

HDCA Grounds and Facilities Strategy 2018 - 2022

August 2018

Background and Context



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Participation

• Junior Competition

- Bowral CC x 6
- Bundanoon
- East Bowral x 2
- Mittagong
- Moss Vale x 2
- Robertson x 2
- Gib Gate
- Oxley x 2
- Chevalier
- Total – 18 teams
(approx. 200 players)

• Senior Competition

- Bowral CC (1st, 2nd and 3rd grade)
- Bundanoon (2nd and 3rd grade)
- East Bowral (2nd and 3rd grade)
- Hill Top (3rd grade)
- Mittagong (1st and 3rd grade)
- Robertson (1st, 2nd and 3rd grade)
- Wingello (1st, 2nd and 3rd grade)
- Moss Vale (3rd grade)
- Total – 18 teams
(approx. 200 players)

• HDCA Representative

- U/16
- U/14
- U/12
- Burns Cup
- Jeffery Cup
- Total – 5 teams
(approx. 60 players)



Participation

- **Schools (Chev, Oxley, Bowral Public)**

- Chevalier 1st XI, 2nd XI, U/16
- Oxley 1st XI, U/16, U/14
- Bowral Primary Girls
- Moss Vale High School (boys)
- Bowral High School (boys)
- Bowral Public School (boys and girls teams)

- **Veterans and Social**

- **Bradman**

- Bradman Foundation
- Bradman XI
- Chairman's XI



Facility Inventory

- 17 facility locations
 - 2 school sites and 2 private sites
- 6 turf pitches
 - 2 on school sites and 1 private
- 18 synthetic pitches
 - 3 on school sites and 2 private
- 25 practice nets
 - 8 on school sites



Trends

- Game formats – greater focus on one day / limited overs
- Time pressure – parents / juniors
- Facility standards and expectations – need to be updated for females and juniors especially
- Lighting – increase access mid week
- Lack of Volunteers

Key Issues

- High facility count but low quality (and ageing quickly)
- General issues with quality of core facilities
 - Pitch quality (due to lack of resources for maintenance)
 - Practice facility quality / safety
 - Support facilities
- Lack of ownership for local clubs and teams
- Lack of facility partnerships
- Limited high use facilities
- Access to turf pitch for lower grades and juniors

Strategy Framework



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Strategic Directions

- Quality over quantity
 - Focus resources around high use and priority facilities
 - Consolidate and ensure sustainability of existing facilities prior to expansion
- Partnerships
 - Foster and grow existing partnerships
 - Investigate and establish new partnerships
- Prioritise, organise and focus efforts
 - Utilise a hierarchy and agreed criteria to prioritise needs
 - Strategically target opportunities that match priorities



District Structure

- 3 zones
 - Zone 1 - Northern (Mittagong / Northern Villages)
 - Zone 2 - Central (Bowral)
 - Zone 3 - Southern (Moss Vale / Southern Villages)
- Covering senior and junior cricket matches of HDCA



Zone 1 – Mittagong / Northern Villages

- **Senior Grades**

- Welby (Mittagong)
 - Turf (1st Grade)
 - Synthetic (Lower senior grades)
- Hill Top – Boronia Park

- **Junior Grades**

- Welby synthetic (Mittagong)
- Hill Top – Boronia Park



Zone 2 – Bowral (Central)

- **Senior Grades**

- Bradman (Bowral)
 - Turf (1st Grade)
- Stephens Park (Bowral)
 - Two synthetic pitches (Lower grades)
- Centennial

- **Junior Grades**

- Stephens Park (Bowral)
 - Two synthetic pitches
- Centennial
- Eridge Park



Zone 3 - Southern (Moss Vale / Southern Villages)

- **Senior Grades**

- Lackey Park (Moss Vale)
 - Turf (1st Grade)
- Bundanoon
- Bill O'Reilly (Wingello)
- Hampden Park

- **Junior Grades**

- Lackey Park synthetic
- Bundanoon
- Hampden Park
- Exeter



Ground Hierarchy Structure

- Tier 1
 - Facility with district and regional significance which is the premier facility in the area
 - Highest facility standards for peak competitions and events
- Tier 2
 - Facility used for first grade competition and forms part of a network to host significant events
- Tier 3
 - Facility used regularly for junior cricket and lower grade competitions and local events
- Tier 4
 - Facility used intermittently for social cricket and occasional junior or lower grade games



Minimum standards - Tier 1

- Turf square – minimum 4 pitches wide
- Roll on covers – entire square
- Club house
 - Changerooms for 3 teams
 - Toilets
 - Fridge
 - Showers
- Scoreboard
- Seating / shade for scorers and players
- Storage for equipment – roller, mower, covers, club supplies
- Practice nets (high standard)
- Rubbish bins



