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Front Cover Photo

The \$2.5m Spicer Oval Grandstand, amenities and club room was used for the first time this season by the Boars Rugby Club. It was constructed by Parkes Shire Council and funded by the NSW Government's Resources for Regions program, Australian Federal Government's Local Roads and Community Infrastructure program, Parkes Shire Council, Northparkes Mine and the Parkes Boars Rugby Club.

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1. Introduction

This report places on record the sports-based achievements and activities of the Parkes Sports Council and the Parkes Shire Council during the past 12 months to 30 June 2023.

As a Section 355 Committee of Parkes Shire Council, the Parkes Sports Council takes considerable pride in its responsibility for the use of facilities by the sporting public of Parkes Shire. These facilities are used by over 7,000 sporting group members and school children.

The investment in sport infrastructure returns dividends to the community, through sports tourism and the injection of funds that these events return to local business.

1.1. Parkes Shire Council's Support of Sport

The Sports Council members appreciated the interest and contribution provided by the Mayor and life member of the Sports Council Cr Ken Keith (OAM), as well as Councillor Louise O'Leary.

The efforts of Council's Open Spaces Supervisor, Geoff Finn and the Sports Field team of Matt Gillogly, Justin Terrill and Corey Hedges were often congratulated by sporting groups and visitors on the presentation of the sporting fields. In addition, the building maintenance services of Bart Ingram was essential, and he is to be congratulated for his professionalism and attention to task over the past year. In particular, the efforts of Tim Gillogly and his management of several sports projects was exemplary, as was the relationships he cultivated with his stakeholders.

1.2. Investment in Sport

Luke Nash again provided professional and adept reporting on the sports activities undertaken by the Council during the year.

The income and expenditure report on the sporting activities of Parkes Shire Council has been prepared and is presented and included as [Appendix A](#). The report indicates to the sporting groups where their fees and levies are spent and shows the contribution Parkes Shire Council makes to sport, which was \$305k.

Major costs continue to be salaries and wages, electricity, materials, turf maintenance and repairs. Also included is a report on the capital projects and their status as of 30 June 2023. In total, Parkes Shire Council delivered or is delivering over \$10m in sports-based infrastructure during the past twelve months.

2. Activities of the Sports Council

2.1. Duncan Macdonald Foundation

Parkes Shire Council performed a custodial role for the monies held on behalf of the Duncan McDonald Foundation and is honoured to administer this foundation as it continues its good works in supporting and developing Cricket in Parkes.

The Foundation Committee, including Greg Morrissey, Greg Duffy, Michael Greenwood, and Peter Yelland, in their fiduciary roll allocated funds of \$500 to Ewan Moody and Harry Yelland to attend the cricket youth carnival in Dubbo during December 2022.

The current balance of the Duncan McDonald Trust at the end of the fiscal year was \$11,920.14.

2.2. Ron Harrison Memorial Sports Bursary

The Parkes Shire Council originally received funding of \$10,000 from Parkes Rotary to underwrite the Ron Harrison Memorial Sports Bursaries into the future. The funds from this donation have now been fully exhausted.

The purpose of the bursary is to:

1. Perpetuate the memory of the late Ron Harrison OAM who passed away in 1985 for his contribution to the community of Parkes and district, particularly in the development of sport.
2. Provide financial assistance to sportspersons of the Parkes Shire, particularly those at junior level, who demonstrate the need for such assistance to develop their career.

Ron Harrison OAM Sport Bursary recipients for 2022 were Henry Kross for Squash and Maddie Spence for cricket.

Photo 1 Ron Harrison Memorial Sports Bursary recipients Henry Kross and Maddie Spence.



2.3. Northparkes Mine / Parkes Shire Sports Grants Scheme

CMOC Northparkes Mine, Parkes Shire Council and the Parkes Sports Council have developed a program to provide donations to sporting bodies under a jointly developed grants policy. This Sports Grant program aims to increase regular and on-going participation opportunities in sport, and to improve the sporting infrastructure within the Parkes Shire. The grant program is managed by the Parkes Sports Council.

A new improved program started from January 2018 and was renewed in 2021. This program has been enhanced to include additional funding from Parkes Shire Council to boost the total funds available to \$180,000 over three years.

Sports Grants Selection Panel

The committee that oversees the allocation of the grants includes:

- The Chairperson of the Parkes Sports Council or their delegate (Al Gersbach)
- One (1) Parkes Sports Council member, appointed by the Sports Council (Gail Richardson)
- Two (2) Council representatives from the Sporting Facilities Development Committee (Cr Ken Keith and Cr Louise O'Leary)
- One (1) community representative (Michael Greenwood)

Sports Grants Provided

During the past fiscal year, there were 35 applications for sports grants in the two rounds of funding offers.

Photo 2 Groups successful in receiving grants from Round 1 of the 2023 Sports Grant program.



