



**FULL UPGRADE OF THE SYNTHETIC
TRACK AT THE TRACK & FIELD CENTRE
THE SYDNEY ACADEMY OF SPORT AND RECREATION
NARRABEEN NSW**

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

1. This submission to the NSW Government is 'to acquire in the very short term, a full upgrade of the synthetic track to IAAF standard at the Track & Field Centre, the Sydney Academy of Sport and Recreation, Narrabeen, NSW' ('Athletics Centre'). This will include upgrades to all jumps and throws approaches that are located off-track.
2. The submission has been jointly prepared by the Sydney Pacific Athletic Club and Manly Warringah Little Athletics, both long standing and year round users of the Athletics Centre. Collectively, these Track & Field organisations have 1,100 active athlete members ranging in age from 5 to 74 years.
3. The last full upgrade of the Narrabeen Track occurred in 2008. The track is worn, has hardened and has degraded spots in various sections. This submission highlights the need to maintain a responsible collaborative approach to maintenance and upgrade of a community asset like the Athletics Centre.
4. Manly Warringah Little Athletics, through its operation of the largest Little Athletics Centre in NSW, together with other users of the Athletics Centre and infield, already provide a high level of healthy and active sporting opportunities for local communities.

This Athletics Centre renewal project work will be a key enabler for many community sporting organisations to continue to use the facility to successfully attract and encourage new and existing members to participate in sport. It will give users confidence in the wellbeing of themselves and their children while participating in sport at the facility. Community cohesiveness will be enhanced.

5. Manly Warringah Athletics Centre's 56% growth in Little Athletics athlete registrations since 2008, the Sydney Pacific Athletic Club's 50% membership growth since 2008, plus increasing use of the facility for local School Athletic Carnivals, are evidence of strong and growing community participation by both children and adults.
6. Sydney Pacific Athletic Club athletes Tim Leathart and Jared West are vying for inclusion in the Australian Track & Field Team for the 2016 Rio Olympics. They have collectively represented Australia at four International Athletics Competitions including the 2012 Olympic Games and 2014 Commonwealth Games. Both athletes train at the Athletics Centre.
7. The Athletics Centre has been home to Manly Warringah Little Athletics since 1971. It is the principal training location for the Sydney Pacific Athletic Club which was formed in 1987.

Other regular users of the Athletics Centre include a range of Track & Field Coaches and their training squads, Warringah Triathlon Club members, Northern Beaches Surf Life Saving clubs, northern Sydney primary and secondary schools, soccer, rugby league and rugby union/7s clubs and Sydney Academy of Sport program users.

Both Athletics NSW and Little Athletics NSW are long standing users of the Athletics Centre.

8. Over the past 3 years:

- Sydney Pacific Athletic Club athletes and coaches have contributed in the order of \$150,000 in entry fees to the Narrabeen Track & Field Centre for training sessions.
- Manly Warringah Little Athletics, Little Athletics NSW and their associated families have contributed an estimated \$378,000 to the Athletics Centre and Sydney Academy of Sport, through the annual Facility Use Agreement with NSW Office of Sport, hires, camps, Athletic Track memberships and ad hoc Athletic Track entry fees. The Facility Use Agreement enables our Little Athletics season (September to March) to operate in a safe environment that encourages repeat use of the facility outside of organised competition.
- In addition, Manly Warringah Little Athletics volunteers have contributed an estimated \$612,600 in the value of their time in organising and operating Little Athletics.
- During the 2013/14 season Manly Warringah Little Athletics led a repair program for the Athletics Centre in collaboration with Sydney Academy of Sport at a total cost \$41,094. Manly Warringah Little Athletics co-contributed \$31,094 after receiving a \$10,000 Community Partnership Building Grant from the then NSW Department of Education and Communities. The repair program included track surface, line-marking, public address system and permanent shade structures at the Athletics Centre.
- Around 75 northern Sydney Primary and Secondary Schools use the Athletics Centre for annual School Athletics Carnivals and zone and regional finals.

