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Baseball Facilities Strategic Plan
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ABOUT THIS DOCUMENT

Providing access to quality Baseball facilities is essential to facilitating participation, game development, supporting player pathways and underpins the sustainability of grass roots baseball clubs on the Gold Coast.

The current provision of Baseball facilities across the Gold Coast varies widely in quality and standards, which may limit the opportunity to grow and sustain participation in the game.

The GCBA understands that in order to grow the game, improving the quality and access to appropriate facilities is required. A strategic approach to facility planning and development will ensure the investment is maximised and the overall quality of Baseball on the Gold Coast is improved.

As part of Baseball Queensland’s strategic facility focus, this plan will act as a guide and planning resource that will assist the GCBA, Clubs and the City of Gold Coast in the planning of new facilities and/or major refurbishment or redevelopment of existing facilities.



EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Gold Coast Baseball Association (GCBA) is the regional body for Baseball on the Gold Coast. The GCBA is a member of Baseball Queensland (BQ) that is the peak body for Baseball in Queensland who represent more than 3,500 members. Those members play in more than a 150 teams in over 30 clubs in seven Associations and Leagues.

The GCBA was formed in 1999 and has developed a range of strategies, plans and policies in recent years to help provide a strategic focus to planning for baseball and to guide their decision making processes. These reports along with many other stakeholder documents have been reviewed to enable a full understanding of the baseball community, local and state government priorities as well as strategic planning issues for BQ that may have an impact on the future development and provision of baseball facilities across the state.

Baseball Queensland's Strategic Plan (produced in May 2017) – **BUILDING A FUTURE FOR BASEBALL** identified the need to "conduct, encourage, promote, advance and manage all levels of baseball in collaboration with our members and other supporters." These strategies are broken to four key areas. GROW OUR PEOPLE, GROW OUR GAME, GROW OUR BRAND AND GROW OUR BUSINESS.

These four key areas led to the identification of the investment in and development of facilities as a priority for the sport in Queensland. This priority has led the scoping of this Baseball Facilities Development Plan with the following aligned principles:

- Secure facilities that provide baseball with good playing conditions.
- Retain, and fully utilise existing facilities for baseball across the Gold Coast.
- Secure investment into baseball infrastructure.

The impacts of being able to achieve and deliver these key strategies has been reflected through this Baseball Facilities Plan, with many facility related outcomes also providing a platform from which to achieve additional Baseball Queensland and GCBA goals of building capacity within the baseball community, developing strong relationships across the sport and increasing participation across all levels of competition.

Baseball Queensland has established a greater focus on participation outcomes and experiences for all who connect with the sport. Our Strategic Plan and direction aligns through BQ and recognises the need to capitalise on the growing baseball and social participation market, enhance stakeholder relationships and become a leader for the development and improvement of the sport of baseball.





WHAT MATTERS

“To create a sustainable sporting community with quality fit for purpose facilities that provide for optimal sporting programs and activities to promote health and well being.”

(Source: Gold Coast Sport Plan 2013-2023 – City of Gold Coast)

- Players need access to local facilities of appropriate standards.
- Some clubs are over capacity.
- Options to build new facilities or to increase the intensity of use of existing facilities, must be investigated, planned and implemented.
- This will worsen as the population continues to grow.
- Need to audit and benchmark existing facilities.
- Need to define the appropriate ‘facility standards’.
- Need to achieve and maintain ‘facility’ standards appropriate to each level of baseball.
- Need long term facility management plans.

OUR PLAN FOR FACILITIES

“To support the building and maintenance of facilities that enable Baseball to be presented and played in a manner that is attractive, safe and fun for participants and spectators. To support the development of facilities that attract National and State level competitions. To support clubs to maintain and develop facilities at a standard that enables them to support their, Baseball Queensland and Baseball Australia’s growth objectives. To build relationships to support facility planning and maintenance objectives.” (Source: Gold Coast Baseball Association – Strategic Plan (2019-2021– Key Priority Ares 6 – Facilities)

The Baseball Facilities Development Plan has been driven by a number of strategic influences and these have only been reinforced since the development of the Plan:

- GCBA Strategic Plan (2019-2021) – ‘Secure and upgrade facilities to enable the sport to continue to grow’.
- City of Gold Coast – Diamond Sports Rationalisation Plan (Nov 2019).
- Deficiencies in existing facility provision, quality and capacity at some clubs and inequitable facility distribution across the region.
- Implications from projected population and participation growth and associated opportunities and challenges for baseball.
- Identified need to establish key strategic partners to assist and support future facility, sport and game development delivery.
- Respond to the need for a structured approach to facility development, formalisation of facility development guidelines and the ongoing sharing of information with key stakeholders.

Three key strategies led the scoping and development of the Baseball Facilities Development Plan and today these priorities remain more relevant than ever:

- Secure adequate facilities that provide baseball with good playing conditions with a strong focus on sustainability and accessibility.
- Retain, and fully utilise existing facilities for baseball across the Gold Coast (ensure no net loss of baseball facilities).
- Secure investment into baseball infrastructure.

The impacts of being able to achieve and deliver these key strategies have been reflected through this Baseball Facilities Plan and have been reinforced by recent growth and other key developments. **A particular focus for Gold Coast Baseball going forward is, at an absolute minimum, to ensure there is no net loss of baseball facilities across the Gold Coast.**

