

Leichhardt Oval Upgrade

FEDERATION FUNDING AGREEMENT – INFRASTRUCTURE

Table 1: Formalities and operation of schedule

Parties	Commonwealth New South Wales
Duration	This Schedule is expected to expire on 30 June 2028 or on completion of the initiative, including acceptance of final performance reporting and processing of final payments.
Purpose	This Schedule will support the delivery of critical upgrades to Leichhardt Oval, resulting in an enhanced patron experience and improved amenities that meet modern safety and accessibility standards. The upgrade of Leichhardt Oval includes the delivery of the following elements: Player amenities (Western Grandstand) • demolition of the existing Western Grandstand ground floor • construction of new National Rugby League (NRL) compliant player facilities, within an extended footprint • new female-friendly player and officials' facilities, including: ○ 4 changerooms ○ 2 shared strapping rooms ○ 2 shared recovery rooms ○ a doping control room ○ team kit and briefing rooms ○ a players' medical room ○ officials' changeroom and amenities ○ a prayer room, and ○ a new mezzanine high-performance gym area Spectator, sponsor and media facilities (Western Grandstand) • new 'stadium-type' seating for a comfortable, safe and equitable experience, with allowance for add-ons (cupholders/padded seats) • accessible seating distributed equitably throughout grandstand • demolition of Eastern stairs to improve Lower Seating Bowl access • new direct access to the Western Grandstand from a mezzanine level with dedicated corporate and food & beverage offerings • reconfiguration of corporate, coach and media boxes, and back-of-house corridors, to be air-conditioned and accessible

	- renovation and reconfiguration of the Centurion’s Lounge East façade to allow direct corporate access to dedicated Centurion’s seats in the grandstand (note: the Centurion’s Lounge is a premium membership and corporate function area with space for 200), and - new public amenities and toilets, with male amenities at the south end and female amenities at the north end. Lower Seating Bowl (Oval) - replacement of old and non-compliant seating around the oval with new ‘stadium-type’ seats, and revised aisle locations where required for safety and compliance - installation of multiple wheelchair accessible viewing areas, distributed equitably throughout and ensuring the ground meets requirements for safety, accessibility and amenity - demolition of old amenities block and installation of new blocks (male and female) on the concourse located under the grandstand - new fencing surrounding the field of play, and - new wayfinding.																																				
Estimated financial contributions	The Commonwealth will provide an estimated financial contribution of \$20.0 million to New South Wales in respect of this Schedule. New South Wales and the Inner West Council (Sydney, New South Wales) will provide an additional \$10.0 million each. This brings the estimated total budget to \$40.0 million. Table 1 provides a breakdown of the estimated total budget. <table><tr><th>Table 1 (\$ million)</th><th>2024-25</th><th>2025-26</th><th>2026-27</th><th>2027-28</th><th>Total</th></tr><tr><td>Estimated total budget</td><td>0.5</td><td>3.5</td><td>22.8</td><td>13.2</td><td>40.0</td></tr><tr><td>Less estimated National Partnership Payments</td><td>0.0</td><td>0.0</td><td>13.0</td><td>7.0</td><td>20.0</td></tr><tr><td>Balance of non-Commonwealth contributions</td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td></tr><tr><td>New South Wales</td><td>0.0</td><td>0.0</td><td>5.0</td><td>5.0</td><td>10.0</td></tr><tr><td>Inner West Council</td><td>0.5</td><td>3.5</td><td>4.8</td><td>1.2</td><td>10.0</td></tr></table>	Table 1 (\$ million)	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	Total	Estimated total budget	0.5	3.5	22.8	13.2	40.0	Less estimated National Partnership Payments	0.0	0.0	13.0	7.0	20.0	Balance of non-Commonwealth contributions						New South Wales	0.0	0.0	5.0	5.0	10.0	Inner West Council	0.5	3.5	4.8	1.2	10.0
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Additional terms	New South Wales will advise the Commonwealth as soon as practicable of any significant delays with the potential to impact delivery of the performance milestones described in Table 2. Where necessary, New South Wales will provide the Commonwealth with updated delivery scheduling information that reflects any significant changes.																																				