The following 18 groups were successful in receiving \$64,227.64 in grants from the Northparkes Mine / Parkes Shire Council Sports Grants Program.

Title	Project Title	Own Funds	Granted	Project Total
Currajong Disability Services	Fund an all-abilities swimming carnival	-	1,500.00	1,500.00
Parques and District Kennel Club	Install fencing for competition ring number 2	5,000.00	5,000.00	10,000.00
Parques and District Kennel Club	Purchase 12 new agility dog jumps for use at agility and jumping training and competitions.	-	1,500.00	3,024.00
Parques and District Netball Association	Purchase 2 x 3x3 printed gazebos for sheltering representative teams at local competitions	-	2,665.00	5,326.00
Parques Australian Football Club Inc	Purchase 2 x Steelbuilt cupboards to store goods and football equipment.	-	1,400.00	2,005.70
Parques Croquet Club Inc	Purchase 10 croquet mallets.	-	800.00	4,100.00
Parques Early Childhood Centre Inc	Purchase of various trikes and scooters for use by kids registered at PECC	-	2,792.00	2,792.50
Parques Hockey Incorporated	Fabricate & install new dugouts on the revamped Stephen Davies Field.	13,235.93	13,235.94	26,471.87
Parques Little Athletics Centre Inc	Purchase of various athletics sporting equipment and equipment trolleys	-	2,938.00	2,938.20
Parques Little Athletics Centre Inc.	Purchase a shade marquee including a customised shade and victory podium.	-	2,435.00	2,435.00
Parques Marist junior rugby league club	Purchase new post pads and corner posts and pads for upgraded goal posts Pioneer and Spicer Ovals	1,200.00	3,000.00	7,118.00
Parques Masters Games	Develop a new sporting event - the Parkes Masters Games	42,500.00	10,000.00	69,500.00
Parques R.U.F.C	Purchase training and playing equipment including balls, agility poles, contact wedge and training bibs.	789.54	2,000.00	2,789.54
Parques School of Dance	Host a student workshop with a Royal Academy of Dance Examiner and DOTS specialist.	-	1,533.00	2,200.00

Title	Project Title	Own Funds	Granted	Project Total
Parkes Tennis Club	Purchase training shirts for the #nolimits squads.	-	1,125.00	1,125.00
Parkes Touch Football Association	Purchase whistles and conduct referee training course.	375.00	525.00	2,875.00
Peak Hill Swimming Club	Purchase equipment for training including lane ropes, pool noodles, long blade fins, handle paddles and learn to swim platform. Note that items that are given to individuals such as swimming caps, goggles, costumes.	-	6,055.00	6,055.00
Trundle Showground Trust	Supply and replace synthetic grass on concrete pitch at Trundle Showground	-	5,723.70	5,723.70
Totals		63,100.47	64,227.64	157,979.51

2.4. Life Members Honour Roll

The life member's honour roll is maintained by the Sports Council and is on display upstairs at the Parkes Services Club, who has generously provided a significant amount of wall space for it. The Life Members Honour Roll continues to effectively reflect the extent of voluntary support provided by hundreds of people to sport in Parkes over the years.

Sports Life Members – New Inductees

The following sportspersons were nominated by their respective clubs as life members during the past 12 months.

- Denise Gersbach (Parkes Hockey Inc)
- Megan Hornery (Parkes Hockey Inc)
- Bronwyn Lowe (Parkes Boars Rugby Union Football Club)
- Kevin Oliver (Parkes Boars Rugby Union Football Club)
- Ed Lowe (Parkes Boars Rugby Union Football Club)
- Paul Clyburn (Parkes Spacemen Rugby League Football Club)
- Don Green (Parkes Touch Football Association)

Photo 3 Parkes Hockey life members Denise Gersbach and Megan Hornery (Champion Post)



Photo 4 Parkes Boars Rugby Club life members Bronwyn Lowe, Kevin Oliver and Ed Lowe.

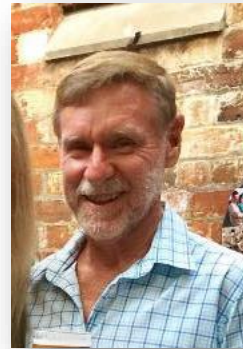


Photo 5 Life members for Parkes Spacemen Rugby League and Parkes Touch - Paul Clyburn and Don Green.



2.5. Parkes Shire Sports Awards

Nominations

Ron Harrison OAM Memorial Bursary: Khan Jackson (All Rounder), Harry Yelland (Cricket, Tennis, Hockey), Blake Price (Swimming), Maddison Spence (Cricket).