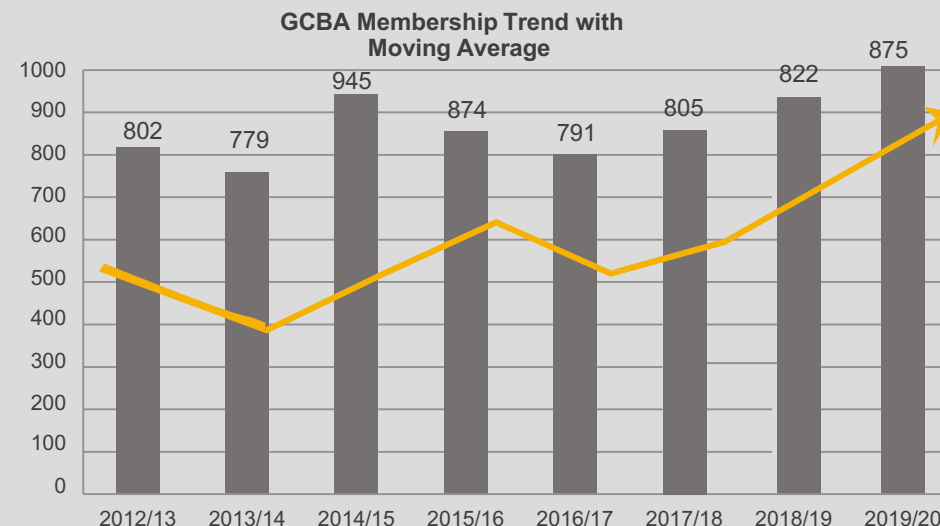
We must continue to move forward and ensure that all facility related outcomes provide a platform from which to achieve member clubs, GCBA, BQ and City of Gold Coast goals of building capacity within the baseball community, developing strong relationships across the sport and increasing participation across all levels of competition.

“The quality and quantity of appropriate facilities will underpin the success of our Facilities Strategy”

PARTICIPATION IN BASEBALL

Baseball provides an inclusive sport in a safe, healthy and social environment for all ages and abilities to enjoy. The popularity of baseball has risen in recent years in Queensland with steady growth in participation numbers being shown at all levels of the sport. The introduction of the national Baseball 5's and Aussie T-Ball framework has provided a focus for junior participation and a platform from which the sport can compete with the likes of other mainstream sports in schools and at local clubs.

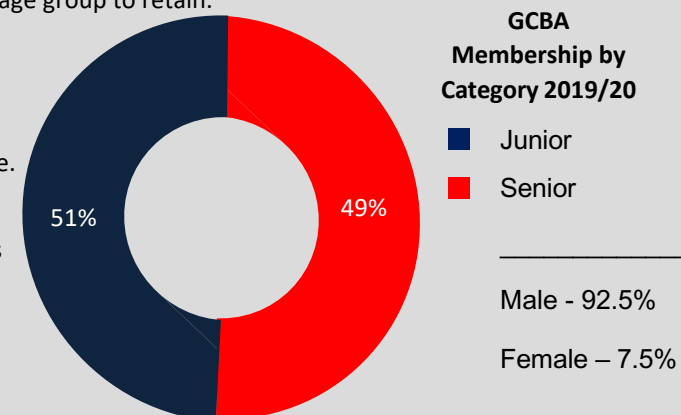
Baseball Queensland provides a strong strategic direction providing improved player participation and retention across all participation categories, including Tee Ball, Juniors, Seniors, Masters and Women's.



Combined playing numbers have been steady since 20012/13. Of further significance is growth in the key areas of Tee Ball and junior competitions. Between 2016/17 and 2019/20 junior memberships have continued to grow, while Tee Ball participation has increased this is a difficult age group to retain.

With the Gold Coast population projections the future for the sport continues to look positive.

Baseball Queensland has migrated member services to Sports HQ which will allow greater analysis of ongoing data.



THE STRUCTURE OF BASEBALL

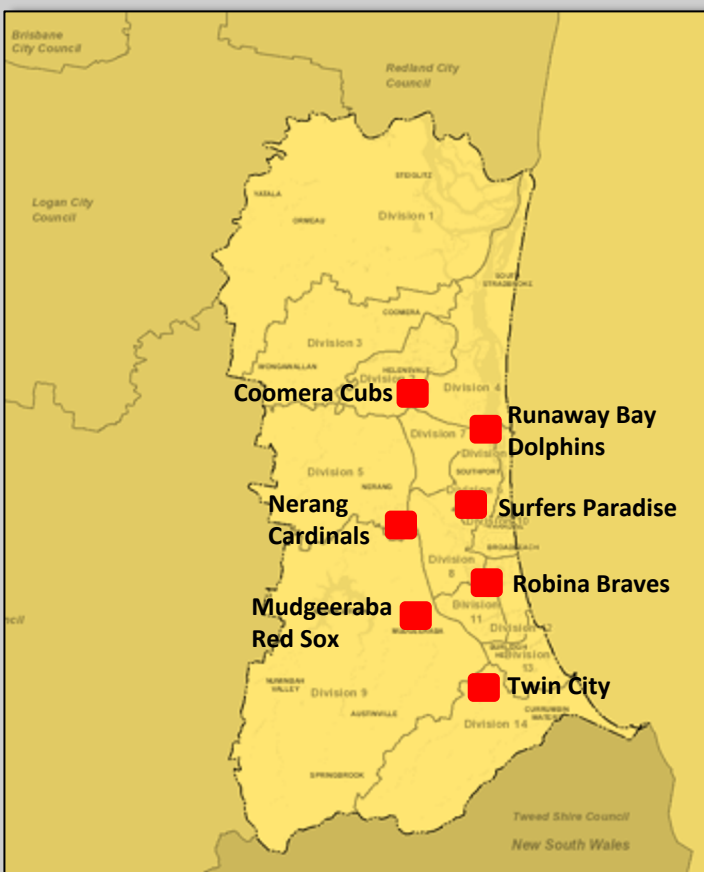
As the sport continues to grow, further alignment of competition, league and association structures will be important to guide and manage resources, including club and facility development initiatives.

Creating alignment at all levels of the baseball player pathway and governance structure, from Little League, to Regional Association and through to the National competitions (e.g. ABL).

Providing connection to State and Local Government boundaries will assist in refining geographical accountabilities and in establishing dedicated regional partnership networks across the region. The **Gold Coast Divisional** map strategically aligns with government planning and funding regions, capture unabridged local government boundaries and support existing baseball centric areas.