9. It is our understanding that the NSW Office of Sport:

- Recognises that the Narrabeen Track is due for resurfacing, including new substrate;
- Has a scope and scale of works review currently underway for the Athletics Centre and associated facilities;
- Is anticipating the cost for this work will be in excess of \$600,000 and as such becomes a Major Capital Works Project that will be considered in NSW Government 2016/17 Budget preparation discussions between NSW Office of Sport and NSW Treasury officials.
- Is aware the cost of patch repairing segments of worn track has recently been quoted by specialist track builder Polytan Asia Pacific Pty Ltd at \$92,700 (excl. GST).

10. In developing its strategic direction for 2015-19 the NSW Office of Sport has identified strategic priorities that include:

- Provision of high quality venues and facilities
- Increased participation in sport and active recreation activities
- High performance sporting success and well developed pathways.

There are nine locations in Sydney that have Track & Field Centres with synthetic tracks. Only one of these is located in northern Sydney - the Track & Field Centre at the Sydney Academy of Sport and Recreation, Narrabeen. The population of northern Sydney is 1 million which represents over 20% of Sydney's total population.



11. The Sydney Pacific Athletic Club and Manly Warringah Little Athletics and their respective 1,100 members will welcome advice on the timeframe for the upgrade to the Narrabeen Track and associated facilities and its priority in the Program of Forward Works of the NSW Office of Sport's Total Asset Management Plan.

1. INTRODUCTION

This joint submission from the Sydney Pacific Athletic Club and Manly Warringah Little Athletics to the NSW State Government is 'to acquire, in the very short term, a full upgrade of the Synthetic Track to IAAF standard¹ at the Track & Field Centre, the Sydney Academy of Sport and Recreation, Narrabeen, NSW'. This will include upgrades to all Long Jump Pit approaches that are located off-track.

Collectively, both the Sydney Pacific Athletic Club and Manly Warringah Little Athletics have 1100 active athlete members ranging in age from 5 to 74 years of age.

The last full upgrade of the Narrabeen Track occurred in 2008. The track is worn has hardened and has degraded spots in various sections (Attachment 1).

2. BACKGROUND INFORMATION

This section presents contextual information relevant to the purpose of this submission.

2.1 The NSW Office of Sport and its Strategic Priorities 2015-19

The NSW Office of Sport includes the following divisions and entities:

- [Sport and Recreation](#) that supports the sector through grants to sports bodies for facilities and programs and delivers sport, recreation and education programs.

There are eleven (11) Sport and Recreation Centres across NSW. All Centres encourage and support equitable access to participation in programs for all members of the community. The Centres offer accommodation, recreation facilities and catering.

- Sport and Recreation also administers the Sydney International Equestrian Centre (SIEC), the Sydney International Shooting Centre (SISC) and Sydney International Regatta Centre (SIRC) all of which are located in Western Sydney and were built for the 2000 Sydney Olympics.
- 'Venues NSW' was established in 2012 and manages government owned sporting and entertainment venues in the Hunter, Western Sydney and Illawarra.
- The Sydney Olympic Park Authority, Office of Penrith Lakes, NSW Institute of Sport (NSWIS) and the Sydney Cricket and Sports Ground Trust.

The Office of Sport's strategic focus² supports the NSW State Plan '[NSW: Making it Happen](#)' and specifically in enhancing cultural, sporting and recreational opportunities for the NSW community.

This focus will contribute to improved health, obesity reduction in children, social inclusion, investing in infrastructure and wide community involvement.

¹ IAAF: International Association of Athletics Federations www.iaaf.org

² Source: http://www.sport.nsw.gov.au/assets/pubs/annualreports/Office_of_Sport_Annual_report_2015.pdf

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- Increased participation in sport and active recreation activities
- High performance sporting success and well developed pathways.

