HALESWORTH PARK DEVELOPMENT

Club: Brighton Seahawks Junior Football Club
Council: City of Wanneroo
Venue: Halesworth Park
Facility Hierarchy: Local Level Facility

Funding Partners	Contribution
City of Wanneroo	$11,853,680
Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications, Sport and the Arts	$5,000,000
Department of Cultural Industries, Tourism and Sport - CSRFF	$2,000,000
LWP Property Group	$1,568,000
Department of Education	$980,000
TOTAL	$21,401,680



OVERVIEW

The Halesworth Park Development was established to meet the growing demand for sporting and community facilities in the City's northern corridor. Rapid population growth has created increased pressure on existing infrastructure, with local clubs experiencing limited access to quality playing fields, courts and amenities. The project created a sports hub with two 100 lux floodlit multipurpose ovals, multi-use courts, playground, exercise areas, and a pavilion containing gender-neutral changerooms, multipurpose rooms, meeting spaces, kiosks, and public amenities. The landscaped, accessible facility supports diverse sporting, recreational, and community activities, with parking and supporting infrastructure to meet community needs. Developed in partnership with the City of Wanneroo, Department of Education, local clubs and other sports, the facility addresses the need for new ovals and amenities in a fast-growing area. It provides a high-quality venue for football, other sports, schools, individual exercise and passive recreation, creating opportunities for participation, social interaction and community connection.

For many years, Brighton Seahawks JFC had operated out of shared facilities that were stretched and run down. Despite those challenges, their players, coaches, and families have continued to grow the Seahawk spirit. Now, with the opening of Halesworth Park, the club finally has a purpose-built facility where their kids – from Auskick right through to Opens – can play, learn, and thrive. Looking ahead to next season, the club will also be teaming up with Footy Fundamentals to strengthen their connection with young players and create even more opportunities for growth. The large southern greenspace provides football with priority access to up to two playing fields during the season with other sports occupying the space in the offseason. With match quality lighting, this gives flexibility to mark one larger oval to support senior matches with 2 smaller ovals marked in overlap for junior games or for a more organised training space for multiple teams to use at once.

The club worked closely with the City of Wanneroo to advocate for the project and their needs of a new home base. The club was involved in the journey from the start of the project to ensure the project delivered the needs and wants of the club, plus the other user groups and broader community. The council's commitment to delivering a facility that meets the needs of the club, and the wider community has been invaluable.

Previous hours of use per week	0	Current hours of use per week	25
Male Participation	170	Female Participation	16

To achieve the project outcomes, the works were delivered in two stages. Stage 1 (2020-21) involved civil infrastructure and landscaping, including two senior floodlit ovals (to 100 lux) catering for multiple sports, Little Athletics facilities with a 400m track, baseball/softball back nets, eight multi-purpose floodlit hardcourts, dual-use paths, playground, exercise pods, BBQ areas, landscaping, carparking, reticulation, and prepared building pads. A key milestone, driven by the Department of Education, was the early completion of one oval for use at the start of the 2020 school year.

Stage 2 (2023-24) focused on constructing the main pavilion, providing multipurpose function and meeting rooms, gender-neutral changerooms, first aid and umpire rooms, public amenities, accessible bathrooms with baby change spaces, storage, kiosks, veranda viewing areas, CCTV, and associated equipment and furniture. Together, these works delivered a modern, fit-for-purpose sporting and community facility.

Along with supporting the main user groups, the project supports the local economy, enhances neighbourhood amenity, and encourages active, healthy lifestyles in line with the City's Strategic Community Plan. In addition, landscaping and retention of natural bushland ensure the facility blends with its surroundings, creating a safe, accessible and sustainable community asset for the future.

WA FOOTBALL WINNER



"Halesworth Park is a fantastic example of a well-positioned, welcoming, accessible, fit for purpose football facilities that support our growing game's strategic priorities. The partnership between the City of Wanneroo and Brighton Seahawks Junior Football Club is also another reason this facility has been produced to this standard, highlighting the importance of this relationship."

Steven Rose
Manager Facilities and Government Relations, WA Football

"This award means a great deal to our City and our residents. Halesworth Park was built to help local clubs thrive and give families a place to connect, play and grow. It shows what's possible when we invest in facilities that bring lasting value to the community."

Mayor Linda Aitken
City of Wanneroo

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Jamee Brien
President, Brighton Seahawks Junior Football Club

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