The Gold Coast LGA encompasses 7 member clubs:

- Coomera Cubs Baseball Club Inc.
- Runaway Bay Dolphins Inc.
- Surfers Paradise Baseball Club Inc.
- Nerang Cardinals Baseball Club Inc.
- Robina Braves Baseball Club Inc.
- Mudgeeraba Baseball Club Inc
- Twin City Baseball Club Inc



INTERNATIONAL
 Australian Teams, IBAF Events and Professional Leagues:
 USA (MLB, MiLB, Ind)

NATIONAL (ABF)
 Australian National Events and Programs
 Australian Baseball League (ABL) – Brisbane Bandits

STATE (BQ)
 Queensland State Teams and
 Participation Programs

REGIONAL (GCBA)
 Regional Representative Teams
 Little League Teams / Competitions and Winter Associations

LOCAL (GOLD COAST CLUBS)
 Gold Coast Baseball Summer Leagues
 Gold Coast Winter Leagues

LOCAL (ENTRY LEVEL PROGRAM DELIVERY)
 Club delivery of entry level programs (e.g.
 schools and Aussie T-ball)



BASEBALL FACILITY LANDSCAPE

Baseball facilities must appropriately support the different needs of each tier of baseball. The challenge is to provide facilities effectively and within the limitation of our resources, available facilities and networks. The GCBA Facilities Development Plan aims to deliver a mix of facilities to suit the range of programs and competition requirements needed to meet player participation growth and changing trends.

This will provide:

- The greatest opportunity to play.
- A good baseball experience.
- And let members enjoy the sport at their preferred level.

The GCBA along with BQ will set benchmarks to guide facility development for the tiers of baseball. These benchmarks will identify the appropriate facility requirements that are scalable to the needs of the game, whilst providing a practical framework to meet increasing demand on scarce resources, facilities and available development funds.

Outside of the traditional facilities identified here, the GCBA and BQ will also investigate options for using non-traditional and indoor facilities to support its current and future programs for both traditional and non-traditional forms of the game. Where Clubs and Associations contribute to the funding of development then appropriate access and sharing terms should be reflected in leasing arrangements.

To support the further growth of the sport at club and grass roots level, consideration is given to maximising and enhancing the use of existing facilities and exploring the potential options for formalised compatible multi-sport use of fields and shared club development outcomes.

HIERARCHY LEVEL	STRATEGIC TARGET
STATE / REGIONAL FACILITY <i>(4 fields main with lights, All weather)</i>	Northern Gold Coast (Prairie Road, Ormeau)
REGIONAL CLUB COMPETITION <i>(1/2 fields: main with lights)</i>	North / Central / South
CLUB FACILITY <i>(1 field)</i>	7 clubs across the Gold Coast
TEMPORARY / SHARED FACILITY	Provision as required

ECONOMIC IMPACT and STRATEGIC ALIGNMENT

This plan is aligned with key directions from the City of Gold Coast, Baseball Queensland, Baseball Australia and Federal Government initiatives across sport and recreational infrastructure planning and funding:

- Gold Coast Sport Plan 2013-2023
- City of Gold Coast Economic Development Strategy 2013-2023
- Sport 2030 – Sport Australia
- Baseball Queensland Strategic Plan 2017-2020
- Baseball Australia Strategic Plan 2018

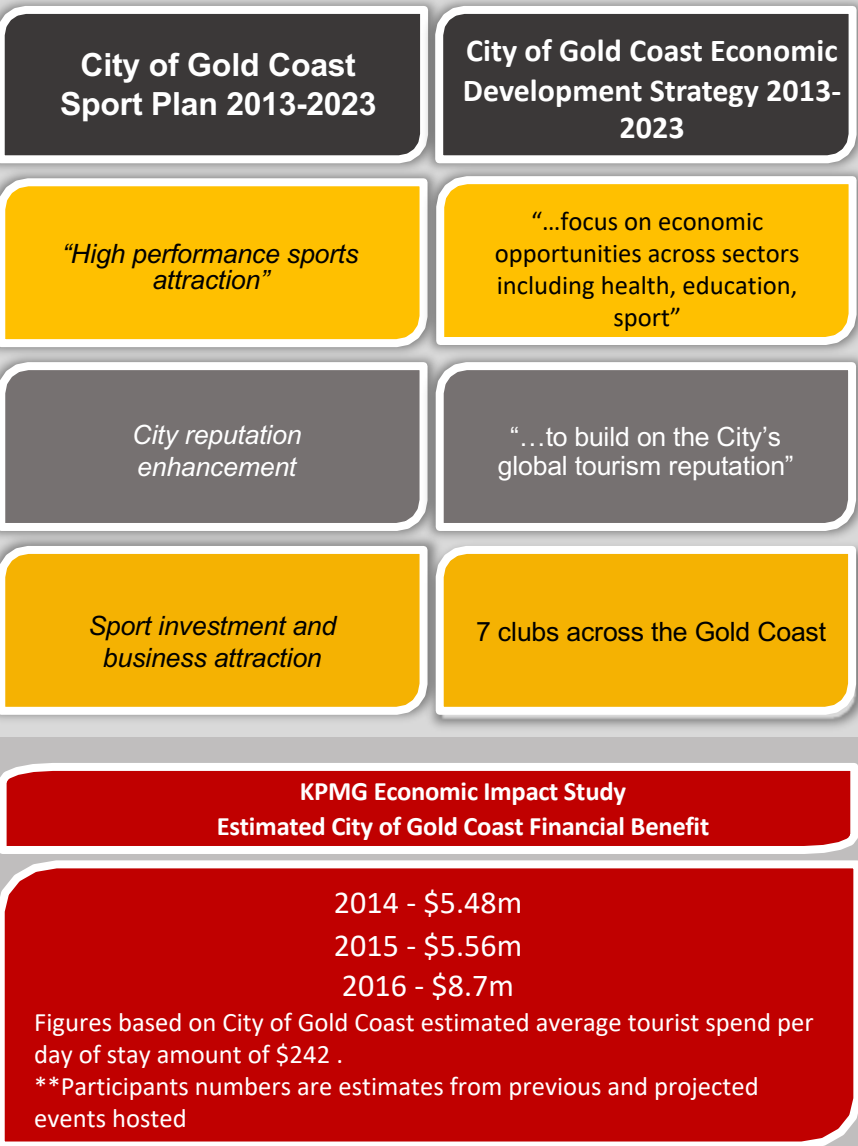
“In 2014, Baseball Australia contributed an estimated \$5.5m to the Gold Coast economy. This figure has the potential to increase to \$8.7m in 2016 with the necessary upgrades to local club facilities to provide a national level facility for the medium term.” KPMG – Baseball Report 2015