Access to quality venues and facilities is a key element in supporting participation and enabling the Office to realise its strategic objectives.

The NSW Government will invest over \$1 billion in rebuilding the NSW Stadia Network as a part of its infrastructure program. This will support domestic sport and will deliver significant economic and social benefits to NSW.

The \$1 billion will ensure NSW can deliver a wide range of sporting and entertainment events that support growth in the NSW visitor economy and ensures NSW can compete for the biggest and the best international events, create jobs and make Sydney a more liveable international city.

Total Asset Management

The NSW Office of Sport took the lead in co-ordinating the Total Asset Management (TAM) planning approach for the Sport portfolio to ensure physical assets make the maximum contribution to achieving Government objectives:

- Increased participation in sport, and
- The major assets contribute to NSW's potential as a global event destination.

Future Needs of Sport Infrastructure Study

Sport and Recreation continued work on implementation of the *Future Needs of Sport Infrastructure Study* (The Study). The Study seeks to establish the evidence base to support investment decisions in community sport facilities not only by the NSW Government but also to inform decisions by other sector partners, particularly local government and sports. It addresses the key deficit in Sport and Recreation's knowledge about priorities for sport facilities and infrastructure.

At the time of preparing the 2014-15 Office of Sport Annual Report, 60 local Councils and 56 sports had provided data on their views on the higher priorities for future investment.

Work will continue into 2016-17 on The Study which will for the first time provide a framework for future NSW Government investment and policy decisions about community sport infrastructure.

2.2 SOPAC Track Upgrades 2015-16

The two track upgrades³ at the SOPAC 'Competition' and 'Warm Up' Tracks (Attachment 2) were completed during February 2016. It is understood that the cost of the upgrades was in the order of \$2.5 million which included professional Project Management oversight.

³ Reference: http://www.athleticcentre.com.au/activities/general_training/general_training_layout

2.3 Athletics in Australia and NSW

The sport of Athletics in Australia and all eight state and territories encompasses three broad age groups of athletes:

- Masters: athletes 30 years of age and over
- Opens: athletes 20 years of age and over
- Juniors: athletes under 20 years of age.

[New South Wales Masters Athletics](#) The Master's Association is the state body for Masters Athletics in NSW and is affiliated with Athletics New South Wales. It represents fitness, fun and friendship across a range of athletic activities.

[Athletics NSW \(ANSW\)](#) has over 80 affiliated Member Senior (Opens) Athletics Clubs throughout NSW including the Sydney Pacific Athletic Club, each providing a range of services, competitions and importantly social opportunities to members in their communities.

[Little Athletics NSW \(LANSW\)](#) is part of a uniquely Australian sport for children aged 5-16 years. Little Athletics commenced in Victoria, Australia just over 50 years ago in 1965. Athletes in the 11-16 age groups at Little Athletics Centres can join Senior Athletics Clubs under the Dual Registration initiative that exists between ANSW and LANSW.

Synthetic Track Facilities in Sydney

There are nine locations (Figure 1, page following) in Sydney that have Track & Field Centres with Synthetic Tracks:

- The Sydney Olympic Park Athletics Centre (SOPAC) has two adjacent Track and Field facilities ('Competition' and 'Warm Up') whose tracks have very recently been upgraded (refer to Attachment 2).
- The [ES Marks Field](#) at Centennial Parklands in the inner city had its track upgraded and grass field area renewed three years ago. In 2013 the NSW Government⁴ granted Centennial Parklands \$967,000 to completely replace the synthetic running track and undertake several safety upgrades.
- The [Hensley Athletic Field](#) at East Gardens.
- Four Track & Field centres are located in southern/south western Sydney at Bankstown (completed for the 2000 Sydney Olympics), Sylvania Waters, Illawong and Campbelltown.
- A Track & Field Centre is located in western Sydney at Blacktown (completed for the 2000 Sydney Olympics).
- A Track & Field Centre is located at the Sydney Academy of Sport and Recreation, Narrabeen. This location is the only northern Sydney Track & Field Centre with a synthetic track.

