WIIGULGA SPORTS COMPLEX

Club: Northern Beaches Blues AFL Club / Northern Beaches Blues JAFC
Council: Coffs Harbour City Council
Venue: Wiigulga Sports Complex

Funding Partners	Contribution
Australian Football Facilities Fund	$50,000
Federal Government	$10,000,000
Council	$10,000,000
State Government	$8,000,000
Community Contributions	$350,000
TOTAL	$28,400,000



OVERVIEW

As a Greenfield site (located on the western side of Solitary Islands Way and adjacent to Woolgoolga High School), Council had the opportunity to design a sporting precinct purpose built for the needs of the Northern Beaches of the LGA, and encompasses both outdoor sporting use, indoor sporting use, as well as a range of indoor and outdoor community use areas. A venue built to support all aspects of our game to utilise the facilities available, particularly women's football, talent, and multicultural activities.

Club matches and finals can now be played at the venue, giving the local club a strong sustainable future, along with providing a space for preseason and umpiring development activities, Masters compeitions and elite training camps.

Environmentally, the Multipurpose Centre located within the complex is the first green star accredited building with a rating of 4, within the LGA, with numerous sustainable features noted throughout the venue. Features include sustainable building design principals and material choices, through to high volume solar and batteries, rain water harvesting, EV charging stations, and much more.

Previous hours of use	0-5 hours	Previous SFA score	0
Current hours of use	26 - 30 hours (approx 25)	New SFA score	125
Combined Male Participation	163	Combined Female Participation	78

OUTCOMES

Wiigulga is a new integrated sport and community facility in Northern NSW including two 200lux AFL ovals and 4 changerooms for players, adequate umpire facilities, appropriate canteen and storage facilities and a multi purpose indoor centre, including two courts, stage, sensory room, commercial kitchen, function rooms and onsite cafe.

This now offers all participants and officials the best opportunity to fixture back to back male and female fixtures, train at night, fixture night matches, and host key events. The second oval with no cricket pitch for juniors and warming up ahead of senior games on the main oval is a game changer for both players, umpires and coaches.

The Junior and Senior clubs previously shared one ground at Centennial Oval. The venue had poor drainage and lighting, synthetic cricket pitch and inadequate amentiies and player and umpire changerooms.



"The Wiigulga Sporting Complex is the ideal facility to allow the AFL community to grow the game in the local area. These grounds will help grow our club and help introduce the game we all love to a range of new people in the wider Northern Beaches community. All in all we are greatly looking forward to getting out there and showcasing to the broader North Coast region our brand new facility."

Jackson Horrocks
Senior President, Northern Beaches Blues AFL Club



"Great to see construction completed as this is a game-changer for the whole of the northern beaches, this facility will be great for local families and sporting clubs. It will allow us to attract major sporting and cultural events. Additionally, it has created jobs and will be a great economic driver for the community." Kevin Hogan MP, Federal Member for Page "This new complex is a game-changer for the Woolgoolga and Northern Beaches community. The indoor spaces have a versatile range of uses and I can't wait to see our community bring this space to life. The community committee led by Alastair Milroy must be thanked for their decade long advocacy for this project and for their work during the design and construction phase to ensure the original vision for the complex was achieved. All of the community groups who have contributed financially to the project also deserve our collective praise"

Gurmesh Singh MP
Member for Coffs Harbour

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