



NORTHERN DISTRICT CRICKET CLUB

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Dear NDs Members and Friends,

Mark Taylor Oval Redevelopment: June 2019 update



Figure 1: FC Toone laying the Foundation Stone 1928

It's very much winter and the only cricket may seem like it's on TV screens from England, but there's no down time in the planning for the redevelopment of our home ground! Here's a few updates on what's going on, as well as a bit of history of the oval, and the Oval Project.

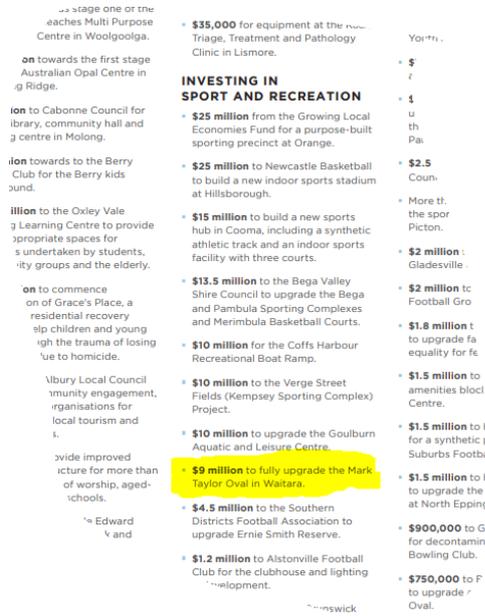
Current activities

We are working through the **planning and design** phase. Architect and former player Peter Tout has been busy working with a full survey of Waitara Park. The Master Plan is probably now in its tenth or twelfth incarnation!

The Design Committee has divided its work into the component parts (Indoor Centre; Oval Surface; Training nets; Scoreboard; Pavilion, floor by floor) and helped to provide Peter with draft specifications.

NSW State Budget

I confess, despite working in finance and business, I don't delve deeply into the NSW State Budget each year. But last week I did. And I was very pleased with what I saw on p39 of the Election Commitments document:



News in the Waitara Park precinct

The interactive playground on the Oval's north-west corner opened recently to much fanfare. All the VIPs were there to cut the ribbon. Now it's open, all the kids are there having a great time!

NDCC/PCYC Community Partnership

The Club signed a Community Partnership agreement with our neighbour PCYC Hornsby. There are a few elements to it but essentially all Playing Members will become PCYC Members with their 2019/20 registration. Members can park safely under cover of the carpark, join the gym or do gym classes, or if that's too much, just grab a coffee from the cafe!

Figure 2: 2019 NSW State Budget paper

Almost a century of history in Waitara

A few members have asked how we got to this point. Let's try to give you some of the background



Figure 3 Waitara Oval in the 1920s



Figure 4: The landscape has certainly changed

Condensed timeline of Mark Taylor Oval (formerly Waitara Oval)

Date	Events
1925	Northern District Cricket Club (NDCC) formed as Sydney's northernmost Grade club, following a review by the NSW Cricket Association (NSWCA) to improve the standard of Grade cricket.
1925	Waitara Oval chosen as a temporary venue while Pennant Hills Park was developed to appropriate standard
1925 – present	Waitara Oval serves as home ground to NDCC, who invest in the facility at various intervals
1994	Austen Hughes Clubroom, the club's first clubroom, built and opened
2005	Women begin playing in NDCC colours at Waitara Oval
2011	Waitara Oval renamed Mark Taylor Oval (MTO), honouring NDCC's most famous player
2013	NDCC leads design and funding (with Council and State Govt) of rebuilding the MTO changerooms
2014	Hornsby Council (HSC) approaches NDCC with an offer to relocate MTO to the repatriated quarry site of Old Man's Valley (OMV) to build a state-of-the-art cricket facility. NDCC undertake discussions in good faith and agree to a set of specifications regarding the facility.
2014-2017	Ongoing (intermittent) discussions between HSC and NDCC. NDCC discussions with Cricket Australia (CA) and CricketNSW (CNSW) about assistance for project
February 2018	NDCC form an Oval Project Team to assess alternatives and provide direction to the Club's Committee
April 2018	Oval Project Team and NDCC Committee resolve to remain at MTO and to seek a full upgrade of the facility. Plan involves MTO becoming a Centre of Excellence; host of Women's International cricket; a hub for cricket in Sydney's north; a training facility for NSW Women's cricket; a base for the massive local cricket community
Mid-late 2018	Master plan developed, meetings with all levels of government, and CricketNSW/ Cricket Australia. Multiple grants applied for. Ongoing dialogue.
March 2019	Hornsby MP Matt Kean announces \$9m NSW Government funding Design Committee begins its work

Funding

The building cost is estimated to be \$10m, so we will be looking to raise \$1m over the next two years. Members are invited to contribute to help build and maintain this new and facility. The Club has set up a fund which allows tax deductible donations. Get in before June 30 and get a 2018/19 tax deduction!

<https://asf.org.au/projects/ndcc/>

What are you waiting for - it's not like you're getting any interest in the bank!

On behalf our the Committee, thanks for your support.

Next update - AGM

The July update on the MTO Project will be at the AGM on Thursday 18th July at Hornsby RSL.

I hope to see you there

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