⁴ Source: <http://blog.centennialparklands.com.au/a-fascinating-history-of-es-marks-athletics-field/>

Figure 1: Track & Field Centres in Sydney with Synthetic Tracks



The population of northern Sydney⁵ is 1 million representing over 20% of Sydney's total population.

⁵ Local Government Areas of Pittwater, Warringah, Manly, Mosman, North Sydney, Lane Cove, Hunters Hill, Ryde, Ku ring gai, Hornsby and The Hills; Office of Local Government NSW website <http://www.olg.nsw.gov.au/local-government-directory>

2.4 Manly Warringah Little Athletics

Manly Warringah Little Athletics is one of the largest, longest standing and most successful Little Athletics Centres in both NSW and Australia, boasting an annual membership of approximately 900 young athletes. It has been a consistent user and supporter of the Narrabeen Track & Field Centre for 45 years and is dedicated to sustaining and improving participation in Sport and Recreation for the local community.

Manly Warringah Little Athletics draws its membership from five clubs; Cromer, Manly, Peninsula, Seaforth and Wakehurst. They combine to hold regular Saturday competition and to form the Manly Warringah Centre for Zone, Regional and State competitions.

'Family, Fun and Fitness' are the three main objectives of the Little Athletics movement. Boys and Girls from age 5 to 17 are offered a wide variety of athletic events in a happy environment with the emphasis on achieving personal bests, not necessarily to win. Children are graded by age and ability, so that they compete with children of similar ability. These gradings are continually revised during the season based upon results obtained during the 22 weeks of competition at Narrabeen.



Photos: Manly Warringah Little Athletics website <http://manlywarringahlittleathletics.org.au/>

Through Little Athletics children are taught and develop the foundations of the athletic movements of running, jumping and throwing.

These skills are often transferred to other sports through the children's participation in other areas and sporting interests including netball, football, rugby league, rugby union, and AFL. Manly Warringah Little Athletics promotes the benefits of skill development and active participation in physical activity through the facilitation of a wide range of athletic events.

In addition, Manly Warringah Little Athletics has a proud heritage of nurturing sporting talent with progression to the elite level such as current Australian 400m Olympic qualifier, Annaliese Rubie.

2.5 Sydney Pacific Athletic Club

The Sydney Pacific Athletic Club⁶ is northern Sydney's home of Junior, Opens and Masters athletics. Its recent history dates back to the 1987, then known as the Reebok Athletic Club and longer term to 1897 (Warringah Harriers Club). Sydney Pacific training sessions operate all year round at its principal training location of the Sydney Academy of Sport and Recreation at Narrabeen. Sydney Pacific:

- Encourages participation
- Promotes a healthy lifestyle
- Assists members to achieve their goals
- Caters for athletes of all ages, abilities and experiences
- Provides an enjoyable, friendly and competitive atmosphere.

Sydney Pacific's members include:

- Athletes
 - Juniors: athletes under 20 years of age
 - Opens: athletes 20 years of age and over
 - Masters: athletes 30 years of age and over
- Coaches and Officials.

The Club's active, competing athletes range in age from 12 to over 70 years of age. They compete across all three age groups - Juniors, Opens and Masters. The Club's membership of just under 200 has increased 35% in the past two seasons.

Athletes in the U12 to U17 age groups at Little Athletics Centres are able to join Sydney Pacific under the Dual Registration initiative that exists between ANSW and LANSW.

The Club's Athletes compete in regular competitions throughout the year including the Athletics NSW (ANSW) summer and winter competitions and championships, NSW and Australian Masters Athletics competitions and championships, and the Australian Championships hosted by Athletics Australia.