Minimum standards - Tier 2

- Turf square – minimum 4 pitches wide
- Roll on covers – entire square
- Amenities
 - Changerooms for 2 teams
 - Toilets
- Seating / shade for scorers and players
- Storage for equipment – roller, mower, covers, club supplies
- Practice nets
- Rubbish bins

Minimum standards - Tier 3

- Wide, high quality synthetic pitch (2015 Cricket Australia guideline specifications)
- Toilets (male / female)
- Drinking water
- Seating / shade for scorers and players
- Storage for equipment – Club supplies (kits, markers, stumps)
- Rubbish bins

Minimum standards - Tier 4

- Synthetic pitch
- Toilet (male / female)
- Drinking water
- Shade for scorers and players
- Rubbish bins

Gap and Opportunity Analysis



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Proposed Ground Hierarchy Implementation

- Tier 1
 - Bradman Oval
- Tier 2
 - Lackey Park, Welby Oval, Chevalier College (Main Oval)
- Tier 3
 - Hampden Park, Stephens Park, Centennial Park, Oxley College, Eridge Park, Exeter Oval, Bundanoon Oval, Bill O'Reilly Oval, Lackey Park (synthetic)
- Tier 4
 - Boronia Park, Tourist Park, Burrawang Park, Charter Oval, Bill Strong Oval

Key Hierarchy and Trend/Demand Gaps

- Standard of practice facilities at Bradman Oval
- Standard of turf pitches at Tier 2 facilities
- Improved Tier 2 practice nets (safe, good standard) are required
- Synthetic pitch standards at Tier 3 facilities
- Lighting for twilight junior games

Opportunities

- Quality Over Quantity
 - Practice net facilities
 - Turf pitches
 - Synthetic pitches
- Current Partnerships
 - Bradman Foundation
- Potential Partnerships
 - Chevalier
 - Potential to increase pitch use and develop joint venture in regard to pitch maintenance
 - Loseby
 - Potential for partnership with rugby league to create new ground and share facilities (may require disposal of another ground)
 - Eridge Park
 - Potential for partnership with rugby union to create new ground and share facilities
 - AFL
 - Potential to work with AFL and WSC to improve ground quality and ancillary facilities at a Tier 3 facility and address impacts at Welby (relocate AFL)
- Lighting
 - Upgrade to lighting at Stephens Park to facilitate twilight competitions for juniors and or T20 for social and seniors

Funding Opportunities

- Federal
 - Regional facility programs
- State
 - Community Building Partnerships
 - Club Grants
 - Stronger Country Community Fund
 - T20 Legacy Fund
 - Cricket NSW
- Local
 - WSC renewal program and long term financial plan
 - Club fund raising
 - Sponsorship



Priority Projects



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Priority Criteria

- Facility Hierarchy and Key Gaps
- Impact on Participation
- Impact on Event Opportunities
- Partnerships
- Zone Distribution and Clubs Structure
- Club Funding Contribution
- External Funding Opportunities and Likelihood

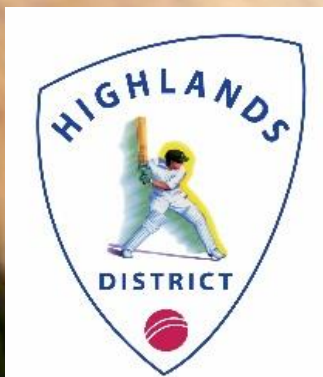
2018/19 - Priority Projects

- Bradman Oval –
 - Establish multi-purpose practice facility in partnership with BCC, BF and CNSW
- Lackey Park –
 - Support planning for potential redevelopment including new indoor and outdoor practice facilities
 - Secure funding for net refurbishment (subject to above)
- Stephens Park –
 - Secure funding for synthetic pitch upgrade (\$50k)
- AFL Investigation-
 - Investigate potential partnership with WSC and AFL to relocate to Tier 3 facility to improve ground quality and ancillary facilities whilst removing impacts at Welby
- Chevalier College
 - Investigate partnership with Chevalier College for potential joint venture on pitch maintenance and increased use of main oval pitch
- Welby Oval
 - Secure funding for net refurbishment



Future Projects

- Centennial Park - Storage and shelter – (\$40k)
- Bill O'Reilly Nets (\$40k). Note – funds in 2019/20 WSC budget)
- Welby Nets – Infill / run ups (\$10k)
- Bill O'Reilly Amenities (\$150k)
- Boronia Park Nets (\$40k)
- Boronia Park Club House (\$400k)
- Bundanoon Nets – Cover (\$50k)
- Welby Club House (\$400k)
- Exeter synthetic pitch (\$20k)
- Hampden Park bowler run ups and levelling (\$5k)
- Tourist Oval bowler run ups and levelling (\$5k)



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