

BRIGHTON HOMES ARENA DEVELOPMENT

Club: Brisbane Lions Football Club

Council: Ipswich City Council

Venue: Brighton Homes Arena

Facility Hierarchy: AFL Facility

Funding Partners	Contribution
AFL	\$10,000,000
Federal Government	\$15,000,000
Queensland State Government	\$18,000,000
Ipswich City Council	\$20,000,000
Shared Contingency	\$12,000,000
TOTAL	\$75,000,000

OVERVIEW

This project provides a new home for the Brisbane Lions Football Club, supported by a 600 person grandstand, new playing surface, gym and indoor training field that all underpin a venue which adequately supports the hosting of AFLW games along with a training space for both the men and women's AFL teams. This development comes off the back of over 10 years of planning stemming from the unease of scheduling and football utilisation which had occurred due to cricket scheduling at the teams' previous home, the GABBA. Beyond this commitment to elite competition, the Arena proudly maintains robust ties to local community programs and competitions.

The masterplan concept for the original greenfield site was to create an engaging and active community precinct purpose-built to host AFLW matches and be utilised for the Brisbane Lions, AFL Queensland, representative matches and as a dedicated place for junior development. Brighton Homes Arena includes equal facilities for both professional men's and women's teams as well as the first dedicated AFLW playing arena in the country, while also providing a state-of-the-art facility to cater for the Brisbane Lions' current and future needs.

One of Brighton Homes Arena's distinctive features is its commitment to gender equity. This commitment is evident in the provision of equitable access to changing rooms and other essential facilities, fostering an environment where all participants, regardless of gender, can fully engage in and enjoy the sport.

In addition to being the new home ground of the Brisbane Lions AFL Women's team and high-performance training and support center to both the AFL and AFLW teams, BHA also encompasses a community hub that will be open to the public year-round, including a gym, childcare center and an inhouse bar and café. It is a venue that supports Australian football in the region with access provided for programs from Auskick, school competitions, community football, VFL and state league fixtures.

Previous hours of use:	0	Previous SFA score	0
Current hours of use	30	New SFA score	190

Since opening, the Arena has staged:

- » AFLW Grand Final
- » AFL and AFLW training
- » AFLW fixtures
- » AFL and AFLW open training sessions
- » Community Auskick sessions with AFLW team
- » All girl's community Auskick
- » AFL Inclusion Carnival
- » AFL Representative games
- » QAFLW Grand Final
- » School Fixtures
- » Community Fixtures

The creations of Brighton Homes Arena are a testament to the collaborative efforts of both local, state and federal government and the community. Through strategic partnerships, these stakeholders have combined their expertise and resources to create a venue of unparalleled quality, purpose-built and easily accessible to a diverse audience. The result is a facility that not only meets the highest standards but also caters to the varied needs of its users, ensuring inclusivity and relevance across the spectrum of Australian football.



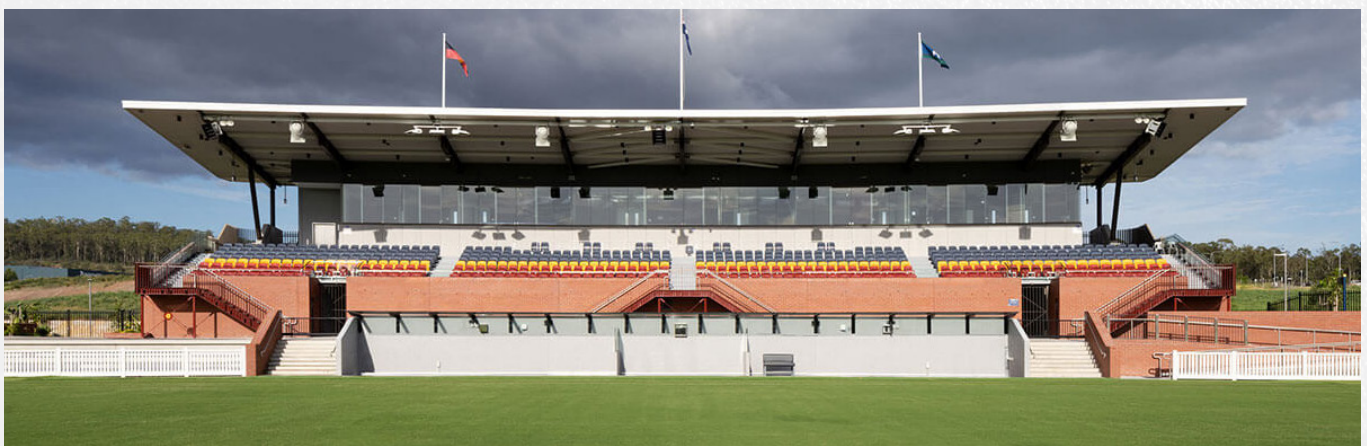
"The opening of Brighton Homes Arena was another significant achievement in the city's rich sporting history. *The completion of the Brisbane Lions' new home at Brighton Homes Arena has been the culmination of years of effort and a commitment of more than \$20 million from the City of Ipswich,*" said Ms Harding. *"This state-of-the-art facility will not only serve as a fitting home for the Brisbane Lions but also give the Ipswich community access to world-class sporting infrastructure in our own backyard."*

Teresa Harding
Ipswich Mayor

"All the facilities can be used by the entire Springfield community, adding valuable new revenue streams for the Lions. *This project will have a transformative impact upon our club's ability to stage AFL women's and VFL matches in a manner expected by our Queensland supporters,*" said Mr Swann. *"Brighton Homes Arena brings together the Brisbane Lions, Brisbane Bears and Fitzroy in an environment dedicated to elite athletic preparation and performance, mixed with unprecedented levels of interaction and engagement with sponsors, members, fans and community groups."*

Greg Swann
Brisbane Lions CEO

Brighton Homes Arena Finishing Touches





"The stadium will be a great asset for the community, for footy and for the state of Queensland. The AFL is very much looking forward to hosting the AFLW Grand Final at the brand new and best purpose-built facility in Queensland - Brighton Homes Arena," said Mr McLachlan. "After touring the facility last month, the playing, training and admin base is quite simply elite on every level, benefiting not only the Brisbane Lions, but more broadly women's football and the pathways for junior footballers from across southern Queensland."

Gillon McLachlan
Former AFL CEO

"Brighton Homes Arena led a new generation of Australian sporting infrastructure. The Arena kicks goals as a multi-purpose training facility for elite female and male athletes that can also be used by the community."

Stirling Hinchliffe
Queensland Sport Minister

AFLW Team's Home Ground 