Sydney Pacific has produced several of Australia's most successful Junior, Senior and Masters' athletes. Some have represented Australia at international competitions including the Olympic Games and World Championships. Recent Sydney Pacific Australian representatives (Attachment 3) that train at the Narrabeen Track & Field Centre are:

- **Tim Leathart:** 2014 Australian Men's Open 100m Champion and Australian Representative at the 2012 Olympic Games, 2013 World Championships and 2014 Commonwealth Games
- **Jared West:** Represented Australia at the 2014 IAAF World Relays Championships
- **Cameron McEntyre:** 2015 Under 18 Australian Javelin Champion who represented Australia at the 2015 World Youth Championships.

At the 2015 World Masters Track & Field Championships held in Lyon, France in August 2015, Sydney Pacific athletes won a very impressive ten medals including three Gold Medals to **Janelle Delaney** in the Ladies 45-49 Age Group.

⁶ Sydney Pacific Athletic Club Website: www.sydney-pacificathletic.org.au

2.6 Users of the Narrabeen Track & Field Centre

The Narrabeen Track & Field Centre has been actively used by Manly Warringah Little Athletics since 1971. It is the principal training location for the Sydney Pacific Athletic Club and has been since 1987.

Other regular users of the Centre include a range of Track & Field Coaches and their training squads, Warringah Triathlon Club members and a large group of northern Sydney located primary and secondary schools. Both Athletics NSW and Little Athletics NSW are long standing users of the Centre.

2.6.1 Schools, Athletics NSW and Little Athletics NSW

- Each year approximately 35,000 children across 75 northern Sydney Primary and Secondary Schools (both Government and non-Government) use the Athletics Centre for their annual School Athletics Carnivals.
- As recently as 24 October 2015 Athletics NSW held Round 2 of its eight round Saturday afternoon Treloar Shield Inter Club Competition⁷ at the Narrabeen Track & Field Centre. Over 500 Junior, Opens and Masters Athletes from across greater Sydney competed with Athletics NSW Accredited Technical Officials conducting the program. This competition was both supported and co-hosted by Manly Warringah Little Athletics and the Sydney Pacific Athletic Club.
- Little Athletics NSW has a long history with the Athletics Centre. Annually for almost 40 years Little Athletics NSW has hosted a range of activities at the Athletics Centre including: coaching instruction days, JETS (Junior Encouragement and Talent Squad) clinics and annual camp, and State Representative Team training and live-in camps.

The Athletics Centre is currently the venue for the annual LANSW North East Metropolitan Zone Championships held in December and the LANSW Region 5 Championships held in February.

2.6.2 Sydney Academy of Sport and Recreation

Sydney Academy of Sport and Recreation's tenants, clients and program users are significant users of the Athletics Centre. The NSW Government, the owner of the Sydney Academy and through the NSW Office of Sport, will have full details on the financial contributions made by these user groups.

⁷ <http://nswathletics.org.au/Competitions/Calendar/nsw-treloar-shield-2>

2.6.3 Manly Warringah Little Athletics

- Manly Warringah Little Athletics enters an annual Facility Use Agreement with NSW Office of Sport. This Facility Use Agreement enables our 22 week Little Athletics season to operate in a safe environment that encourages repeat users of the facility outside of organised competition (Saturday mornings) and training (Monday evenings). Our season utilises approximately 550 volunteer families, a core Committee of 20 extremely dedicated volunteers, about 10 volunteer coaches, and another 10 paid coaches.
- Our activities include the following usage of the Athletics Centre:
 - 110 hours of competition over Saturday morning and Friday twilight meetings for an average attendance by about 750 children;
 - 46 hours of training and coaching on Monday evenings for an average attendance by about 200 children;
 - An estimated 9,160 hours by volunteers who manage every aspect of the provision of Little Athletics.
- In addition, our associated families purchase annual Athletic Track memberships and ad hoc Athletic Track entry fees, attend training and coaching sessions conducted by external coaches.
- We anticipate holding a pre-season camp at the Sydney Academy of Sport and Recreation for Manly Warringah Little Athletics in August 2016, which will increase our already substantial spend at the facility.
- During the 2013/14 season Manly Warringah Little Athletics led a renewal program for the Athletics Centre in conjunction with Sydney Academy of Sport and Recreation at a total cost \$41,094 of which Manly Warringah Little Athletics co-contributed \$31,094 towards track repairs, line-marking, public address system and permanent shade structures at the Athletics Centre.
- The estimated value of contributions by Manly Warringah Little Athletics, Little Athletics NSW and associated families to Sydney Academy of Sport in monetary terms is **\$126,000 per year** and to the community in terms of volunteer hours is **\$204,200 per year**. While only a percentage is paid to the Athletics Centre, the value to the community is significant.

