newcastle.

Table 1: Indicative Hierarchy and levels of embellishment for Sport Parks

PARK TYPE	LOCAL SPORTS PARK	DISTRICT SPORTS PARK	REGIONAL SPORTS PARK
Types of Use	Dedicated sporting use for competition or training	Dedicated sporting use for competition or training. High level of regular participation	Dedicated sporting use for high level competition or training
Public Access	Shared use with general community when not in use by sport	Shared use with general community when not in use by sport	Public access generally restricted
Tenure	No tenure	No tenure unless specialised, single purpose facility not suitable for shared use	No tenure unless specialised, single purpose facility not suitable for shared use
Hierarchy Definitions			
Hierarchy of Provision	Serves local suburb/s	Serves cluster of suburbs	Serves whole Council area and some regional demand
Preferred Min Size (Standalone)	Min 2, up to 4ha	5+ ha	Larger public open space areas mean more opportunities can be provided in one location. 10 Ha for sports
Service Access Radius[1]	Approx. 10 min drive	Approx. 10-min drive	Approx. 20-30-min drive
User Community	Use at district level or social sport	Use at district level	Use at regional, state or national level
Road Frontage (Minimum)	25-50%	50%	25%
Slope and Topography (Maximum)	1: 50 for all playing surfaces	1: 50 for all playing surfaces	1: 50 for all playing surfaces
Flooding and Other Hazards	Free of hazards. Facilities above ARI 100. Fields above ARI 20	Free of hazards. Fields above ARI 20. Built Facilities above ARI 100	Free of other physical hazards. Fields above ARI 20. Built Facilities above ARI 100
Paths, Access, Parking and Transport	Car, foot and bike access. Usually on street and Off-street parking. Linked to local trail/ bikeway network. Collector and local road support	Car, foot and bike access. Internal road linking designated off-street car parking provided as central hubs to facilities/ field areas Collector road support	Arterial road support and access. Public transport options. Formal off-street parking or dedicated on street parking possibly provided in several locations. Internal roads if needed

[1] *Service access radius refers to the maximum distance any given household would have to travel to reach a specific opportunity type*

PARK TYPE	LOCAL SPORTS PARK	DISTRICT SPORTS PARK	REGIONAL SPORTS PARK
Embellishments			
Sporting Fields	Fields provided and developed to playing standard Typically, single field with no expansion opportunity (<4ha), but capable of accommodating club training and competition	Fields developed to playing standard Typically, multi-field facility (4-10ha) catering for one or more sports	Fields developed to high playing standard Typically, single field facility catering for high level competition only
Amenities	Toilets, storage areas for essential equipment	Change rooms, toilets, kiosk, storage areas for training and club equipment	Change rooms, toilets, kiosks, officials' room, meeting room, scoreboard, ticket box
Spectator Facilities	Informal spectator seating areas or sideline viewing	Covered seating optional	Undercover or formalised seating e.g. grandstand/ pavilion
Sports lighting	Often not lit due to proximity of residences. If lit, generally to Australian Standard for training	To relevant Australian Standard for competition	To relevant sport/ Australian Standard for level of competition conducted
Boundary fencing.	Bollards to prevent car access onto fields	Fencing/ bollards to control access into site as well as limiting internal traffic access to field and facilities	Range of fencing/ boundary definition styles as appropriate to location.
Water taps, Irrigation	Taps located on built facilities and 1 per field where potable water is available	Taps located on built facilities where potable water is available	Drinking fountains and taps provided at built amenities/ facilities.
Ancilliary Lighting	For carpark, toilets, security lighting for buildings.	For carpark, toilets, security lighting for buildings.	For carpark, toilets, security lighting for buildings.
Maintenance standard	Medium Level	Medium - High Level	High Level
Other Comments	Often provided as part of a multi-use park providing informal and formal recreation. Can also include community facilities/ meeting areas	Preferred approach is to provide local or district informal recreation nodes as well. Usually master planned	Regional sport parks can often be provided by the State.

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Table 2: Sports facilities and revised hierarchy

