

The oval

Positioned in a prime location on the corner of Gardens Road and Gilruth Avenue, Gardens Oval is an iconic sporting facility in Darwin. It's home to the Waratah and Banks Football Clubs in the wet season and Waratah Cricket Club in the dry season.

Consisting of a pavilion and two ovals, the facility is an important part of Darwin's sporting landscape and is one of 17 public sports reserves provided by City of Darwin.

The proposal is to light Gardens Oval 1 only.



Get informed

A design report is available that further explains the proposal and specifications. As part of this, a visual assessment was undertaken to show impacts on surrounding areas.

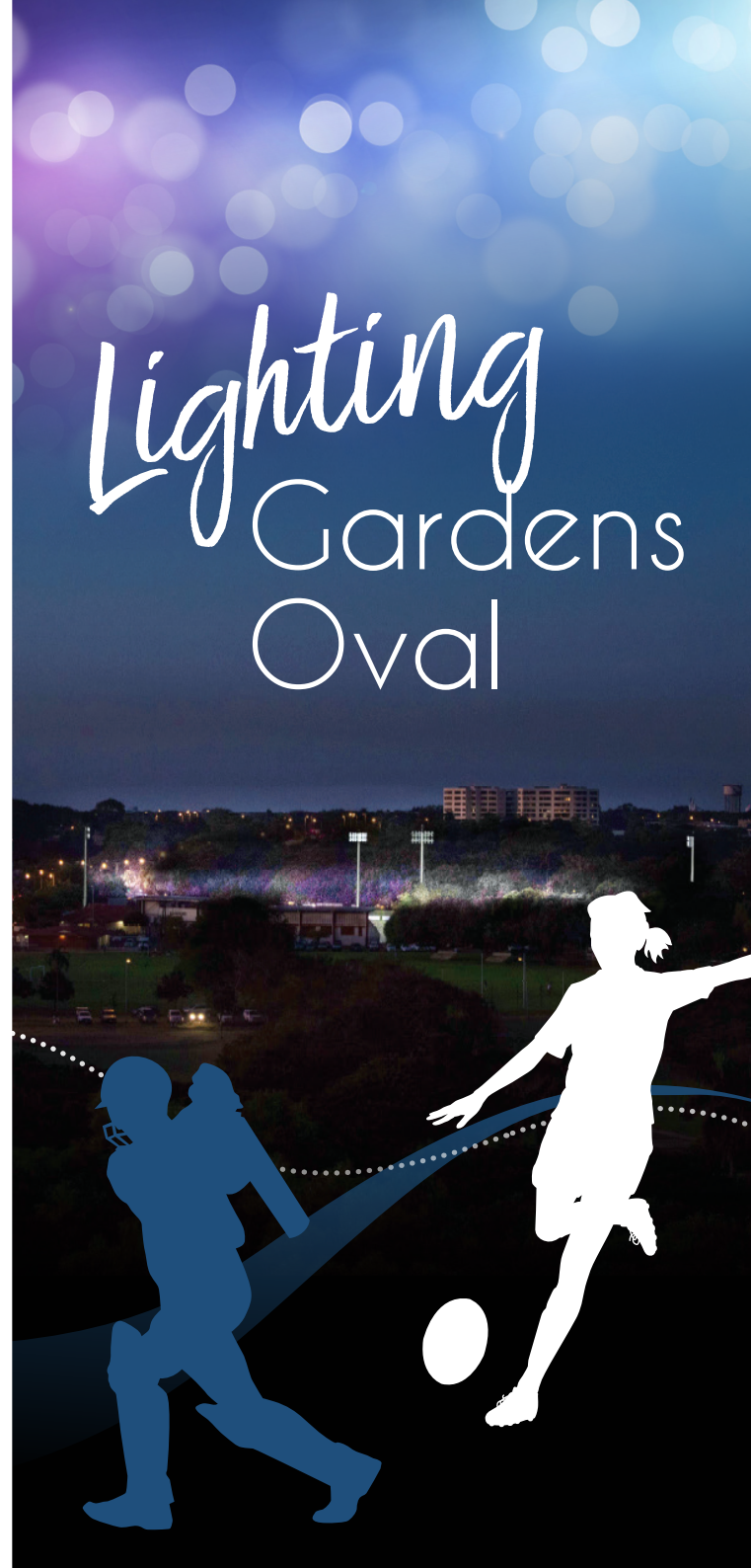
These documents and artist impressions are available to view at darwin.nt.gov.au/gardensoval.