Sportsperson of the Year: Mariah Williams (Hockey), Victoria Simpson (Wheelchair Basketball)

Junior Sportsperson of the Year: Toby Morgan (Athletics), Maddison Spence (Cricket), Harry Yelland (Cricket), Toby Collins (Hockey), Khan Jackson (All Rounder), Joselyn Folau (Rugby Union), Henry Kross (Squash), Sam Westcott (Hockey), Blake Price (Swimming)

Team of the Year: Parkes Panthers Central West AFL, Parkes U18 Boys Hockey Team, Parkes Hockey U15 Boys, Parkes East Public School Boys Hockey Team, Parkes East Public School Boys Hockey Team, Parkes Marist Rugby League Under 12s Teams, Parkes Marist League Tag U17s Girls, Parkes Boars First Grade Rugby Union Team, Parkes Public School Tennis Team, Parkes High School CHS Wales Cup Hockey Team.

Senior Sportsperson or Team: Parkes women's master's hockey team, Denise Gersbach (Hockey), Maureen Massey (Hockey), Graeme Thompson (Hockey)

Referee, Umpire or Official of the Year: Greg Phillips (Rugby League)

Coach, Trainer or Manager of the Year: Meghan Kempson (Soccer), Mitchell Stubberfield (AFL), Jason O'Bryan (Rugby League), Luke Clarke (Rugby League), Ben Ryan (Rugby Union)

Administrator of the Year: Jay Kross (Squash)

Long Service and Dedication: Ron Hetherington (AFL), Greg Phillips (Rugby League), Allan Ryan (Rugby Union)

Photo 6 Selection of Nominees for the 2022 Parkes Shire Sports Awards (Champion Post)



Sports Award Winners

At the January Australia Day ceremony, the following awards were presented as part of the annual Parkes Shire Sports Awards, which is administered by the Sports Council and sponsored by the Parkes Services Club.

Award	Awarded To	Sport
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Sportsperson of Year	Victoria Simpson	Wheelchair Basketball
Junior Sportsperson of Year	Henry Kross	Squash
Team of the Year	U15's Boys Hockey Team	Hockey
Senior Sports Person or Team	Denise Gersbach	Hockey
Administrator	Jay Kross	Squash
Coach, Manager or Trainer	Mitch Stubberfield	AFL
Referee/Umpire/Official	Greg Phillips	Rugby League
Long Service & Dedication	Ron Heatherington	AFL

Photo 7 Senior and Junior Sportspersons of the year - Victoria Simpson and Henry Kross (Champion Post)



3. Associated Sporting Groups

There are over 7,000 sporting group members and school children participating in all sports in Parkes.

3.1. Parkes Sporting Associations

- Parkes AFL Club
- Parkes Croquet Club
- Parkes Dragon Boat Club
- Parkes Netball Association Inc
- Parkes Hockey Inc
- Parkes & District Cricket Association
- Parkes & District Junior Cricket Association
- Parkes & District Kennel Club
- Parkes Rugby League Football Club
- Parkes Rugby Union Club
- Parkes Marist Junior Rugby League Club
- Parkes & District Amateur Soccer Association
- Parkes Services Squash Club
- Parkes Touch Association
- Parkes Little Athletics
- Parkes Tennis Club
- Parkes Harness Racing Club
- Parkes PA & H Association
- Parkes Pony Club
- Parkes Golf Club
- Parkes Bowling & Sports Club

3.2. Schools

- Parkes High School
- Parkes Primary School
- East Parkes Primary School
- Middleton Primary School
- Holy Family Primary School
- Parkes Christian School
- Peak Hill Central School

3.3. Other Groups

Liaison continued with sports organisations and schools in Peak Hill, Trundle and Tullamore and increased oval marking was carried out in all three centres, primarily for school sporting activities, athletics, and football.

3.4. Associated Sports Councils

The associated sports councils at Peak Hill and Tullamore are currently in recess, while Trundle has become a sub-committee of the Trundle Progress Association. The Parkes team are attending the small towns for line marking and preparing fields, with the assistance of the local maintenance crews and the Parks and Gardens crews.

4. Sporting Fields

The following sporting fields were either monitored, maintained, and/or marked by the Sports Fields team during the year:

- Armstrong Park
- Armstrong Park Basketball Court
- Berryman Oval, Trundle
- Cheney Park
- Cheney Park Stephen Davies Hockey Field
- Christian School
- East Parkes School
- Geddes Reserve (Parkes High School)
- Harrison Park
- McGlynn Park Greg Morrissey Field
- McGlynn Park Netball Courts
- McGlynn Park Mariah Williams Field
- Middleton School
- Northparkes Oval
- Northparkes Oval Roger Good Athletics Field
- Park Run Running Track
- Pola Park, Tullamore
- Parkes Show Ground

- Harrison Park Parker-Stone Field
- Holy Family School
- Joe Judd Pony Club Grounds
- Keast Park
- Kennel Club Grounds
- Lindner Oval, Peak Hill
- McGlynn Park
- Parkes Show Ground Kennel Club
- Spicer Oval
- Woodward Oval
- Woodward Park Tennis Courts^
- Woodward Park Croquet
- Woodward Park Macdonald Cricket Nets

