



# AGENDA

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- NSWRL Infrastructure Strategy
- Infrastructure Investment Fund
- Other grant opportunities
- Questions



# INFRASTRUCTURE STRATEGY

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- Participation numbers are climbing
- Increase of females in the game
- NSW population growth
  - 8.6 million (2026) to 9.6 million (2036)
- Demand and field capacity are already stretched
- Aging facilities
- Need for gender neutral facilities





# INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENT FUND

- Provide financial assistance for all eligible Rugby League Clubs, Districts and Local Councils across the state
- The aim is to support the upgrade and improvement of rugby league facilities and infrastructure
- \$3 million available for 3 years, 2025 to 2027 – Initially
- Objectives of the Fund:
  - Elevate Facility Playing Standards
  - Create More Inclusive Facilities
  - Unlock Additional Capacity





# ELIGIBILITY

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Clear demonstration of alignment to the NSWRL Infrastructure Strategy, Projects must be in NSW



Applicant has demonstrated the 50% or more financial co-contribution, either from the club or other sources e.g. other grant funding, local council, sponsors.



Projects must be 'shovel ready' and have received all the required quotes and development approvals from their local council prior to submitting the application.



For projects that don't require development approvals, applicants must provide a letter from council stating that a development application is not required.



Applicants should consider a contingency within the project budget, 5% being the minimum.



# FUNDING AVAILABLE

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- Minimum amount available = \$20,000
- For scoreboards, the requested amount can be below \$20,000
- The maximum amount requested under the Infrastructure Investment Fund is limited to a maximum of 50% of the total project cost with a maximum of \$150,000
- Applications above \$150,000 will be considered on a case-by-case





# ELIGIBLE PROJECTS



- The Infrastructure Investment Fund can be used for upgrading existing or constructing new Rugby League facilities.
- Examples include:
  - Drainage
  - Irrigation
  - Field Resurfacing
  - Amenity Buildings
  - Knock down and rebuild
  - Internal refurbishments
  - Canteen upgrades
  - Storage
  - Lighting
  - Scoreboards



# ASSESSMENT PROCESS

## ➤ Step 1: Initial Screening

NSWRL to conduct an initial review of all submission to ensure eligibility and completeness

## ➤ Step 2: Detailed Review

The Infrastructure Investment Fund Committee will conduct a detailed evaluation of each proposal based on proposed selection criteria.

## ➤ Step 3: Board Approval

The Infrastructure Investment Fund Committee to recommend selected projects to the NSWRL Board for final approval.

## ➤ Step 4: Project Monitoring

Funded projects to be monitored to ensure the timely completion and compliance against criteria.

# NSWRL Infrastructure Investment Fund



INVESTMENT IN  
COMMUNITY  
RUGBY LEAGUE

**\$1,387,180**

## PROJECT LOCATIONS

**METRO**  
**4**

**REGIONAL**  
**8**



**43**

Applications  
Received



**12**

Projects  
Funded

TOTAL  
COMMUNITY  
PROJECT VALUE



**\$8.6 million**

## WHAT'S BEING DELIVERED

**4**   
Lighting  
upgrades

**3**   
Amenity  
buildings

**4**   
Playing Field  
Improvements

**1**   
Storage



# ROUND 2 - 2026

- Opening: Mid to late May
- Closing: End of June
- Confirmed details to be released later this month.
- Announcement of funding in August
- Infrastructure Investment Fund | NSWRL
  - Guidelines
  - Application Preview
- Round 3 – 2027
  - For those not ready in the next few months

## Infrastructure Investment Fund /



### FUND GUIDELINES

**Information on the fund's objectives, who is eligible and the application...**

[FIND OUT MORE](#) 



### APPLICATION PREVIEW FORM

**Information on what details are required to apply for the fund.**

[VIEW FORM](#)



## WHAT NEXT?

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- Prioritise your facility issues at your venue
- What is your number 1 priority?
- Speak to your local council.
- Does your project require a DA?
- Club participation details
- Budget
  - Quotes
- Supporting documentation
  - Letter of support
  - Evidence of other funding contributions
  - Designs/Plans





# KEY QUESTIONS

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1. Why is your project required?
2. Who will benefit?
3. Strategic Alignment
4. Partners/Stakeholders
5. Who will be managing the project?



# OTHER FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

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- [Community Grants | NSWRL](#)
- Community Building Partnerships
  - Opening shortly
  - Smaller infrastructure projects
  - State MP has \$450,000 to distribute in the electorate
  - Average amount given out per project is \$20,000
- Club Grants Category 3: Infrastructure Grants – Sport and Recreation
  - Fund the costs of construction, alteration, renovation, completion and fit out of buildings and community infrastructure.
  - Up to \$300,000 available per project.



# OTHER FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

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- Active Regional Communities Package – Office of Sport
  - 3 funding streams opening over the next month
  - This fund is for regional NSW, need to see the guidelines to confirm whether Newcastle has been included as regional
  - Regional Events and Partnerships – Grants up to \$2 million
  - Community Participation – Grants up to \$1 million
  - Local Priorities – Grants up to \$100,000