2.6.4 Sydney Pacific Athletic Club

Sydney Pacific has twelve coaches that use the Narrabeen Track with their squads. Recent feedback from these coaches and on the condition of the Narrabeen Track and ground entry fees is found in Attachment 4.

Eight of the coaches use the facility at least twice per week for approximately 45 weeks of the year. The squad numbers in each of these squads range from 4 to 14 athletes. Four Coaches use the facility for at least 40 weeks per year with an average of 2 squad members. Details are presented in Table 1.

Table 1: Sydney Pacific Utilisation Rate of the Narrabeen Track & Field Centre

A	B	C	D	E
Training Sessions per Year	Coaches per Session	Average Number of Athletes per Session	Coaches and Athletes per Session (B+C)	Total Person Sessions per Year (A x D)
80	1	2	3	240
80	1	2	3	240
80	1	2	3	240
80	1	2	3	240
90	1	5	6	540
90	1	8	9	810
90	1	8	9	810
90	1	8	9	810
90	1	8	9	810
135	1	4	5	675
135	1	14	15	2025
135	1	14	15	2025
			TOTAL	9465

For 2015 at a gate entry fee of say \$6.00 per person, the total fee incurred by these twelve Coaches and their squads was **\$56,790** (i.e. 9465 x \$6).

Over the past three years and assuming an average entry fee of \$5.00 per person during this timeframe, this group of Sydney Pacific Athletic Club Track & Field Centre users alone expended nearly \$150,000 on entry fees.

3. SHORT TERM TRACK UPGRADE, TRACK & FIELD CENTRE, NARRABEEN



PRIORITY RECOMMENDATION

In the very short term, the NSW Government allocates the appropriate capital to upgrade all aspects of the Synthetic Track to IAAF Standard at the Track & Field Centre, the Sydney Academy of Sport and Recreation, Narrabeen.

It is the understanding of both the Sydney Pacific Athletic Club and Manly Warringah Little Athletics that:

- The NSW Office of Sport recognises that the Narrabeen Track is due for resurfacing, including new substrate
- That a scope and scale of works review is currently underway for the Narrabeen Athletics Track and associated facilities
- The cost for this work will be in excess of \$600,000 and as such, becomes a Major Capital Works Project that will be considered in NSW Government 2016/17 Budget preparation discussions between the NSW Office of Sport and NSW Treasury Officials.

Budget availability for ongoing year-on-year track maintenance and a 5-yearly cycle full track upgrade are recommended based on current utilisation levels of the track. Maintenance includes:

- Straight and circular track lane line markings
- Track markings with relevant colours i.e. 400m, 800m, 1500m and 3000m start lines; relay baton change lines; hurdle position markers for 60m, 80m, 90m, 100m, 200m, 110m and 400m.

4. LONGER TERM OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE TRACK & FIELD CENTRE, NARRABEEN

The principal purpose of this submission is to acquire, in the short term, a full upgrade of the Synthetic Track to IAAF standard at the Track & Field Centre, the Sydney Academy of Sport and Recreation, Narrabeen, NSW. This will include upgrades to all Long Jump Pit approaches that are located off-track.