^ The Tennis facilities and courts are fully maintained by Parkes Tennis Club

5. Sports Council Executive

5.1. Executive Committee

Council Representatives	Cr Ken Keith, Cr Louise O'Leary, Cr Jacob Cass
Chairperson	Al Gersbach (9th term, 14th year)
Vice Chairman	Andrew Daley (3rd term)
Secretary`	Anthony McGrath (13th term)
Financial Advisor	Luke Nash (9th term)
Grounds Disputes Committee	Gail Richardson, Greg Morrissey, Wayne Osbourne & Andrew Daley
Plant Advisor	Michael O'Shannessy
Grants Selection Committee Rep	Gail Richardson
Community Representative – Grants	Michael Greenwood (PSM)

5.2. Patrons

Messrs Noel Johnstone, Gordon Pritchard, Mayor Ken Keith OAM, Bob Aitken AM, Michael Greenwood PSM, Greg Duffy, Richard Hamilton, and Greg Morrissey OAM.

5.3. Life members

Elected August 2001 - Greg Duffy, Michael Greenwood PSM, Ken Keith OAM, and Noel Johnstone

Elected August 2004 - Richard Hamilton.

Deceased life members - Ron Harrison OAM, Eric Nash, and Wes Cheney.

6. Sport and Recreation - Major Projects Delivered

6.1. Spicer Oval Grandstand, Clubroom, Amenities and Carpark

The Spicer Oval Grandstand, Clubroom, Amenities and carpark project was completed during past financial year, with the official opening held on Saturday 29 July 2023. This new fit-for-purpose facility was built with function in mind. Standing at 48m x 15m in size, it hosts four changerooms, a function room and kitchen as well as room for 300 seats under cover to watch matches of both rugby and cricket. The facility is supported by a new carpark as well as new lighting, most of which has been grant funded.

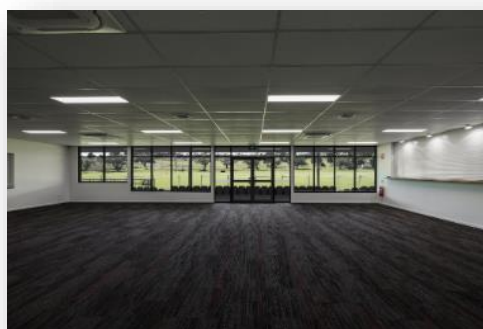
The project received \$900,000 from the Australian Government's Local Roads and Community Infrastructure (LRCI) Program as well as \$1,628,081 from the NSW Government's Resources for Regions program Round 7. Parkes Boars contributed \$27,000 and local sporting grants were secured for \$8000, with the project totalling \$2,677,000.

This facility gives Parkes Rugby a home ground facility for the first time in 12 years. Rugby has had no amenities building, no clubhouse and no lights to train under for more than a decade and thanks to several grants, they now have these facilities to support current and future users. The four changerooms also enables the club to adequately support female rugby players, a growing sport across the globe.

Photo 8 Official party at the opening of the Spicer Oval Grandstand



Photo 9 Spicer Oval Grandstand and Amenities (Heinz Constructions)



6.2. Hockey Turf 1 - Stephen Davies Field Upgrade

The original hockey field on the site was a sand filled surface constructed in 1992 and named after Parkes born, three times Hockey Olympian, Stephen Davies. The original surface was replaced with a non-filled synthetic surface in 2012, which was in reasonable condition, however the pavement below had failed in several locations.

The field is serviced by an existing Metal Halide 8 pole sports field lighting system which will be refurbished using an LED system. The sports field lighting works will be undertaken by a separate contractor during the undertaking of the hockey field design and construction works.

The new facility will become the premier Hockey facility in Parkes.

This project has been funded under the NSW Government's Resources for Regions program and Stronger Country Communities fund along with a co-contribution from Parkes Shire Council and Parkes Hockey Incorporated.

Photo 10 Reconstruction of Stephen Davies Field - bitumen base.



Photo 11 Testing of new LED lighting at the completed Stephen Davies Field.



6.3. Parkes Skate Park and Pump Track

Parkes Shire Council delivered new infrastructure at the Parkes Skate Park area in Keast Park, including an extension to the existing skate park and a new pump track, which was funded by the NSW Government. Further works to the site will continue with more funding provided by the Federal Government under the Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Program.

The Skate Park Extension project saw the design of new elements, including:

- Two new concrete skate bowls.
- A ramp connecting the facilities.
- Additional shade.
- Additional bin area.
- Perimeter lighting and landscaping.

The project was funded by the Stronger Country Communities Fund Round 3 for \$150,000. The objective of this round of funding was to support youth-focused projects within the community.

The second part of this project is the new Pump Track and CCTV. The track adds another dimension to the skate park and allows scooter and bike riders to engage with a challenging track. The pump track and CCTV was fully funded under the Stronger Country Communities Fund Round 4 for \$200,000.