FIELDS AND COURTS	REVISED HIERARCHY	INDIVIDUAL VARIATIONS TO CLASSIFICATION WITHIN PARK (IF ANY)
Adamstown Park sport fields	District (Nos 2 – 5)	Regional (No 1)
Adamstown Netball Court (training)	Local	
Adamstown Tennis Courts	Local	
Alder Park (No 1, 2 & 3)	District	
Arthur Edden Oval	See Wallarah Park	
Ballast Oval (No 1 & 2)	Local	
Bill Elliot Oval	District	
Blackley Oval	See Wallarah Park	
Carrington Tennis Courts	Local	
Centennial Park Tennis Courts	Local	
Col Curran/ Plattsburg No 1	District	
Connolly Park	Local	
Cook Park (No 1 & 2)	Local	
Corroba Oval (No 1 & 2)	Local	
Dangar Park	Local	
Darling Street Oval	Regional	
District Park[2] « Wanderers (No 1 & 2) « Newcastle Tennis Centre	Regional	No 2 - Local
Elermore Vale Reserve (No 1 - 4)	District	
Empire and Reid Park Tennis Courts	Local	
Empire Park	District	
Federal Park (No 1 - 4)	District	
Ford Oval	See New Lambton Park	
Gibbs Brothers Oval	Local	
Grange Ave Netball (training)	Local	
Grange Oval (No 1 & 2)	Local	
Griffith Park	Local	
Hamilton Park Tennis Courts	Local	
Harker Memorial Oval	See New Lambton Park	
Harold Myers Oval	Local – consider conversion to Recreation park	
Harold Myers Park Netball Courts (training)	Local – consider conversion to Recreation park	
Harry Edwards Oval	See Lambton Park	
Hawkins Oval	See Wickham Park	
Heaton Park (No 1 - 4)	Local	

[2] *State-owned and controlled site*

FIELDS AND COURTS	REVISED HIERARCHY	INDIVIDUAL VARIATIONS TO CLASSIFICATION WITHIN PARK (IF ANY)
Hexham Park	Local	
Hudson Park (No 1 - 3)	Local	
Islington Park	Local	
Jesmond Park	Local	
Johnson Park	Local - consider conversion to Recreation park	
Kentish Netball (training)	Local	
Kentish Oval No 1	See New Lambton Park	
Kentish Oval No 2	See New Lambton Park	
Kotara Park	Local	
Kotara Park Tennis Courts	Local	
Kurraka Netball Courts	Local	
Kurraka Oval (field 1 & 2)	Local	
Kurraka Tennis Courts	Local	
Lambton Park « Harry Edwards Oval « Lambton Park Outer Grounds « Lambton Park Junior	District	
Lambton Park Tennis Courts	Local	
Learmonth Park (Field 1 & 2)	Local	
Learmonth Park Tennis Courts	Local	
Lewis Oval	Local	
Lindsay Memorial Oval	Local	
Litchfield Park No 1 & 2 (junior)	Local - consider conversion to Recreation park	
Lugar Park (No 1 & 2)	Local	
Lynn Oval	Local	
Mandalong Oval	See Adamstown Park	
Mandalong Oval Training Ground	See Adamstown Park	
Mayfield Hillcrest Tennis court	Local	
Mayfield Park	Local	
Minmi Sports Ground (No 1 & 2)	Local	
Minmi Tennis Courts	Local	
Myamblah Crescent Oval (No 1 & 2)	Local	
Myer Park No 1	See Adamstown Park	
Myer Park No 2	See Adamstown Park	
National Park « National Park No (1, 2, 5, 6)	Regional	Cooks Hill FC fields (No 4) is Local Athletics Track (synthetic) is District
National Park Netball (No 3)	Regional	
Nesbitt Park	Local	
Nesbitt Park Netball	Local	

FIELDS AND COURTS	REVISED HIERARCHY	INDIVIDUAL VARIATIONS TO CLASSIFICATION WITHIN PARK (IF ANY)
New Lambton Park « Ford Oval « Harker Memorial Oval « Kentish Oval (No 1 & 2)	District	Harker Memorial Oval - Regional
Newcastle Croquet Club	Regional	
Newcastle Hill Tennis Courts	Local	
Novocastrian Park (No 1 & 2)	Local	
Pasedena Crescent Reserve (No 1 & 2)	Local	
Passmore Oval	See Wickham Park	
Pat Jordan Oval	Local	
Regent Park	Local - consider conversion to Recreation park	
Richardson Park (junior field)	Local	
Smith Park (No 1 – 3)	District	
Stevenson Park « Stevenson Park Softball (No 1 & 2) « Stevenson Park Baseball « Stevenson Park Soccer 1 - 4 (inc softball)	Regional	District for Baseball and Football
Stockton Netball Courts	Local	
Stockton Tennis Courts	Local	
Tarro Reserve Netball (training)	Local	
Tarro Reserve (No 1 – 6)	District	
Thomas Armstrong Oval	See Wickham Park	
Thomas Percy Oval	Local	
Townson Oval	Local	
Tuxford Park « Lower No 1 – 3 « Upper (RL)	District	
Tuxford Park Netball (training)	Local	
Upper Reserve Netball Courts (training)	Local	
Upper Reserve (No 1 – 9)	Regional	Cricket - Local
Wallarah Park « Arthur Edden Oval « Blackley Oval « Wallarah Oval No 1 « Wallarah Oval No 2	Regional	
Wallsend Park (No 1 & 2)	District	
Wanderers Park (No 1 & 2)	See District Park	
Waratah Park (No 1 – 5)	District	
Wickham Park « Hawkins Oval « Passmore Oval « Thomas Armstrong Oval	Local	

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