

NSW/ACT Facilities Planning 2026



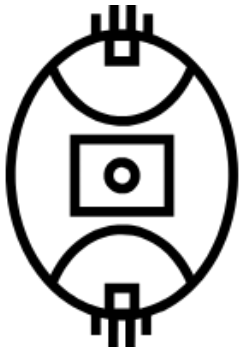
Facility Priorities



All playing fields
are 100 lux or
higher



All amenities are
fit for
purpose/Female
Friendly



Surfaces have a
rating of good or
higher



All facilities have
umpires' rooms

The How



AFL NSW/ACT have a dedicated Facilities and Government Partnerships team to enhance and expand AFL facilities across the State and Territory. Working in collaboration with clubs, councils, schools, state and federal government agencies and other landowners, to ensure facilities are keeping up with the growing demand for all forms of AFL in NSW and ACT.

- Identify in each region, specific improvement projects that will have whole of game impact
- Engagement with Councils, State and Federal Government in lead up to state election in 2027
- Facility Funding and supporting clubs with their applications

Below are our key discussion points when meeting with industry collaborators

- Ensure relevant council documents are updated to allow for improvement projects
 - Alignment with local strategies
- Booking optimisation and tenureship
- New facility access, Partnerships through financial contributions

What can clubs do?



- It is vital that clubs own the local relationship with council. Developing and maintaining relationships at a local level delivers far greater outcomes.
- Engage your local, state and federal MP's, invite them to Pre-Season events, toss the coin at a marquee match, hand out award at presentation day/dinner. Make them a part of your community.
- Clubs to discuss with council day to day operations such as ground bookings and usage
- Clubs to come to AFL NSW/ACT for infrastructure and facility development and advocacy
- AFL NSW is here to support clubs on larger projects and future planning.
- Understand that projects may not happen overnight.

NSW Facilities Fund



The NSW Facilities Fund will grant \$10,000 to \$50,000 to projects which, among other criteria, will increase participation and improve the overall use of community football facilities.

The NSW facility fund will be open early in 2026 with a second round opening later in the year.

Who can apply:

- Local government authorities in NSW
- All affiliated Australian Football Clubs in NSW
- Schools based in NSW
- Other stakeholders invested in building the capacity of our facilities and growing the game.

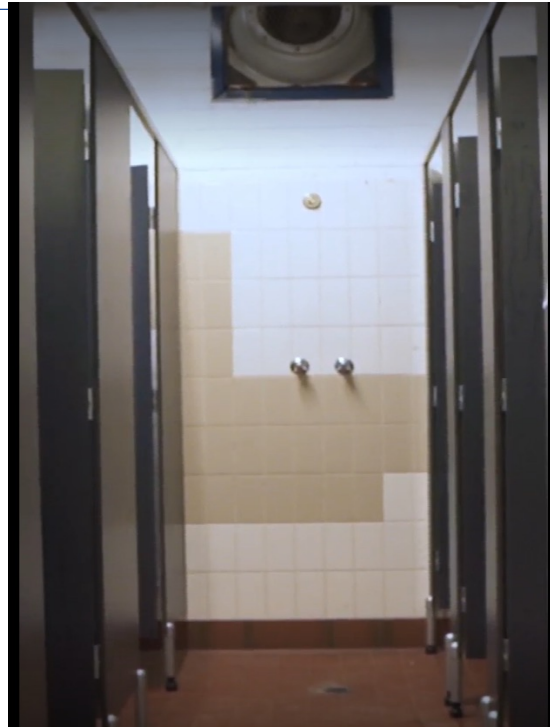
This funding program is to help unlock and drive investment from funding partners at local state and federal levels without covering all the cost that can be delivered within a 12-month timeframe.

2025, 29 projects received funding through the NSW FF.

Sydney University

Project overview:

- Conversion of wet areas within changerooms to provide a safer more welcoming experience for players
- Installation of cubicles in the shower area to create safe change space



Project value:

- \$20,000.00

Project partners:

- AFL NSW/ACT & Sydney University Australian Football Club

Project benefits:

- Female Friendly changerooms
- Minimal investment to complete project
- Caters for growing participation targets
- Child protection and gender neutral

Bob Prenter Reserve (Campbelltown)

Project overview:

- AFL NSW completed the designs and renders to submit to the West Invest program in 2022. Application was unsuccessful. Following this Campbelltown Council used the designs and application to chase alternative funding which was successful. Council have led and driven the project following AFL's initial investment into the planning.



Project value:

- \$8 million

Project partners:

- AFL NSW/ACT, Campbelltown Council, NSW Government

Project benefits:

- New amenities build with clubhouse includes 4 female friendly changerooms, umpires room, new kiosk, multipurpose room(gym) 200sqm function space, storage
- Caters for growing participation targets and population growth in the South West
- 3 stages to project
 - Stage 1 lighting upgrade (completed)
 - Stage 2 new clubhouse and amenities (underway)
 - Stage 3 field renovation