Photo 12 Riders enjoying the new Parkes Pump Track



6.4. Berryman Oval - Skate Park and Exercise Equipment

The Trundle Skate Park Project funded by the NSW Government's Stronger Country Communities Fund for \$150,000, the Trundle Progress Association for \$20,000 and Trundle Town Improvement Vote from Parkes Shire Council for \$8,000 and Parkes Shire Council for \$10,000

The skate park consists of several elements designed after consultation with school-aged children in the local schools. The Trundle Community Consultative Committee undertook further consultation at the Trundle Show, where community youth members suggested their priority projects for their township. The skate park was the number one project.

Covid lockdowns, ongoing wet weather, and natural disasters prolonged the project delivery.

The skate park also offers the youth of the town another opportunity to engage with a new active lifestyle option, a social outlet and a chance to learn new skills.

Photo 13 New skate Park at Berryman Oval



Now installed in the Berryman Oval precinct, the skate park adds to the delivery of all the grant-funded projects Parkes Shire Council has secured and has installed recently, including:

- Exercise equipment (also funded by the Stronger Country Communities Fund)
- Cricket nets (funded by the Australian Government's Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Program).

Photo 14 Shire Councillors reviewing the exercise equipment at Berryman Oval



6.5. Peak Hill Tennis Courts Improvements

During the year a contractor was engaged by Parkes Shire Council to clean the Peak Hill Tennis courts. They had become damaged and mouldy following the long period of wet weather. In addition, water from the surrounding gardens had seeped onto the courts and a block retaining wall was damaged. This wall was also repaired.

Photo 15 Peak Hill Tennis Court improvements - before and after.



6.6. Trundle Pool Upgrade

Parkes Shire Council was successful in obtaining funds under the Crown Lands Improvement Fund under the 2019/20 round for \$384,753 with a Council co-fund of \$76,183 to provide new fibreglass skin, repairs to concrete concourse, tiling, painting and some other remediation works. The opening was delayed as the pool was impacted by flooding and had to be cleaned.

Photo 16 Trundle Pool refurbishment works in progress.



Photo 17 Trundle Pool refurbishment works complete.



7. Sport and Recreation - Major Projects in Delivery

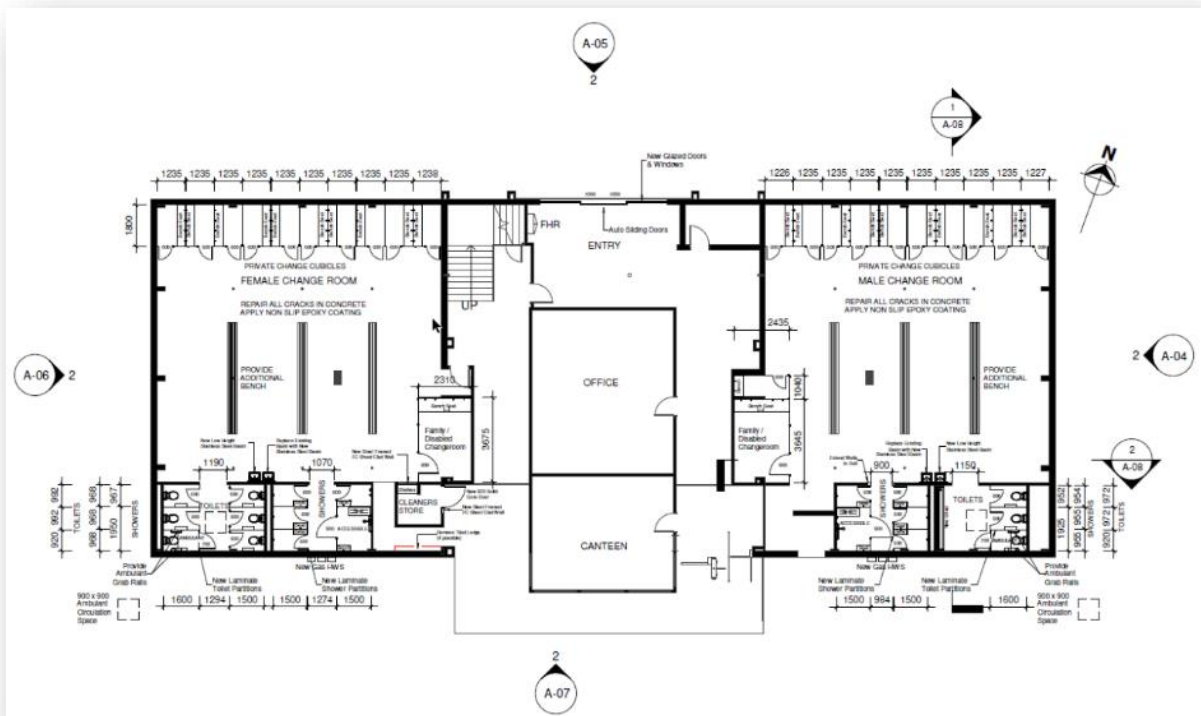
7.1. Parkes Aquatic Centre – Amenities upgrade

Parkes Aquatic Centre is set to receive a complete overhaul of the female amenities thanks to the NSW Government's Female Friendly Community Sport Facilities Program.

