

# NEW CHANGE ROOM PROJECT

Club: Ferny Grove Falcons  
Council: Brisbane City Council  
Venue: Falcon Park / Tramway Oval

Funding Partners	Contribution
TOTAL	\$1,100,000

The \$1.1M redevelopment for lights and female friendly facilities was made possible by the funding contributions of Brisbane City Council, Queensland Government and the AFL.

## OVERVIEW

Built on highly contaminated soil, the project is the design and install of a 330sqm female friendly Ausco Modular to Preferred Facility Guidelines with two change rooms, shower and toilet amenities, a community/committee meeting room, umpire facilities and public amenities to provide inclusive and accessible access to AFL users at Tramway Oval. The addition of the sports lighting to Tramway Oval also supports greater programming opportunities and the ability for more participants.

Logistics	Numbers
Current hours of use	11-15 hours
Proposed hours of use	16-20 hours

## OUTCOMES

- » Improved access/participation opportunities for diverse groups including females and young people.
- » Improves the accessibility and usage of the field of play
- » Project completed in March 2021
- » Maximise the carrying capacity of existing venues and the quality / functionality of their supporting infrastructure.
- » The completed project provides the club with inclusive and accessible facilities that cater for the diversity of participants, particularly female participants, that wish to participate in our game.
- » Coupled with the recent installation of LED lighting (2019 circa 150 LUX) the project delivers facilities required to meet the local level the club requires to fully meet the needs of its players and visiting teams.
- » The change rooms allow the club to start to develop youth girls teams, something they have been reluctant to do with proper facilities. Previously home and away players needed to use public toilets for changing.
- » Tramway Park is a challenging site on which to develop. Like many fields across Brisbane, the oval is built on a former refuse tip with a high prevalence of contaminants across the wider site. A traditional build was therefore not an option, but the ability of an Ausco solution on this site allowed for an easier install, less cartage of contaminated land spoil, flexibility for build in terms of future maintenance of footings and reasonably quick install. All of which delivers a high-end outcome for the Falcons and is one of the first and largest modular projects delivered by AFL in Queensland.







*"These Ausco change rooms had an immediate impact on our club and made game day much less operationally challenging."*

*Prior to their completion squads were using small and outdated amenities which weren't fit for purpose or helpful with our recruitment.*

*With the addition of sports lighting and the new female friendly amenities, we've seen female participation grow and now field two female teams.*

*I'd like to thank all the funding contributors who assisted to make this a reality including Brisbane City Council, the Queensland Government and the AFL."*

**Janne Barnes**  
President, Ferny Grove Falcons

*"The AFL's need to deliver fit-for-purpose facilities is driven by ongoing participation growth and the changing profile of participants."*

*More Queenslanders than ever before are playing AFL with females making up 42% of all participants.*

*We want everyone to enjoy the experience and sign-up year after year to play for their team and with their friends.*

*We know that providing safe, accessible, and welcoming facilities achieves this as it keeps players and officials engaged in the game and supports future growth for participants and the community."*

**Cobey Moore**  
AFL Investment Partnerships Lead