Table 2: Performance requirements, reporting and payment summary

Output	Performance milestones	Report due	Payment
Leichhardt Oval Upgrade to include: • Player amenities (Western Grandstand) • Spectator, sponsor and media facilities (Western Grandstand), and • Lower seating bowl (Oval).	Completion of Concept Design and costings. Milestone completion to be evidenced through the provision of a Project Plan and Master Programme that confirms project scope and practical completion of all construction elements by 31 March 2028 and other appropriate evidence to confirm the milestone is satisfied. Note: Concept Design is a phase in the design process where functional requirements and factors are considered to identify how the Leichhardt Oval precinct will look and operate.	31/03/2026	\$0.0m
	Completion of: • Schematic Design, Detailed Designs and Pricing Documentation (including schedules for furniture, fittings and equipment suitable to be issued for tender), and • SSDA application process and award of tender to the lead construction contractor to undertake Main Works. Milestone completion to be evidenced through provision of: • the design documentation • evidence that the SSDA application has been approved by the Consent Authority, • a copy of the construction contract and detailed schedule (through to completion of construction and opening), and • other appropriate evidence to confirm the milestone is satisfied. Note: Schematic Design is a phase in the design process where the conceptual design is progressed to an architectural design and should include elevations, sectional details and 3D illustrations. Detailed design is a phase in the design process where the Schematic Designs are refined and fully detailed following the resolution of any constructability, regulatory and building code compliance issues.	30/10/2026	\$1.0m

	Completion of early works including site establishment and: • demolition and strip-out of existing Lower Seating Bowl, and • demolition of the existing Western Grandstand ground floor: • removal of 5,787 seats and supports, in preparation of new seats to new seating alignments that will ensure compliance with International Sporting Stadia Green Guide • demolition and removal of existing stairs to the Western Grandstand, all ground floor changerooms, amenities, mezzanine, and level 1 corporate suites, including redundant wiring and other services • preparation of all wet areas, ready for installation of new amenities • demolition of lower seating bowl amenities and completion of works required to allow installation of new seating, and • demolition and preparation of the ground, ready for new amenities at the concourse and the addition of a future Northern Grandstand above. Milestone completion to be evidenced through photographic and other appropriate evidence to confirm the milestone is satisfied.	10/12/2026	\$5.0m
	Completion of player and officials' amenities: • alterations and additions to new Western Grandstand ground floor, to configure for new NRL compliant player and officials' amenities and support areas within an extended footprint, and • fit-out and finishes for the Western Grandstand ground floor to create player amenities and support areas. Milestone completion to be evidenced through photographic and other appropriate evidence to confirm the milestone is satisfied.	30/05/2027	\$7.0m
	Completion of female-friendly player and officials' facilities, including 4 change rooms, 2 shared strapping rooms, 2 shared recovery rooms, doping control room, team kit/ briefing rooms, player medical room, officials' change room and amenities, and prayer room. Milestone completion to be evidenced through photographic and other appropriate evidence to confirm the milestone is satisfied.	30/08/2027	\$2.0m

	Completion of: • Western Grandstand: • construction of a new mezzanine level to the Western Grandstand, with stairs from ground floor, new corporate and food & beverage offerings, and vomitories connecting through to the seating plates • mezzanine level high-performance gym area • reconfiguration of Western Grandstand corporate, coach and media boxes and back-of-house corridors • reconfiguration to eastern face of the Centurion's Lounge • fit-out and finishes to the upper-level corporate, coach and media boxes, and food & beverage offerings, and • installation of new grandstand seating with accessible seating distributed equitably throughout the grandstand • Lower Seating Bowl: • construction of revised aisle locations and equitably spread-out accessible locations • installation of new seating, and • relocation of north amenities block, fencing around the field of play, and new wayfinding. Milestone completion to be evidenced through photographic and other appropriate evidence to confirm the milestone is satisfied.	10/12/2027	\$3.0m
	Practical completion of construction activities (Leichhardt Oval Upgrade complete) and an outline of the remaining activities to facilitate opening, including the expected opening date. Practical Completion achieved for: • Western Grandstand player amenities • Western Grandstand spectator, sponsor and media facilities, and • Lower Seating Bowl. Milestone completion to be evidenced through a Certificate of Practical Completion, photographs and other appropriate evidence to confirm the milestone is satisfied.	31/03/2028	\$2.0m

	Final Report for the Leichhardt Oval Upgrade, including provision of photographs as evidence of practical completion, confirmation that all elements described in the 'Purpose' have been delivered, opening dates and an assessment of the impacts, benefits and outcomes (including lessons learned) relating to the project, plus any other additional information necessary to demonstrate that the outputs are complete.	30/06/2028	\$0.0m
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The Parties have confirmed their commitment to this schedule as follows:

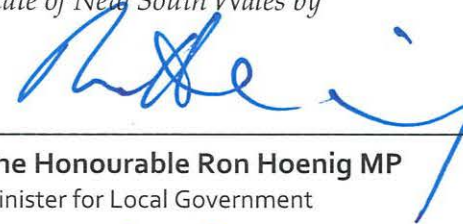
Signed for and on behalf of the Commonwealth
of Australia by



The Honourable Anika Wells MP
Minister for Communications and Minister for Sport

5 March 2026

Signed for and on behalf of the
State of New South Wales by



The Honourable Ron Hoenig MP
Minister for Local Government

7 July 2026