

BALDIVIS SPORTS COMPLEX DEVELOPMENT

Council: City of Rockingham

Venue: Baldvis Sports Complex

Facility Hierarchy: Local Club Level Facility

Funding Partners	Contribution
City of Rockingham	\$17,523,000
WA State Government - Community Sporting and Recreation Facilities Fund	\$2,500,000
WA Cricket Australian Cricket Infrastructure Fund	\$100,000
TOTAL	\$20,123,000

OVERVIEW

The Baldvis Sports Complex is located in the heart of Baldvis with direct access to the surrounding suburbs and public transport. This development supported the creation of two new senior and one junior sized football ovals, supported by behind goal netting and electronic scoreboards, in addition to a new pavilion, gender neutral change rooms and toilet facilities.

The inclusion of a separate change facility to cater for those with accessibility requirements and/ or for non-binary participants is also available, with a focus on providing accessible and gender equitable facilities, guided by the AFL's Preferred Community Facility Guidelines. Four home and away rooms and two umpire change rooms join these grounds to support multiple games at once as well as providing an equitable space for all participants. The installation of 200 Lux lighting on the primary AFL oval far exceeds the AFL's 150 Lux recommended preferred standard for local level football. This allows further ground utilisation and flexible fixturing as well as creating a safer space at night for its diverse participants.

This project included the development of a large social space, inclusive of a kitchen, bar, first aid room, storage facilities, and administration rooms, all designed to be accessible for individuals of all abilities. This setup creates an appealing venue for hosting events and serves as a revenue-generating space for the Baldvis Brumbies Football Club (BBFC), and White Knights Baldvis Cricket Club.

Previous hours of use	0	Previous SFA score	0
Current hours of use	40	New SFA score	145
Male Participation	915	Female Participation	204

To ensure the project's success, the City of Rockingham undertook Needs Assessments and Master Plan studies that identified the lack of active reserve space and the gap that existed in the standard of facilities required to meet the growth of AFL and other sports in the area. At this stage the local club, BBFC, host to over 1,200 members, were required to play and train on a number of local school and community ovals, separating the club and limiting its growth. Increased female participation was a priority design consideration for the Baldvis Sports Complex, promoting equity of access and inclusion for all ages, genders, cultures and abilities through provision of safe, accessible and attractive facilities. This project now utilises over 8 hectares the club can use to support all teams to train together, assisting with further participation growth.

The Baldvis Sports Complex's design, developed through extensive community consultation, emphasises a strong narrative inspired by local woodlands, creating facilities that offer spectators a sheltered refuge under a tree canopy, prioritising convenience, comfort, and sustainable practices, including reclaimed timber usage and efficient water.

This environmental consideration enhances the local profile of the BBFC, providing versatile, modern facilities for participants and spectators. With quality active reserve space and amenities this project has achieved beneficial outcomes for the local sporting teams and the local community, ensuring a long-term home for AFL while promoting fitness and recreation within the City of Rockingham area.





"We can bring together Auskick, Juniors and Seniors and have a ground that we can call home instead of being at ten different venues throughout Baldivis... The club had been involved in the consultation process with the City of Rockingham for the past 10 years, and it's great to see this all come to fruition.... Having the club housed in the middle of the ovals has enabled spectators to watch in comfort and enabled us to have multiple games going at the same time."

Baldivis Brumbies Football Club

"Baldivis has grown rapidly in recent years, and delivering the facility through the City's Community Infrastructure Plan has addressed a significant shortage of active reserve space... Importantly, it also aligns with our Strategic Community Plan aspiration of delivering a built environment that is carefully planned for today and tomorrow."

**Mayor Deb Hamblin,
City of Rockingham**





"The Balddivis Sports Complex is a fantastic example of a well-positioned, welcoming, accessible, fit-for-purpose football facility that supports our growing game's strategic priorities and highlights the importance of a strong relationship between Council and club."

Steven Rose,
Manager Facilities and Government Relations,
WAFC

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