The \$497,705 project will result in substantial upgrades to the toilet and shower facilities and introduce 10 private changerooms and a roof overhead to provide a safe and secure space for females of all ages and abilities at the pool.

Upgrades to the facilities will include new shower and toilet cubicles, hot water services, upgraded change cubicles, a new insulated roof, additional seating and refreshed paint and tiles throughout.

Photo 18 Plans showing awning details of the Parkes Aquatic Centre amenities upgrade.



The project is expected to be completed towards the end of September 2023.

This project is proudly funded by the NSW Government under the Female Friendly Community Sport Facilities Program.

Council will also contribute additional funds to undertake refurbishment works to the male side of the facility along with the main entrance off Dalton Street, which will receive a new shopfront and auto doors.

7.2. Parkes Tennis Courts Resurfacing

Parkes Tennis Club continued their excellent work in maintaining the Parkes Tennis courts at Woodward Oval. The major project to resurface the courts was completed last financial year, however there was still outstanding warranty works at the time of this report. There were problems with the base on some of the courts, which has resulted in major delays in completing the project. Parkes Shire Council is continuing to work with a new contractor to complete the remediation work on those affected courts.

7.3. Parkes Golf Course Upgrade

Although the Parkes Golf Club is not a Council facility, Golf is an important sport, and the golf club and course are an important community asset. Parkes Shire Council designed and installed the irrigation system used at the club because it uses recycled water from the Sewer Treatment Plan to irrigate the fairways and greens.

The new Parkes bypass, which is currently under construction, runs directly adjacent to the western boundary of the Parkes Golf Club. There were significant safety concerns about golf balls potentially landing on the road, so the Parkes Golf Club board worked closely with Transport for NSW (TfNSW) to address this risk together and come up with a solution. Several different options were explored, including a large net structure, small modifications or a redesign of the golf course.

Due to the ongoing maintenance issues for both parties, the options of net structures were considered not feasible. The parties resolved to redesign the course so that all holes would hit away from the bypass. The biggest benefit of the new course is the fact it will now be a par 72, which will open doors for the Club to host future NSW championships.

The landscaping work has now almost been completed and the full course is expected to be available for use in September.

Photo 19 Re-construction work at the Parkes Golf Course (Champion Post).



7.4. Cheney Park Rehabilitation and Drainage - Final Stage

Funding has been secured to enable the rehabilitation of the southern end of Cheney Park with the installation of further drainage works. Tenders were called; however, the responses exceeded the project budget, so it was put on hold until the Stephen Davies Field upgrade was completed.

Photo 20 Cheney Park showing drainage and salinity issues.



7.5. Lake Endeavour – Places to Swim Project

Lake Endeavour is set to be transformed into the first developed natural water location for recreational use in the Shire thanks to \$ 1 million in funding from the NSW Government under the Open Spaces Places to Swim Program.

Photo 21 Lake Endeavour showing area to be enhanced under the Places to Swim project.



Through the NSW Government's program, Parkes Shire Council will deliver safety upgrades as well as the installation of new recreational infrastructure to encourage people to get active in, on and around Lake Endeavour - from swimming, kayaking and paddle boarding, to fishing, walking and relaxing by the water.

Parkes Shire Council is currently reviewing the infrastructure improvements to prevent unsafe movement near the dam overflow and provide easy access to the water.

All proposed project elements and future activation elements are to be universally designed, with ease of access at the forefront of considerations. Consideration to the environmental impact of all project elements throughout the entire planning process, with all development aspects planned to avoid vegetation clearance and preserve the existing habitat.

Natural features such as mature habitat trees have been incorporated into the design to provide shade and aesthetic appeal.

The Lake Endeavour activation will add to Parkes Shire's ecotourism offerings and further planning to develop ecotourism in our shire. All these combined elements will create an inviting space where everyone can relax and connect.

The project design is being finalised, with works on this project expected to be completed in mid-2024. Items under consideration for inclusion are a floating pontoon, floating barrier to the wall and spillway, sandy beach, amenities block and mobile phone reception improvements.

7.6. Kelly Reserve Splash Park

Parkes Shire is finally set to open a free water play space at Kelly Reserve in Parkes following the awarding of \$500,000 in funding from the NSW Government under the Open Spaces - Places to Play grant program.

Community consultation has identified Kelly Reserve as the most suitable location for a water play space. The new play space will enhance the Kelly Reserve precinct as a social hub and gathering space, providing an entertaining and engaging space for the community and visitors to Parkes.

Photo 22 Possible location of the proposed splash park at Kelly Reserve Parkes.