Get involved!

Consultation is underway and includes meetings with stakeholders and the community, and an on-line survey. A community event will be held at **Gardens Oval on 26 July from 5:00 – 6:30pm**, where you can talk to representatives from AFLNT and NT Cricket about the proposal. At the end of the consultation period, a report will be prepared for City of Darwin which will be available to the public.

After considering the consultation report, City of Darwin, as the owner of Gardens Oval, will decide whether it supports the proposal.

More information can be found at darwin.nt.gov.au/gardensoval or by calling True North Strategic Communication on 8981 6445 or jo@truenorthcomm.com.au



AFL Northern Territory (AFLNT) and Northern Territory Cricket (NT Cricket) have approached City of Darwin with a request to install lights at Gardens Oval 1.

A community consultation process is now underway to gather feedback on the proposal.

Consultation closes **5:00pm, 28 July 2017**



Did you know?

More people are playing Aussie rules football than ever before, with the Territory recording 42,196 participants in 2016. More than 13,000 women now play AFL across the Territory, that's a year-on-year increase of 23%. Junior participation is also growing, with 7,134 kids playing football in 2016.

Cricket tells a similar story, with 27,100 players in 2016 – up a massive 194% from 9,221 in 2009.

The proposal

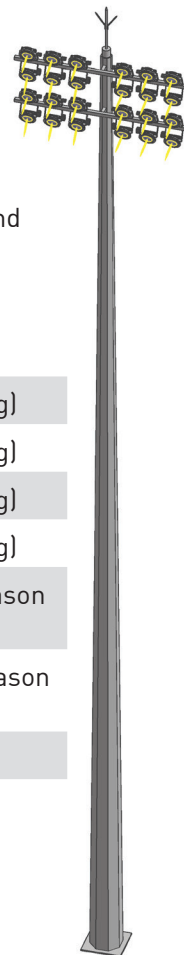
The proposal includes the installation of four light poles to achieve a maximum brightness of 600 lux in the centre of the oval. The poles would be 32 metres high and fabricated from steel. The recommended system utilises metal halide luminaires, each with a glare shield and rear visor to prevent unwanted light spill to surrounding areas.



As the main users of the oval, AFLNT and NT Cricket have indicated the following times the lights would be used:

| DAY | TIME | LUX LEVEL |
|-----------|------------|------------------------------------|
| Monday | 6-9pm | 100 lux (training) |
| Tuesday | 6-9pm | 100 lux (training) |
| Wednesday | 6-9pm | 100 lux (training) |
| Thursday | 6-9pm | 100 lux (training) |
| Friday | 6-9pm | 600 lux (dry season cricket match) |
| Saturday | 6-9pm | 300 lux (wet season football game) |
| Sunday | Not in use | |

A control system would be installed near the clubhouse so the lights can be switched to the required lux level.



Why are lights needed?

Darwin needs more room to grow local sports and the most sensible and economical way to do this is by lighting an existing facility. Darwin's climate presents unique challenges to our sportsmen, women and kids, especially in the wet season. Lighting Gardens Oval 1 will open the facility to night training and games, provide the opportunity to grow football and cricket and allow our kids to play in cooler, safer and more enjoyable conditions.

We all know how good sport is for the community. We need to ensure sport can grow in the Territory by offering facilities that can be used during the day and evening.

What will the lit oval look like?

The lighting design has carefully considered impacts on surrounding residential areas. The proposed light fittings include a glare shield and rear visor to prevent unwanted light spill and comply with Australian Standards AS4282 – Control of the Obtrusive Effects of Outdoor Lighting.

Lighting design software has been used to model what the oval would look like when lit. These can be viewed at darwin.nt.gov.au/gardensoval