Current Partnerships and Opportunities

- Hosting International professional players NPB and MLB (80 players and support staff)
- Annual tournaments including the GC Summer Classic (29 teams international and interstate teams)
- Bi-Annual Pan Pacific Masters Games – **Baseball** (60 teams, 780 participants) **Softball** (180 Teams, 1800 participants)
- Annual University Games – 16 teams, 250 participants.
- Bi-annual Australian Schools Baseball Championships - 16 teams, 250 participants

Future Opportunities and Partnerships

- Annual Little League Championships (formerly on the GC) - 360 player, 1200 support staff and supporters)
- Annual Junior League Championships (formerly on the GC) - 280 players, 1000 support staff and supporters)
- Annual University Games



FACILITY DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES

PROVISION LEVEL	STATE / REGIONAL FACILITY	REGIONAL COMPETITION	CLUB FACILITY
USE AND PURPOSE	National / international exhibition games, High performance activities, State / National Team training camps and ABL Fixtures	State League Regional Competition State / Regional Tournaments High Performance activities	Club Baseball (all levels, year round), Social or recreational baseball Softball co-share School competition BQ / ABF development programs All Junior Baseball competitions
POTENTIAL SITES FOR DEVELOPMENT	Prairie Road, Ormeau	North - Coomera Cubs Central - Surfers Paradise South – Twin Cities	All GCBA Clubs

BASEBALL FACILITY DEVELOPMENT PLAN

This Baseball Facilities Strategic Plan integrates the GCBA's vision and goals into clear and realistic strategies in order to deliver a progressive and sustainable future for Gold Coast baseball facilities. A key outcome of the Plan is to develop a framework and hierarchy for the GCBA and its member clubs to build modern management practices, develop quality programs and services and focus on increasing participation in this great game.

It is imperative that baseball infrastructure, clubs, competitions and programs are well planned to cater for the expected growth in local communities and in the sport. In addressing these needs, three key overarching objectives emerged from the Baseball Facilities Development Plan:

- Advance the capacity and quality of baseball facilities across the Gold Coast.
- Develop and strengthen effective partnerships with key strategic partners.
- Commence long-term planning for the ongoing sustainability of the sports' infrastructure.

In achieving these objectives, five strategic priorities have been identified and will form the strategic focus for baseball facility investment over the next 10 years between 2020 and 2030.

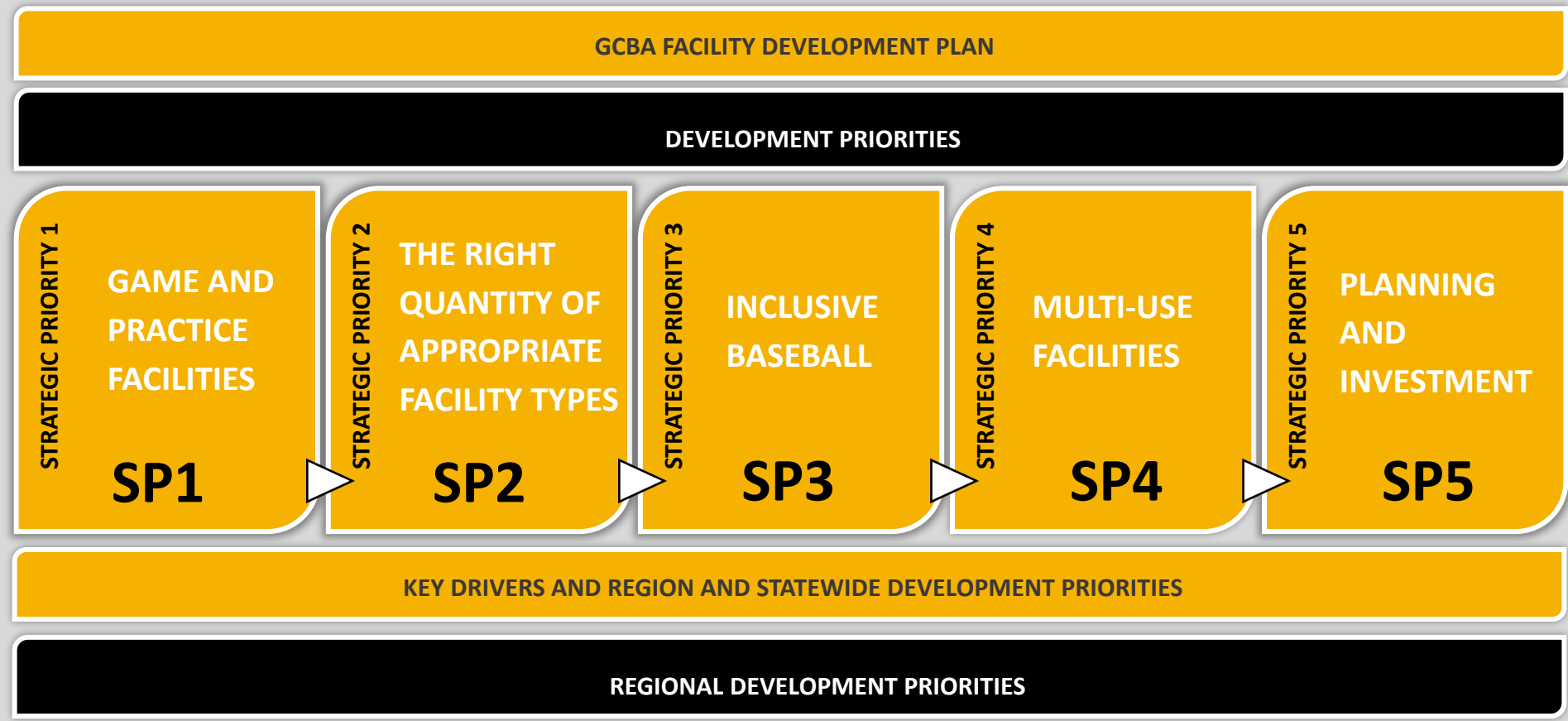
Priorities and actions are focussed on increasing the overall number of baseball facilities in-line with increased need and demand and enhancing the existing baseball facility network to ensure the overall sustainability and viability of the sport on the Gold Coast.

