



TOWN OF
VICTORIA PARK



Hockey Working Group

Agenda – 24 September 2025



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1 Opening

Acknowledgement of country

Ngany kaaditj Noongar moort kenya kaadak nidja Wadjak Noongar boodja. Ngany kaaditj nidja Noongar birdiya – koora, ye-ye, boorda, baalapiny moorditj Noongar kaadijin, 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
Eddie Bartnik
Graeme Hall
Les Jayatilaka
Stuart Lamont
James Savundra
Mayor Karen Vernon
Cr Claire Anderson
Cr Jesse Hamer

ToVP Representatives

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

Meeting secretary

Shelly Woods (Executive Assistant Chief
Community Planner)

Presenters

3.1 Victoria Park Xavier Hockey Business Case

David Lanfear (Otium Planning)

Apologies

Paul Gravett (Manager Place Planning)

3 Presentations

3.1 Victoria Park Xavier Hockey Business Case

Time	15 minutes
Presenter	David Lanfear, Otium Planning
Attachments	Nil

Purpose of the item

At the last Hockey Working Group meeting on 23 July 2025, the Group sought clarification as to the format of the final Victoria Park Xavier Hockey Club Business Case 'product', and requested this topic as an agenda item at its next meeting. This item is being presented so the Group can conclude this discussion by focusing on critical areas of the document that may need to be removed or clarified for reasons of confidentiality prior to the Council's endorsement.

Outcome

- Confidential and/or sensitive information is removed from the Victoria Park Xavier Business Case in preparation for the document to be finalised and taken to the Council for endorsement later this year.

Strategic outcomes

Environment	
Community Priority	Intended public value outcome or impact
EN5 - Providing facilities that are well-built and well-maintained.	The Business Case provides a clear rationale for Victoria Park Xavier Hockey Club to progress transition to a facility that will meet their needs, and the needs of the local community.

4 Items for discussion

4.1 Victoria Park Xavier Hockey Club Meeting with Hon Hannah Beazley MLA

Reporting officer	Victoria Park Xavier Hockey Club
Origin of request	The Town of Victoria Park Administration
Attachments	Nil

Purpose of the item

For the Victoria Park Xavier Hockey Club to provide the Hockey Working Group with an update following their meeting with the Hon Hannah Beazley MLA on 26 August 2025.

Outcome

The Working Group is informed of the meeting outcome/s and any actions arising as a result of the meeting.

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.

4.2 Australian Hockey Centre Update

Reporting officer	Graeme Hall, Hockey WA
Origin of request	Town of Victoria Park Administration
Attachments	Nil

Purpose of the item

This item provides the Working Group with a regular status update on the development of the Australian Hockey Centre.

Outcome

The Working Group receives information on the status of the Australian Hockey Centre project, including progress on development of the proposed tenancy agreement between the Australian Hockey Centre and the Victoria Park Xavier Hockey Club.

Discussion points

Nil.

Strategic outcomes

Environment	
Community Priority	Intended public value outcome or impact
EN5 - 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.

Next steps

To be advised.

Further information

Nil.

4.3 Timing of the Grant Transfer from the Town to the Victoria Park Xavier Hockey Club

Reporting officer	Rachael Bilbe, Place Leader (Strategic Planning)
Origin of request	Town of Victoria Park Administration
Attachments	Nil

Purpose of the item

This item updates the Working Group following recent discussions between the Administration and the Department of Creative Industries, Tourism & Sport (CITS) regarding the timeline required to complete the transfer of the grant.

Outcome

The Working Group understands the process and timeline for the grant transfer to the Victoria Park Xavier Hockey Club.

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 CITS grant from the Town to the Victoria Park Xavier Hockey Club are undertaken within the correct framework to foster trust and transparency.

Next steps

- November 2025 – the Administration presents a report recommending that the Council endorses transfer of the grant to the Victoria Park Xavier Hockey Club.
- November 2025 – subject to the Council's resolution, the Town officially confirms its support of the grant transfer to CITS.
- Late 2025 / early 2026 – following Ministerial approval of the transfer, CITS draws up a new Funding Agreement for the Victoria Park Xavier Hockey Club.

Further information

Nil.

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

Reporting officer	Rachael Bilbe, Place Leader (Strategic Planning)
Origin of request	Town of Victoria Park Administration
Attachments	Nil

Purpose of the item

On 16 December 2020, Council resolved that a Hockey Working Group be established to identify location opportunities for a synthetic turf pitch for the Victoria Park Xavier Hockey Club. On 15 March 2022, Council resolution 51/2022 endorsed preparation of a Hockey Business Case to explore feasible options.

Now that the Business Case is near completion, and the new Australian Hockey Centre has been identified as providing an optimum solution for the Club, this item is being discussed to consider the future of the Working Group and the next phase of work to be done to assist the Club transition to its new venue.

Outcome

- A decision as to whether to wind up the Hockey Working Group following completion of the Hockey Business Case.
- A shared understanding of what the next phase of work to assist the Victoria Park Xavier Hockey Club transition to a new venue will look like.
- A shared understanding of the roles and responsibilities of both the Town and Hockey WA in supporting the Club's transition to a new venue, as part of this next phase of work.

Discussion points

Key discussion points:

- Consideration for winding up the Hockey Working Group following completion of the Hockey Business Case; and
- What happens next; i.e. the work required to support the Victoria Park Xavier Hockey Club transition to a new venue in the coming years.

Strategic outcomes

Civic Leadership	
Community Priority	Intended public value outcome or impact
CL1 – Effectively managing resources and performance.	Effective utilisation of the Administration and key stakeholders to help support the Victoria Park Xavier Hockey Club transition to a new venue.

Next steps

To be agreed as part of the discussion.

Further information

Nil.

5 General business

6 Actions from previous meetings

Actions from the Hockey Working Group Meeting – 23 July 2025

3.1 Victoria Park Xavier Hockey Club Business Case:

- **Action:** The Town to meet separately with Victoria Park Xavier Hockey Club to review development of associated advocacy material in preparation for a meeting between the Club and the Minister for Local Government on 15 August 2025.

Actioned.

- **Action:** The Town to contact the Department of Cultural Industries, Tourism and Sport to ascertain the best time/s to meet with Australian Hockey Centre Project Director, and consultants KPMG, to discuss and provide input into management and transition to the new venue.

Actioned.

3.2 Transfer of Department of Creative Industries, Tourism & Sport Grant from the Town to Victoria Park Xavier Hockey Club

- **Action:** The Town to meet separately with Victoria Park Xavier Hockey Club to clarify the recommendations relating to the transfer of the State Government grant from the Town to the Club.

Actioned.

7 Close