



### OUR HEARTLAND

- Population of 2.19m.
- All within 1 hours drive of our 3 displacement stadia, including our future home – Sydney Football Stadium.
- The most affluent suburbs in Australia.
- 7 Association Partnerships with access to over 225 clubs and 123,000 registered players.



WE ARE SYDNEY

# BIG , BOLD & ICONIC





## OUR CHALLENGE

There is nothing about our current facilities which are big, bold or iconic.

Our current high-performance facilities, originally built in 1977, are totally inadequate:

- Physiotherapy room is an old change room
- Gym and recovery area can only fit half a squat at a time
- No air conditioning
- · Ice baths are converted garbage bins
- The kitchen power supply short circuits
- · Female friendly facilities are makeshift
- · Insufficient change room facilities for our junior academy teams
- No amenities next to training fields
- Insufficient undercover area for our community programs

Our football department has outgrown the communal administration areas:

- The whole A-League or W-League squad cannot fit adequately in the one space an analysis session
- · Academy staff share one desk between two due to limited space
- One private meeting space shared between 34 staff and 160 players





### **VALUES & CULTURE**

For many years the quality of our Club's facilities have been well below-par. It is a credit to the ingenuity and resilience of the Sydney FC family past and present to succeed in these conditions and it is now time to pursue our next steps.

> Danny Townsend Sydney FC Chief Executive Officer



#### **BE A FAMILY**

Include, encourage, respect and support.

#### DETERMINED WINNERS

Be relentless and resilient in our pursuit of success.

#### **CELEBRATE WITH CLASS**

Be proud but humble in victory.

**LEAD WITH STYLE** 

Deliver our vision with integrity.



#### LIVE IN OUR COMMUNITY

Inspire future heroes by giving back to the game.

#### WE ARE ALL FANS

Ensure our supporters are the club's fabric.

#### **PROFESSIONAL BY NATURE**

We don't take shortcuts.

#### SHAPE OUR FUTURE

Work as one to leave your mark.







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### FEATURES – GROUND LEVEL

- Change rooms with dedicated facilities to meet the needs of females, academy and community program participants
- World-class high-performance gymnasium, medical and recover facilities
- Best practice female friendly change rooms and auxiliary areas
- Homework center come lecture theatre space for the academy, University usage and school/community use
- Sydney FC museum including trophy display
- Undercover area for community program participants





- Multi-functional spaced used for meals, functions and socializing with a range of player and staff welfare benefits
- Meeting rooms and an additional lecture space to facilitate optimal coaching and education experiences to drive success, cultivate talent and engage with the community and students of all ages
- Administration space to cater for our long terms needs and growth
- Event space for entertaining Club partners, guests, members and the community
- Female and male coach's amenities
- Dedicated media space for improved communication and engagement pieces











### **BENEFIT 1: WOMEN IN FOOTBALL**



The delivery of this social infrastructure project will consciously deliver benefit and equity for females through inclusive design and furthermore:

- · Address existing inequalities in female facilities provision, access and quality
- Enable the creation of a Sydney FC female junior academy creating a visible and supported pathway for aspiring girls
- Support and enhance the growth of female football
- · Be a place for young girls and boys to watch the next generation of Matildas and interact with professional female athletes
- · Facilitate high quality coaching and education experiences for local women and girls
- · Achieve a truly integrated culture of inclusiveness and success irrespective of gender
- Professionalise the women's game in NSW leading into the 2023 FIFA Women's World Cup



### **BENEFIT 2: THE COMMUNITY**



Diversity & inclusion are at the core of the facility's deliverables – we want this facility to enhance our community.

Sky Park will:

- Enhance our work with Football United providing a safe environment to increase social participation through football for the CALD community
- Be an intergenerational facility able to cater for the rapidly aging community in the North District as identified in the Greater Sydney Commission's Plan
- Be a welcoming and easily accessible facility for our Sydney FC powerchair team to come and engage in Club events
- All Sydney FC to facilitate educational days for primary schools and tours of a world-class sporting facility, and guest lectures from athletes and staff
- Deliver high quality work experience and internships for high school and university students
- Enable teachers to fulfill professional development opportunities in an environment which demonstrates best practice



### **BENEFIT 3: THE BUSINESS PRECINCT**



The completion of Sky Park will make Sydney FC a permanent resident of the Macquarie Park business precinct and a resident of the City of Ryde allowing Sydney FC to:

- Develop, through collaboration, educational STEM programs for school kids incorporating football and important industry learnings
- Enhance business's culture and employee satisfaction through providing team bonding and employee engagement opportunities e.g. high performing teams workshops, lunch time 5 aside competitions and mental health lectures, increasing inclusion, engagement, physical and mental health at work
- · Host business events such as Chamber or Forum meetings or corporate football tournaments in a fit for purpose facility
- Be a place of collaboration industry, health and education, fulfilling the Greater Sydney Commission's North District Plan objectives infrastructure and collaboration



### BENEFIT 4: GAME DEVELOPMENT



Sydney FC pride ourselves in delivering fun, well organised and skills-based football programs around Sydney and more broadly throughout NSW. Sky Park will:

- Be a game changer in terms of the quality, size and scale of activities we can accommodate at Macquarie University Sports Fields our flagship
- Be a facility which is safe and welcoming for all diminishing traditional barriers for female participation in organised sport
- Be a regional hub for coach and referee education run in partnership with local associations and our own grassroots curriculum
- Be a social infrastructure project which is future proof and ready for the continued growth of football in NSW
- Provide two (2) more synthetic pitches in the local government area, providing more access to quality pitches for local clubs of all sports
- Increase the number and quality of community events and interactions hosted in Macquarie Park such as schools gala days, local club awards nights etc



### **BENEFIT 5:** YOUTH CULTIVATION & RETENTION



A world class facility like Sky Park will:

- Provide an attractive proposition to talented footballers, both male and female, to stay in Australia longer
- Ensure a holistic and balanced approach to the transition to a professional athlete through a fit for purpose environment homework space, recovery facilities, best practice training facilities and all staff housed in the one place
- Forster the next generation of Socceroos and Matildas 20% of the current Young Socceroos squad are players coming through the Sydney FC male academy
- · Allow Sydney FC to facilitate a successful and best practice female youth academy
- Attract overseas opposition to come and stay in Sydney and play against our youth teams instead of Sydney FC travelling overseas due to lack of facilities
- Enable Sydney FC to host invitational domestic and international tournament in the Macquarie Park precinct



### QUESTIONS



## THANK YOU