All strategies and actions will be initiated and undertaken in-line with the Baseball Facility Hierarchy.

“Associations and Clubs need support to meet their local facility challenges to ensure we have appropriate places to play”

BASEBALL FACILITY DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK

The diagram below outlines the strategic framework for the future provision of baseball facilities and development initiatives on the Gold Coast to 2030. Five key infrastructure pillars and supporting objectives guide the future direction of baseball facilities the Gold Coast and are underpinned by prioritised actions.



The following pages provide a summary of the GCBA’s five key development priorities, their drivers and proposed strategic responses to address future baseball facility planning and development across the Gold Coast for the next 10 years.

STRATEGIC PRIORITY 1 – GAME AND PRACTICE FACILITIES

“Better activate existing fields and green spaces, alongside development of new facilities”

KEY DRIVERS FOR CHANGE:

- State government’s recent investment into supporting the development of facilities via the “Active Community Infrastructure” initiative.
- Club’s across the Gold Coast have aged infrastructure that is unable to adequately service baseball’s changing needs (e.g. catering for growth in female baseball, practice nets and field quality).
- There is limited availability of unoccupied open space across the Gold Coast to enable the development of additional baseball fields.
- Facility owners/managers (predominately local government) are faced with the challenge of managing increasing facility renewal gaps.
- All baseball fields across the Gold Coast are turf fields. These fields are managed by volunteers.
- Varying Council policies are in place guiding a range of facility access and investment levels for the baseball community (e.g. ground and resource allocations, budget prioritisation).

KEY STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

SP1A Increase carrying capacity of fields and training facilities through lighting

SP1B Educate baseball and government stakeholders on the requirements for baseball facilities and amenities

SP1C Highlight the flexibility of baseball through shared facility models that promote baseball and seasonal and/or compatible sport

STRATEGIC PRIORITY 2 - THE RIGHT QUANTITY OF APPROPRIATE FACILITY TYPES

“Improve access to baseball programs, pathways and development”

KEY DRIVERS FOR CHANGE:

To ensure we have the right quantity of the appropriate types of facilities to meet demand now and in the future, we must increase the intensity of use of existing facilities or develop additional new facilities. Key facility elements that impact the intensity of use include:

- Training facilities including indoor batting cages - (increased training volume).
- Lights (new or improved lights - increased playing time, more training facilities).
- Playing surface (natural vs. artificial turf – increased playing time).
- Susceptibility to weather (drainage, irrigation and artificial surfaces – less ‘down time’).
- Increased/improved change rooms and facilities (ability to accommodate female players and more male and female players).
- Clubhouse and canteens (provides options for amenity, income and improved administration).
- Alternative facility options (school facilities, indoor and 5 a-side forms of the game)
- Access and shared use by softball (increasing playing time).
- Facilities Planning and Development (GCBA & Club long term plans for facility replacement/ upgrade / new development).
- Improvement of facility partnerships and sponsorship.

KEY STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

SP2A

Build the right level and mix of infrastructure for each level of the player pathway – Community, Pathway and High Performance



SP2B

Design universal facilities and amenities that cater for all users



SP2C

Promote shared facility use and create more viable community venues

STRATEGIC PRIORITY 3 – INCLUSIVE BASEBALL

“Supporting diversity through inclusive facilities”

KEY DRIVERS FOR CHANGE:

- Despite an increase of 21% between the 2012/13 and 2019/20 seasons, Baseball Queensland’s current female participant base of 4.4% of all club baseball is lower than the sport’s desired level.
- There is a notable drop off in female participant numbers between the teenage years of 15 and 19.
- The growth of female participation across a number of sporting codes (in particular AFL) has increased the appeal and demand (as well as competition for participants) for female baseball programs, competitions and supporting infrastructure.
- Strong growth in both multicultural and indigenous participation levels.
- Baseball’s changing landscape of programming and competition opportunities requires alignment of fit for purpose baseball facilities and supporting infrastructure.
- The majority of baseball’s player and umpire change room facilities and supporting amenities are male dominated and/or non-inclusive in their design.
- Off-field amenities and supporting infrastructure (e.g. club room and social spaces) are often not inclusive in design and creating barriers to attracting new participant groups, families and spectators to the game.
- Sport and government’s commitment to supporting inclusive sporting initiatives (programming and facilities) that provide greater access for participants of all levels, abilities and cultural backgrounds.

KEY STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

SP3A

Prioritise and support the upgrade and development of facilities at sites with identified and potential female participation growth.

SP3B

Seek joint opportunities for baseball and other sports to improve inclusive off-field player, umpire and spectator amenities.

SP3C

Adapt industry design guidelines to educate how baseball can integrate its inclusive programs through facility design.

STRATEGIC PRIORITY 4 – MULTI-USE FACILITIES

“Providing welcoming, safe, flexible and accessible community facilities”

KEY DRIVERS FOR CHANGE:

- Continuing population growth across the Gold Coast and a lack of additional open space for new facilities.
- Rapid population growth in the northern Gold Coast area driving increased facility development requirements.
- Increasing competition for investment and the availability of sport specific funding.
- Indoor baseball training facilities can be used by other community groups per design.
- There are currently very few synthetic playing fields across Queensland capacity to accommodate baseball and softball.

KEY STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

SP4A Promote successful design models for multiuse baseball practice facilities.



SP4B Encourage flexibility in use/design of indoor social and amenity spaces.



