



Hockey Working Group

Agenda – 4 February 2026



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1 Opening

Acknowledgement of country

Ngany kaaditj Noongar moort keny kaadak nidja Wadjak Noongar boodja. Ngany kaaditj nidja Noongar birdiya – koora, ye-ye, boorda, baalapiny moorditj Noongar kaadijtin, moort, wer boodja ye-ye.

I acknowledge the traditional custodians of this land and respect past, present and emerging leaders, their continuing cultural heritage, beliefs and relationship with the land, which continues to be important today.

2 Attendance

Hockey Working Group Community Members

Kristi Annear
Graeme Hall
Stuart Lamont
James Savundra
Mayor Karen Vernon
Cr Claire Anderson
Cr Andra Biondi

Town of Victoria Park Representatives

David Doy (Chief Community Planner)
Rachael Bilbe (Place Leader, Strategic Planning)

Meeting secretary

Shelly Woods (Executive Assistant Chief
Community Planner)

Presenters

Graeme Hall (GM Australian Hockey Centre;
Hockey WA Integrity Manager)

Apologies

Eddie Bartnik

3 Presentations

3.1 Australian Hockey Centre - Project Update

Time	20 minutes
Presenter	Graeme Hall, GM Australian Hockey Centre; Hockey WA Integrity Manager
Attachments	Nil

Purpose of the item

To provide the Working Group with an update on the Australian Hockey Centre.

Outcome

The Working Group understands how the new Australian Hockey Centre is progressing.

Strategic outcomes

Environment	
Community Priority	Intended public value outcome or impact
EN4 - Providing facilities that are well-built and well-maintained.	The new Australian Hockey Centre is fit-for-purpose and caters for the needs of the Victoria Park Xavier Hockey Club.

4 Items for discussion

4.1 Progress with the transfer of the State Government Grant to the Victoria Park Xavier Hockey Club

Reporting officer	Rachael Bilbe, Place Leader (Strategic Planning)
Origin of request	Victoria Park Xavier Hockey Club.
Attachments	Nil

Purpose of the item

At the Ordinary Council Meeting on 18 November 2025, Council Resolution (235/2025) endorsed transfer of management of the unspent 2020 WA State Election Commitment Grant, totaling \$250,000, for 'Planning and/or construction of a synthetic turf for the Victoria Park Xavier Hockey Club' to the Victoria Park Xavier Hockey Club. The transfer will enable the Club to proactively and strategically address transitional planning for their move to the Australian Hockey Centre.

This item provides an update to the Working Group following commencement of the grant transfer by the Department of Creative Industries, Tourism and Sport.

Outcome

The Working Group is kept informed on the grant transfer process and timeline.

Discussion points

Nil.

Strategic outcomes

Civic Leadership	
Community Priority	Intended public value outcome or impact
CL3 - Accountability and good governance.	Actions aligned with the transfer of the grant from the Town to the Victoria Park Xavier Hockey Club are undertaken within the correct framework to foster trust and transparency.

Next steps

To be advised.

Further information

Nil.

4.2 Victoria Park Xavier Hockey Club Advocacy Update

Reporting officer	Victoria Park Xavier Hockey Club.
Origin of request	Victoria Park Xavier Hockey Club.
Attachments	Nil

Purpose of the item

For the Victoria Park Xavier Hockey Club to provide the Hockey Working Group with an update on their efforts to seek Ministerial support to advocate for the Club to be 'no worse off' as a result of relocating to the Australian Hockey Centre

Outcome

The Working Group is kept informed of any outcomes and actions arising from the Club's advocacy efforts.

Discussion points

Nil.

Strategic outcomes

Civic Leadership	
Community Priority	Intended public value outcome or impact
CL3 - Accountability and good governance.	The Town continues to advocate on behalf of the Victoria Park Xavier Hockey Club's transition to a new venue that will meet their needs.

Next steps

To be advised.

Further information

Nil.

5 General business

6 Actions from previous meetings

Actions from Hockey Working Group Meeting – 24 September 2025

Item: Victoria Park Xavier Hockey Club Business Case

Action: David Lanfear updates the Town's Victoria Park Xavier Hockey Club Business Case with the comments provided.

Actioned.

Item: Consideration of Winding Up the Hockey Working Group and Moving to the Next Phase

Action: The Town to schedule the next meeting of the Hockey Working Group for the 3rd week in January 2026.

Actioned.

Action: In relation to the extension of external Working Group memberships, the Town to check Council Resolution (176/2023), made at the Ordinary Council Meeting on 15 August 2023, regarding the revision to Policy P101: Governance of Council Advisory and Working Groups.

Actioned.

7 Close