

To Sydney Pacific Athletic Club Members Present and Past, Partner Organisations to the Sydney Pacific Athletic Club and Users of the Narrabeen Track & Field facility at the Sydney Academy of Sport and Recreation, Narrabeen NSW.

1. In March 2016 the [Sydney Pacific Athletic Club](#) and [Manly Warringah Little Athletics](#) made a [Joint Submission](#) to the NSW Minister of Sport for a full upgrade to the Track & Field facility at the Sydney Academy of Sport and Recreation, Narrabeen.
2. The NSW Government is the owner of the facility which is managed and operated by the NSW Office of Sport - Sport and Recreation.
3. A comprehensive Audit was undertaken by Consultants in early 2016 on the Narrabeen Track & Field facility and a report submitted to the NSW Office of Sport in May 2016 with comprehensive observations and recommendations.
4. The NSW Office of Sport is currently preparing a Business Case to present to the NSW Treasury to acquire funds in the 2017-18 NSW State Budget to upgrade the Narrabeen Track at the very least.
5. Your support and the support of your colleagues/Club members will be greatly appreciated to focus the NSW Government at this time of 2017-18 State Budget preparations on the urgent need to upgrade the Narrabeen Track & Field facility.
6. In support please email the correspondence below that commences with 'The Hon. Stuart Ayres MP' and insert the following email addresses into To... and Cc...respectively in your email.
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7. Please delete all the above lines and this line prior to sending your email, and, insert your name in the yellow highlighted section below. Many thanks for your support of the Narrabeen Track & Field facility. With kind regards. Robert McEntyre. President. [Sydney Pacific Athletic Club](#).

The Hon. Stuart Ayres MP
NSW Minister for Sport
Email: office@ayres.minister.nsw.gov.au

Dear Minister Ayres

**RE: FULL UPGRADE OF THE SYNTHETIC ATHLETICS TRACK AND OTHER FACILITIES
AT THE SYDNEY ACADEMY OF SPORT AND RECREATION, NARRABEEN, NSW**

The [website](#) of the Sydney Academy of Sport and Recreation, Narrabeen refers to a '400-metre Olympic standard athletics track'.

As a user of the Narrabeen Track & Field facility I will greatly welcome a significant upgrade to the track to bring it to the advertised 'Olympic standard'. The Narrabeen track is the only synthetic athletics track in northern Sydney with a population in excess of 1 million people.

As you will be aware from the documents referenced below, the Track & Field facility at the Sydney Academy of Sport and Recreation is degraded and in need of significant refurbishment. The immediate priority is a full track upgrade. The track was last fully resurfaced in 2008.

1. The [Joint Submission](#) prepared by the [Sydney Pacific Athletic Club](#) and [Manly Warringah Little Athletics](#), submitted to your office on 9 March 2016, presented a very comprehensive perspective of the large number and diverse range of users, cost of use to users and condition of the Track & Field facility at the Sydney Academy of Sport and Recreation, Narrabeen
2. The Audit Report on the Narrabeen Track & Field facility, submitted to the NSW Office of Sport in late May 2016, made comprehensive observations and recommendations that included:
 1. There are many areas of significant wear. The outer layer is bubbling and peeling off creating unevenness in the surface, water ponding coupled with drainage issues and potential trip hazards - this is combined with crumbling of the upper surface and loss of thickness of the previous overlay in certain areas
 2. Starting areas to the 100m, 200m and 400m, high jump approaches, javelin areas and the long jump/triple jump regions were of heightened concern
 3. It is recommended that the track should be remediated before water ingress will affect the deeper pavement profile
 4. Full grinding/milling of the surface to the asphaltic pavement layer, followed by a full replacement of the synthetic surface is recommended. This is due to the heavily oxidised underlying synthetic track. Potential materials that can be used include poured in situ products or prefabricated products
 5. The overland flow drainage system should be repaired, including cleaning and crack filling to the dish drains or replacement of parts that has been damaged, and jetting of weep holes to promote flow from the underlying open graded asphalt.

Based on the 2015-16 cost of upgrading the synthetic running tracks at both the SOPAC Competition and Warm Up Track & Field facilities, I am expecting at least \$1.5m to be allocated by NSW Treasury to bring the Narrabeen Track up to the advertised Olympic standard and that follow the recommendations of the 2016 Audit Report.

As a result of the hardened and deteriorating condition of the track, there has been an increasing number of injuries sustained by athletes of all ages.

I will greatly appreciate your confirmation:

- That Capital Funding is being sought from NSW Treasury for the 2017-18 NSW State Budget to undertake the recommended track resurfacing
- The amount of Capital Funding being requested
- When the track resurfacing work will commence, and
- The expected completion date.

Yours faithfully

Please insert your name

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