SP4C Identify potential sites for shared synthetic playing fields and lighting to expand multi-sport event opportunities

STRATEGIC PRIORITY 5 – PLANNING AND INVESTMENT

“Catering for change and maximising partnerships”

KEY DRIVERS FOR CHANGE:

- Commensurate with forecast population increases across the south east there will be considerable demand for additional sporting fields and supporting infrastructure.
- Introduction of Baseball Queensland Strategic Facility Guidelines.
- As player safety and sports field surface suitability expectations and requirements have risen, so too has the need for quality open space for sportsground development.
- The game’s changing formats and related facility requirements.
- The need to better align with local and state government funding availability and principles of community benefit, access and multi-use.
- The increasing trend of sport specific partnerships being developed to enable greater shared use opportunities and mutual benefits.

KEY STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

SP5A Partner with City of GC to achieve ongoing dedicated funding for community baseball facilities or any mutually beneficial initiatives

SP5B Align baseball's priorities with local and state government strategic directions, policies and funding criteria to leverage investment.

SP5C Promote and communicate what infrastructure a ‘club baseball facility’ needs, and what is critical to baseball.

DELIVERING THE STRATEGY

The historical investment into baseball facility development has been varied and has primarily been driven through the local baseball community (as the main users and beneficiaries of facilities), Local Government (as the main owners and asset managers of facilities) and the State Government (as a key contributor to community facility development).

Future investment in baseball facility development and the need for improved facilities is likely to be heavily influenced by available funding, the continued growth in the sport and the ability of the GCBA and BQ to generate interest and associated partnerships with key sport and government funding partners. A significant investment in time and information sharing with key partners will be a key role of the GCBA and BQ over the next three to five years.

Recommendations within this plan set regional level direction with state level alignment, while allowing emerging opportunities to be harnessed at the local level. As priorities continue to evolve, the periodic monitoring and review of recommendations will be vital in maintaining the relevance of the strategy through to 2030.

A stakeholder wide commitment to planning, communication, cooperation, ownership and implementation of strategic priorities and local projects will help to ensure the future sustainability and improvement of baseball infrastructure across the Gold Coast.

The GCBA Facilities Development Plan is an aspirational 10-year plan designed to be practical and realistic in its implementation. It is important to note that stakeholder policy, community demand and priorities change over time. As a result, strategic priorities and recommendations are subject to available funding and resourcing and should be regularly monitored to ensure their ongoing alignment with stakeholder objectives.

The financial impact of implementing the proposed recommendations has not yet been determined. However, it is critical that key stakeholders and potential funding partners adopt a collaborative approach to the scoping and delivery of actions and recognise the need for joint funding and resourcing as identified under Strategic Priority 5 – Planning and Investment.

In order for the GCBA Facilities Development Plan to be successful, it must provide a diversity in the mix of facilities to be delivered in line with forecast demand, ensure that facilities provide shared use opportunities, be utilised to their full capacity and help to provide a positive experience for all users and participants to facilitate the growth of the sport.

Strategy review process

Formal evaluation of strategic priorities by the GCBA and partners will be required to ensure ongoing and consistent alignment with sport, government and regional objectives.

Evaluation will also identify key successes and overall benefits for baseball and the communities in which it is played. The following monitoring and review process will be led by the GCBA and BQ to ensure that the plan remains relevant for all stakeholders.



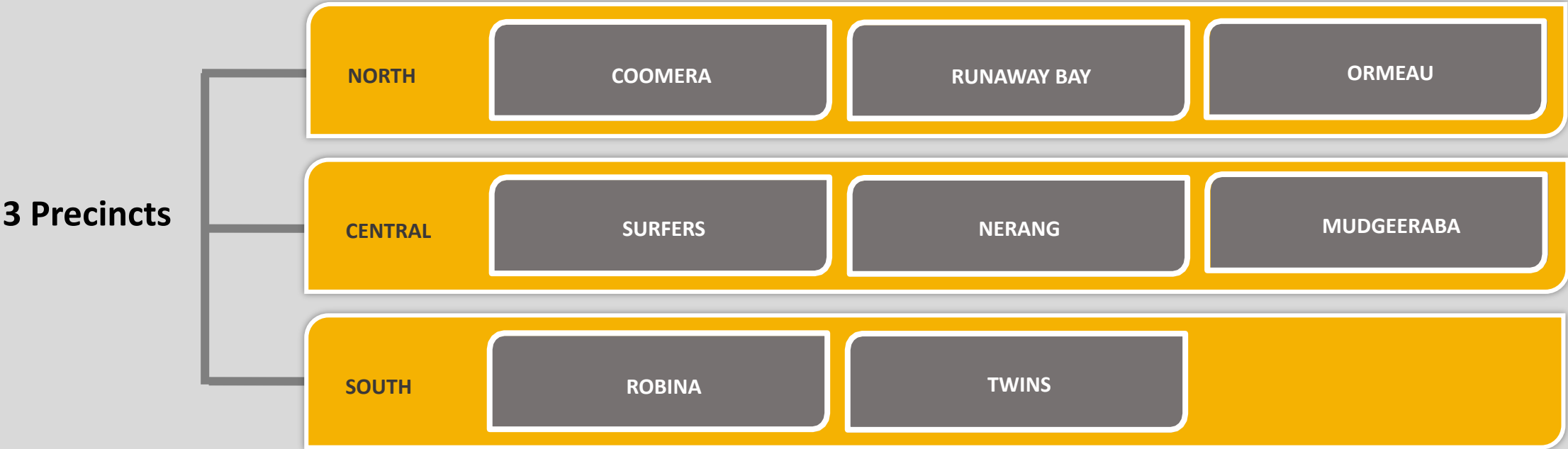
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NATIONAL PARTNERS	STATE PARTNERS	LOCAL PARTNERS
Baseball’s strategic direction setting	Ongoing Queensland State Government investment	GCBA, City of Gold Coast and school partnerships
Funding support	Project advocacy	Matching of community and Baseball needs
Strategy and project advocacy	Growth area planning input	Adoption of data, objectives and priorities into local projects and site planning
Education and resource development	Facility policy guidance	Focus on capital development, renewal and budget allocation
Data tools to support State, Region and Local decision making	Regional Baseball and Community partnerships	Piloting new initiatives
	Maintaining alignment of stakeholder objectives	Identifying new projects
	Annual resource review and acquisition	Local policy development and implementation
	Guiding Baseball’s governance and regional structural change	Annual review of regional and local priorities
	Ongoing GCBA Facility Development Plan monitoring and evaluation	
	Communications of benefits and achievements	

REGIONAL FACILITIES OUTLOOK – SHORT, MEDIUM AND LONGTERM

With seven local Baseball clubs operating on the Gold Coast at seven separate locations (see Page 8) the GCBA acknowledge that some of these facilities continue to be underutilised. Supporting the co-share of community facility assets also supports our regional growth strategies through targeted infrastructure investment. The region sees the following geographic precincts as a framework to assist the City of Gold Coast in supporting investment priorities for the sport.