The play space will be designed using the topography of the Lachlan catchment and the rivers, lakes, dams, weirs, and bores as inspiration. Interpretive signage will tell the story of water and explain the physics and engineering that surround natural and engineered water flow.

Innovation, inclusivity, and accessibility is at the forefront of this project ensuring that people of all ages and abilities can engage in play, with inclusions such as a splash pad, water fountains, wide bridges and trickling streams included.

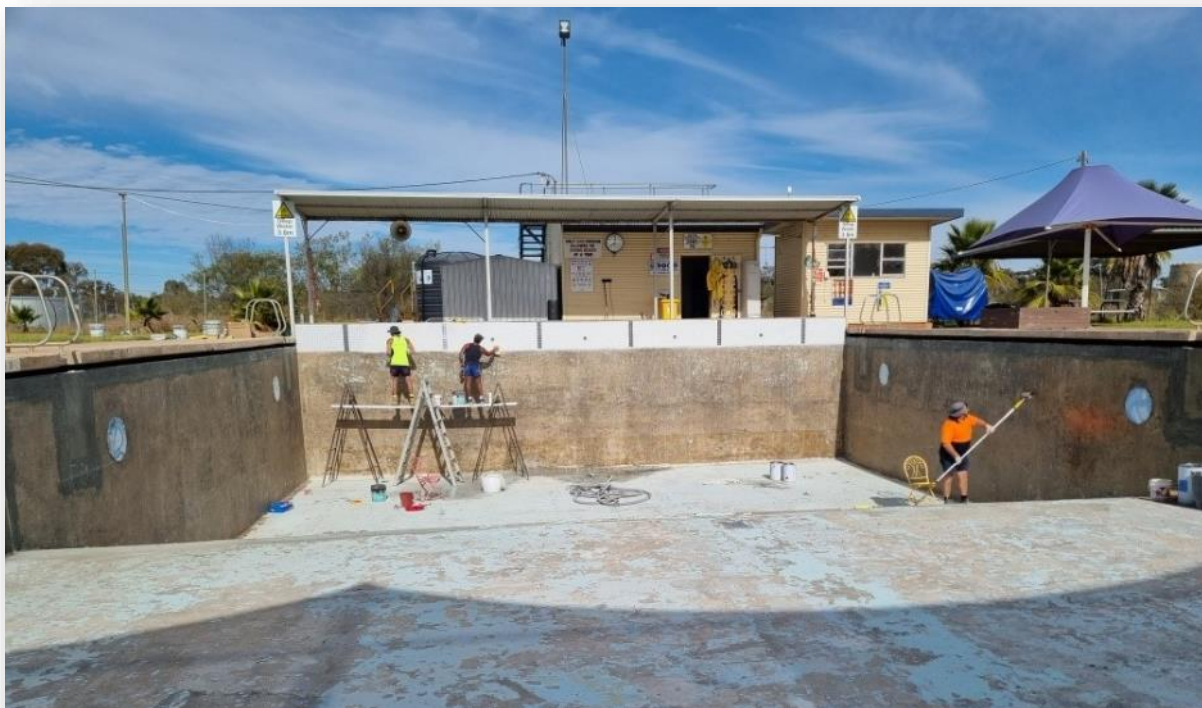
Works on this project are expected to be completed mid-2024. This project has been co-funded by Northparkes Mines.

7.7. Tullamore Pool Upgrade

Parkes Shire Council has been successful in securing \$100,000 from the NSW Government through the Stronger Country Communities Fund (SCCF) to upgrade the Tullamore Pool. The upgrade works have started and include a new shell to provide a modern, easily cleaned facility.

The old structure had been maintained over the last 20 years with regular patching performed. Replacing the entire fibreglass shell will see reduced maintenance for repairs and ensure the longevity of the facilities into the future.

Photo 23 Tullamore Pool refurbishment works in progress.



Parkes Shire Council will also contribute funds from the Tullamore Town Improvement fund, with works to be completed in time for the 2023-24 season opening.

7.8. Peak Hill Pool Upgrade

This project will see the public swimming pool in Peak Hill rejuvenated with new fibreglass and supporting concrete concourse, both of which are currently failing. The fibreglass is more than 20 years old and is now cracked and needing urgent repairs. The pool is an important place for the local community to connect and keep cool during the summer months.

The project is funded under the following funding streams:

- Stronger Country Communities Fund (round 5) \$160,000
- PSC Capital for Pools \$176,984.73
- Peak Hill CCC \$ 240,000
- LRCI Round 5 grant \$208,241

The project has commenced with contracts being awarded. The contractors have taken possession of the site and commenced blasting of the existing surface.

Photo 24 Sand blasting of the Peak Hill pool shell.



8. Future Projects

The following projects are currently listed in Council's operational plan as a future works. These projects are currently unfunded, so it is important that Council identifies these projects in case grant opportunities present themselves.

