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Welcome to the March 2024 Sports Services Newsletter

The Shire Sports Newsletter has returned and has been updated with a new format that offers an extensive range of information. The newsletter will be published quarterly and will provide the latest news, insights and developments impacting our local sport and active communities.

This edition of the newsletter contains important updates on our [Tennis and Golf Reviews](#), [Recent Infrastructure Projects](#), [Volunteer Week Expo EOI](#), and [Grant and Funding Opportunities](#)

We trust that the newsletter will be an informative resource for our community as we continue to develop and enhance our engagement ongoing. We welcome your feedback on the Shire Sports newsletter via email sport@ssc.nsw.gov.au.

Finally, with the winter sports season about to get underway, we want to wish everyone a successful and enjoyable season ahead.

Sports Services Team

Tennis and Golf Facilities Review

A key action from Council's [Sport Strategy and Implementation Plan](#) is to review the golf and tennis facilities within the Sutherland Shire.

We want to be informed by our community of your priorities and suggestions regarding the improvement of our golf and tennis facilities. This will help us to identify community current and future needs for the purposes of facility improvement and opportunity identification.

To gather this feedback, we will be launching an online survey in early April through Join the Conversation, the Council's public consultation website. If you haven't already, you can sign up to participate in surveys [here](#).



Infrastructure Projects Update

In January, works began on major upgrades to the upper playing fields and facilities at Box Road Reserve in Sylvania. The site will be closed during construction, with the fields expected to reopen in 2025.

During February, Council recently completed a renewal of 8 courts at Seymour Shaw Tennis Courts. Work involved renewing the baselines at some courts and completely resurfacing the remaining courts.

Stage 2 of the Seymour Shaw Park (**Masterplan implementation**) is due to begin later in the year. Major re-levelling of the football (soccer), netball, and cricket fields will occur at the site as part of the the works program.



Stay engaged with the latest projects impacting community sports by actively participating in open consultations hosted by Sutherland Shire Council. Visit the [Open Consultations](#) platform on the Sutherland Shire Council website to stay informed and lend your voice to discussions regarding Sport and Recreation initiatives.

Currently, Council is undertaking a comprehensive review and enhancement of the existing masterplan for Marton Park in Kurnell. This presents a valuable opportunity for community members to contribute their insights and preferences to shape the future of this recreational hub. The consultation period extends until April 4th, so don't miss your chance to make a difference. [Planning for Marton Park, Kurnell | Join the Conversation - Sutherland Shire Council \(nsw.gov.au\)](#).

In the Spotlight

In each upcoming edition, we aim to showcase captivating tales from the world of sports in Sutherland Shire. Whether it's an extraordinary event, a remarkable team or individual achievement, or a heartwarming account of sportsmanship, we want to highlight the diverse and remarkable aspects of our local sporting community.

Drop us a line at sport@ssc.nsw.gov.au and provide us with a glimpse into your story. Whether it's a few words or a detailed account, we're keen to shine a spotlight on the vibrant and uplifting narratives that define local sport in the Shire.

Volunteer Week Expo EOI

Council are currently seeking expressions of interest for stall holders for the Sutherland Shire Volunteer Week Expo.

If your organisation or club has an opportunity for local volunteers to support the community please complete the below EOI form. The expo will be held at Gynea Tradies on Thursday the 23rd of May. <https://forms.office.com/r/23sbGVfqJD>



Opportunities

Grants are provided at a federal, state, and local level, which support communities to develop quality infrastructure, develop sporting initiatives and increase participation and activation of local sporting clubs.

Sutherland Shire Council is committed to collaborating with associations and clubs in identifying and securing grants for their local sporting communities. For current grant opportunities click [here](#) or contact [Sport Services](#) to discuss further.



These Holidays, Go Back to School With 'Share Our Space' Program

These school holidays you can head back to school as Share Our Space is opening schools across our city once again, and many are hosting activities available to all communities.

The FREE Share Our Space program, run by the NSW Department of Education, means everyone can use the outdoor area of many public schools to:

- Enjoy quality sports courts and ovals
- Explore play or fitness equipment.

To find out what schools are open in the Sutherland Shire, click [here](#).



Important Reminders

Change of Season Field Usage

It's important to remember to keep off the fields in preparation for the upcoming season. Field usage during the change of season period must obtain council approval. Unapproved use during this time period can severely impact the longevity of the field quality throughout the winter season.

New contact for your club or organisation?

It is important that you keep us informed of any changes to your club/organisations management committee. If you have changed Presidents or staff please email us know the new name, contact number and email at sport@ssc.nsw.gov.au

Have you had new keys cut for your property?

Make sure you provide a copy of these keys to Council. We only use these in a case of an emergency and will let you know if we need to access the building. Contact property@ssc.nsw.gov.au

Wet Weather Field Closures

To check the status of Council sports grounds call **02 9710 0893** (Select Option 1).

Additionally, an alert will be posted on our [website](#). We appreciate your help in circulating this information to your association/club members and ensuring that the correct number is included on all communication platforms.

Report It Online

A reminder that all maintenance and repair requests for the building structure or public areas are to be reported online. This allows for both users and Council to keep a record of the requests being made and to track the progress via [website](#).

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