NORTHERN PRECINCT INFRASTRUCTURE PRIORITIES

Coomera

- Priority 1: Field Lighting to Main field and Little League Diamond (Co-share with Softball)
- Priority 2: All weather surface for Little League/Softball Diamond and Back fence upgrade.
- Priority 3: Updates to training facilities including undercover batting and bullpen areas

Runaway Bay

- Priority 1: To convert the batting cages to an all-weather facility.
- Priority 2: To put in training lights
- Priority 3: To upgrade current fence on main diamond.

Ormeau

- Priority 1: To develop a new multi-diamond Regional/State/National Facility
- Priority 2: Multiple lit fields
- Priority 3: Adult and Junior Diamonds with All weather capabilities
- Priority 4: All weather training

Infrastructure priorities metrics

Following previous independent reporting the GCBA and Clubs believe the following priorities exist for the Northern precinct. These investment priorities minimise overcapitalising the space particularly at Runaway Bay where cross sport co-sharing opportunities exist. The Coomera facility priorities enhance the City of Gold Coast "Diamond Rationalisation" strategy with co-share opportunities with Softball.



CENTRAL PRECINCT INFRASTRUCTURE PRIORITIES

Surfers

Priority 1: Build and install a roof for the Batting Cage. March 2021.

Priority 2: Gain access to the articulated grey water lines that surround the Park.

Priority 3: Repair, replace and expand the perimeter fencing and back Nets on both Diamonds.

Nerang

Priority 1: New Scorers Shed / Hut

Priority 2: All Weathered Covered Batting Cages

Priority 3: Left & Right field junior dugouts.

Mudgeeraba

Priority 1: Additional full size field.

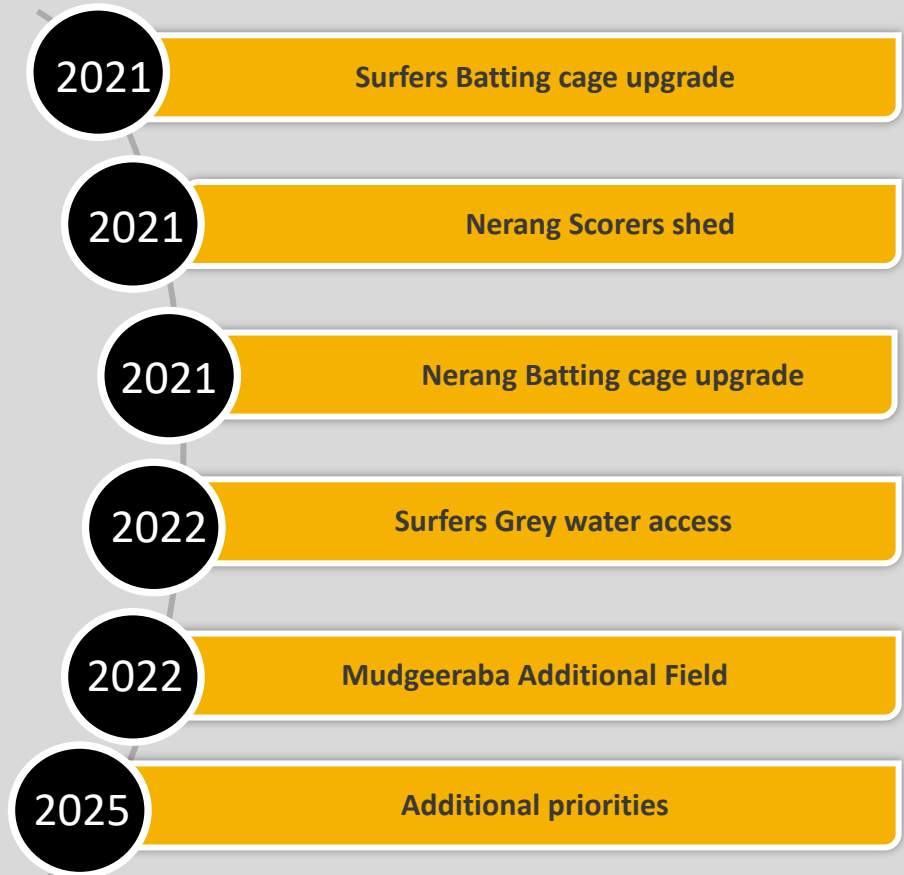
Priority 2: New Clubhouse with male and female changerooms, including a new canteen.

Priority 3: Upgrade to field lighting including the installation of a solar system.

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SOUTHERN PRECINCT INFRASTRUCTURE PRIORITIES

Robina

Priority 1: Roofed Enclosed Batting Cages and small roof to adjacent Bull Pen Mound

Priority 2: Training or full field lights - allows training later and greater participation

Priority 3: Improved Sanitary facilities & drainage to club and upgraded stormwater drainage to the entire common

Twins

Priority 1: Infield and outfield lighting up on the second field.