Medium to longer term opportunities for the Track & Field Centre, the Sydney Academy of Sport and Recreation, Narrabeen include:

1. The redevelopment of the current Throws Area to accommodate Opens Age Throwers for the Shot Put, Discus, Hammer Throw and Javelin as well as accommodating the needs of Little Athletic Age Athletes.
2. The construction of a covered spectator stand running the full length of the 100m Track and accommodating up to 2,000 spectators.
3. The staging of local, state, and national Track & Field competitions attracting a wide range of the local community as well as local, national and international Track & Field Athletes, that contribute to:
 - The NSW Office of Sport strategic priority of increasing participation in Sport
 - Athletics NSW and Little Athletics NSW objectives of increasing community participation in the Sport of Athletics.

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment 1: Photographs of the Track at the Track & Field Centre, Narrabeen

The following photographs were taken on Track at the Track & Field Centre, Sydney Academy of Sport and Recreation, Narrabeen during January and February 2016.



Attachment 2: The New 2016 Tracks at SOPAC



The SOPAC 'Competition' Track on 20 February 2016



The SOPAC 'Warm Up' Track on 6 February 2016

The two track upgrades at SOPAC were completed during February 2016. It is understood that the cost of the upgrades was in the order of \$2.5 million which included professional Project Management oversight.

Attachment 3: Sydney Pacific's Recent Australian Track & Field Representatives



Jared West. 800m runner. Represented Australia at the 2014 IAAF World Relay Championships. Jared is coached by Sydney Pacific Coach John Patchett



Tim Leathart. 2014 Australian Men's Open 100m Champion and Australian Representative at the 2012 Olympic Games, 2013 World Championships and 2014 Commonwealth Games. Tim is coached by Sydney Pacific Coach John Patchett



Cameron McEntyre. 2015 Under 18 Australian Javelin Champion who represented Australia at the 2015 World Youth Championships. Cameron is coached by Sydney Pacific Coach Angus McEntyre

Attachment 4: Feedback from Sydney Pacific Athletic Club Coaches

- *'Whilst I would love to train at Narrabeen more with my squad, the surface is not suitable for a load of work, especially for my junior squad. If the track was up to standard my numbers would be around 20 runners once every 3 - 4 weeks'*
- *'Our squad is now forced to wear running flats instead of spikes for more than 90% of sessions due to injuries caused by the rock hard surface'*
- *'The main issue by far is the poor standard of the track. It is now old and very hard and non-responsive and leads to injury for those who use it on an ongoing basis'*
- *'Line markings have improved a little recently but are still inadequate and are generally very poor'*
- *'When I was a member of the Athletics NSW Competition panel a couple of years ago, we decided not to compete at Narrabeen as the facilities were not up to standard'*
- *'The price from my observation is very expensive particularly for those who train on a regular basis. Prices elsewhere seem to vary from nil to around 2/3 of the cost we are charged. (I was on holidays in Melbourne some months ago and went to the local synthetic track near Brighton and entry was free to a good all-weather track.)'*
- *'If anything can be done to reduce track entry fee that would be great. Athletes/Parents don't mind paying for entry but when the track is in such disrepair they do wonder where their money goes'*
- *'The cost is way out of step with that charged by other venues. I am aware that at least one other Club only pays \$4 entry on the showing of their membership card. The majority of my users fall into the under 20 age range and as such are not working and consequently find it difficult to pay the entrance fee. I agree that the cost of a yearly pass is far too high'*
- *'The price is a reason why I continually look for alternative sites and frequently do sessions away from the track'*
- *'As a volunteer coach, I normally have to renew my pass every year. The renewal notice always suggest that I have been trying to evade my responsibilities. However last year, I (& others) didn't receive a renewal notice – no-one has ever explained why'*
- *'Athlete cost at Homebush is \$3.80 for a child OR students (the age group of my athletes) vs \$6 at Narrabeen. NB. in my previous years down south. Sutherland Shire tracks at Illawong & Port Hacking have been previously FREE for ALL coaches & athletes. I think this is still the case'.*