Principal Activity	Township / Location	Proposed Future Works - Unfunded Project	Priority
Sports Fields	Parkes	Northparkes Oval Upgrades - Lighting of field events area	M
Sports Fields	Parkes	Northparkes Oval Upgrades - Grandstand Seating	H
Sports Fields	Parkes	Northparkes Oval Upgrades - Rejuvenation of Turf Wicket	H
Sports Fields	Parkes	Cheney Park Upgrades - Storage Facility	L
Sports Fields	Parkes	Woodward Oval - Additional Cricket Nets	L
Sports Fields	Parkes	Woodward Oval - Fencing installation	M
Sports Fields	Parkes	Woodward Oval - Electronic scoreboard	H
Sports Fields	Parkes	Woodward Oval - Fixed sightscreens	L
Sports Fields	Parkes	Indoor Sports Complex	L
Sports Fields	Parkes	Pioneer Oval - new facility with grandstand, 4 changerooms, canteen, club room, and amenities.	H
Sports Fields	Parkes	Spicer Oval - Stage 2 inc. Second field, relocate turf wicket, lighting changes, field leveling	L
Sports Fields	Parkes	Harrison Park - Storage Sheds	H
Sports Fields	Parkes	Spicer Oval - Storage Sheds	H
Sports Fields	Parkes	Woodward Oval - Public Access Tennis Hardcourt	H
Sports Fields	Peak Hill	Lindner Oval - Fencing	L
Sports Fields	Peak Hill	Lindner Oval - development and upgrade of Lindner Oval precinct for sporting competitions inc. Soccer Fields, Little Athletics Areas and Netball Courts (P5)	L
Sports Fields	Peak Hill	Lindner Oval - Shared Path around sports oval	H

Principal Activity	Township / Location	Proposed Future Works - Unfunded Project	Priority
Sports Fields	Peak Hill	Lindner Oval - Dog Park with agility equipment	L
Sports Fields	Shire	Sporting Field Entrances - Signage and Presentation	M
Sports Fields	Trundle	Berryman Oval - Amenities/Changerooms	L
Sports Fields	Trundle	Berryman Oval - Tennis Court Upgrade	M
Sports Fields	Trundle	Berryman Oval - Community Gym	M
Sports Fields	Tullamore	P1 - Pola Park Lighting Upgrade - emergency helicopter landing area	H

9. Appendix A: Sports Related Expenditure – Parkes Shire Council

Following is a financial report of activities relation to sport for the year and a summary of the capital expenditure program, which was tabled at the Annual General Meeting.

9.1. Income and Expenditure for Operational Activities

Income Statement			
For Year Ended 30 June 2023			
	Actual 2023	Actual 2022	Actual 2021
	\$'000	\$'000	\$'000
Income			
User Charges & Fees	60	27	40
Grants and contributions provided for operating purposes	30	30	30
Grants and contributions provided for capital purposes	2464	892	605
Total Income from continuing operations	2554	949	675
Expenses			
Employee benefits & on-costs	192	195	191
Materials & Consumables	16	33	22
External Services	33	30	18
Water, Electricity & Statutory	29	27	11
IT & Communications	0	0	4
Administration & Contributions (Inc. Sporting Grants)	61	66	52
Internal Charges	64	90	89
Total Expenses from continuing operations	395	441	387
Operating result from continuing operations	2,159	508	288
Net operating result for the year	2,159	508	288
Net operating result for the year before grants & contributions provided for capital purposes	(305)	(384)	(317)

9.2. Sporting Grounds and Facilities - Capital Works

Capital Works Summary - Sports Grounds and Facilities Year Ending 30 June 2023					
Project	Budget	Actuals	Commitments	A + C	Status
Drainage Improvements - Harrison Park	635,000	639,611	-	639,611	Completed
Path & Disabled Access - McGlynn Park	20,000	20,395	-	20,395	Completed
Stephen Davies Hockey Field Redevelopment - Turf 1 (R4R, SCCF & PHI)	3,013,667	2,716,280	264,986	2,981,266	Completed
Cheney Park - Final Stage Rehabilitation	740,467	-	-	-	Planning Stage
Spicer Oval Clubhouse	2,682,000	2,682,011	-	2,682,011	Completed
Parkes Tennis Courts - Surfacing Upgrades	421,000	439,475	-	439,475	Completed
Investigation & Design - New Grandstand - Jock Colley Field	76,000	77,110	-	77,110	Completed
Trundle Swimming Pool Upgrade	398,570	398,570	-	398,570	Completed
Peak Hill Swimming Pool Upgrade	785,226	8,626	698,987	707,613	In Progress
Tullamore Swimming Pool Upgrade	222,000	103,263	34,661	137,924	In Progress
Parkes Swimming Pool - Amenities Building Upgrade	578,736	9,332	504,511	513,843	In Progress
Parkes Skate Park	722,000	574,745	90,793	665,538	In Progress
Trundle Skate Park	260,000	231,003	23,960	254,963	In Progress
	10,554,666	7,900,420	1,617,899	9,518,319	