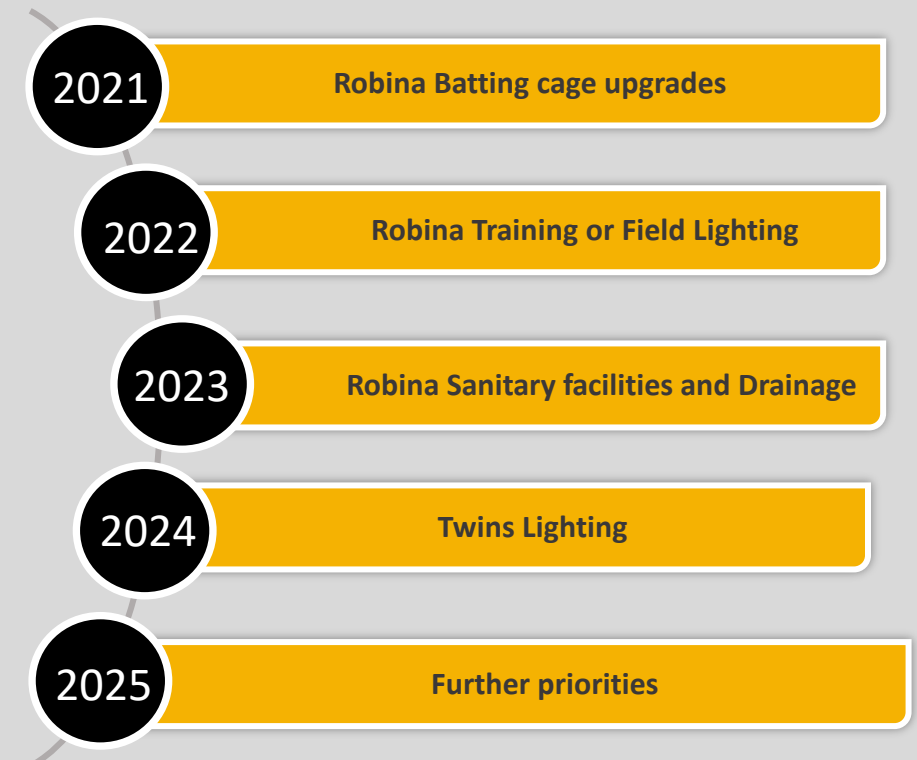
Priority 2: Extended fencing behind plate and down foul lines on the second field.

Priority 3: Homerun fencing (moveable) on the second field.

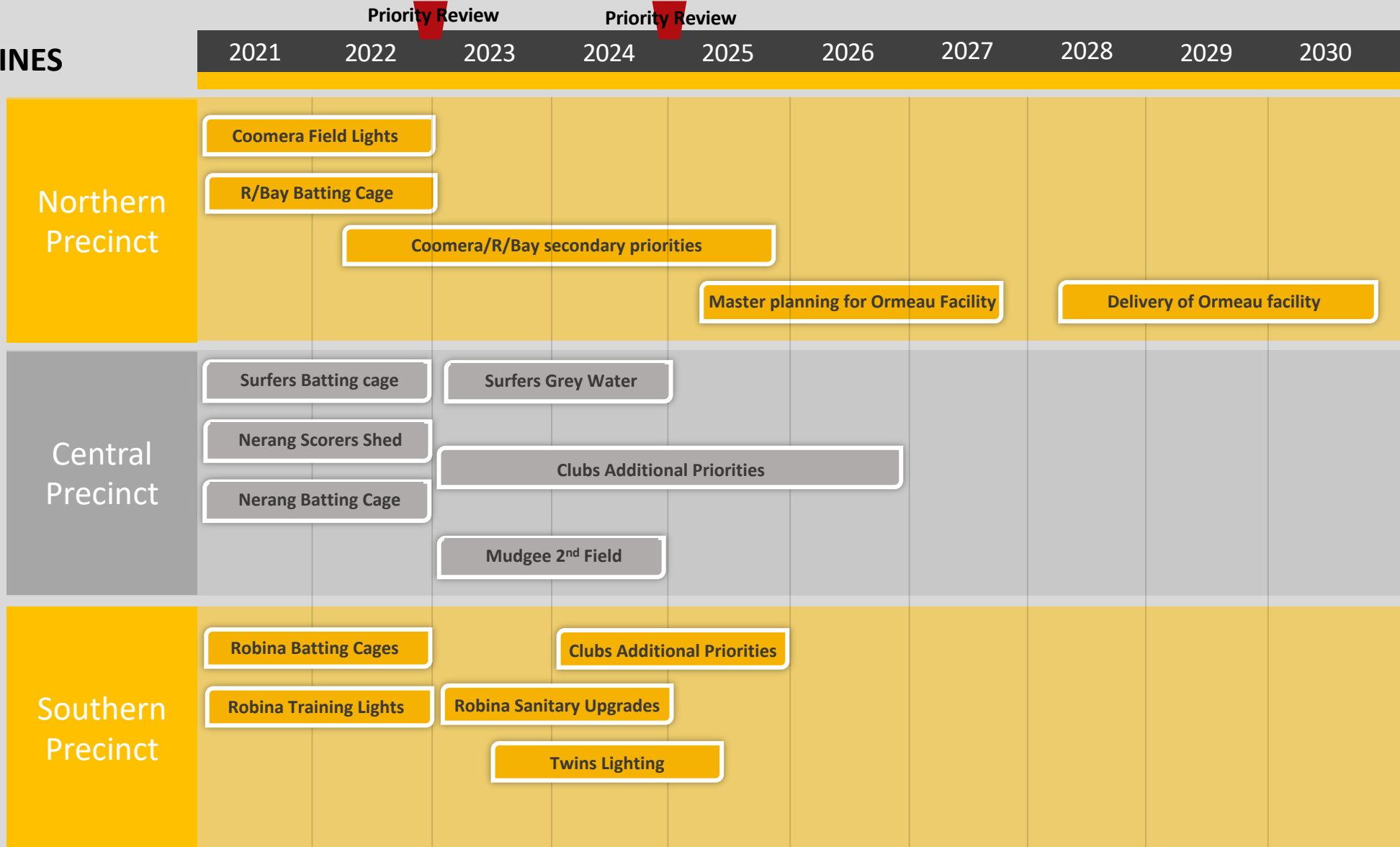
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PRIORITY TIMELINES



STRATEGIC PRIORITY PROJECTS

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