

Dear Stephen

Thank you for your interest and contribution in the Northern Beaches Sportsgrounds Strategy project. We would like to update you on the work completed to date and the next steps planned and how you can be involved.

In response to representations from Northern Beaches sport groups for more sportsgrounds and improved facilities, Council is developing a Sportsground Strategy to guide development of our sportsgrounds and facilities over the next 15 years. The development of the strategy also includes investigation into the equitable use of Council's public golf course land. A report giving an overview of the scope for the Sportsgrounds Strategy was presented to the Council meeting held 27 September 2016.

[View Council Report \(Item 8.5\)](#)

Update

- A Sportsgrounds Needs Analysis report has been completed by Council's consultants with our local sports groups and schools and State Sports Organisations
- A Golf Market Assessment report has been completed by Council's consultants with the assistance of our local golf clubs, and
- Development of a Discussion Paper for public exhibition and community input is nearing completion

Next Steps

The project has been progressing on schedule, however due to the school holiday period, we will now be releasing the Discussion Paper in February 2017.

We will write to you when the Discussion Paper is released and provide a link to our Your Say project page. This web page will have information about how you can get involved in the project; by making a submission or attending a community drop-in session.

The Your Say project page will have comprehensive information on the project including; the project background, document library (including the Sportsground Needs Analysis and Golf Market Assessment reports), sportsgrounds map and a survey to record your ideas.

The ideas and comments already received will be considered along with feedback on the Discussion Paper. Your involvement is important in ensuring that the Northern Beaches Sportsgrounds Strategy meets our community's expectations and needs.