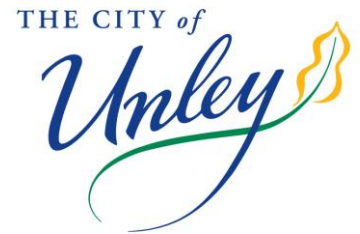


13 September 2023



**IMPORTANT INFORMATION
UNLEY OVAL UPGRADES**

The Resident /
Property Occupier

Dear Sir/Madam

Unley Oval (**Oval**) is considered to be Council's premier open space asset which is well used by our residents and wider community for a range of recreational purposes. Various community and sporting events are also held at this highly regarded and picturesque Oval.

Council is replacing the existing lights and will reconstruct the turf surface at the Oval over the coming months. The upgrades are part of Council's ongoing commitment to providing a premier and high-quality open space facility within the City of Unley, ensuring it continues to be fit-for-purpose for Council, residents, our wider community and the sporting clubs who use the Oval.

Lighting Upgrade

The current metal halide lights at the Oval are at the end of their life span and will be replaced with LED fittings, as a part of Council's ongoing sustainability initiative to convert to LED lighting at all its facilities. There is no requirement for new or additional poles for this conversion and all existing infrastructure will be retained.

Council has approved a request from the Sturt Football Club (SFC) to increase the current lighting from 100lux to 150lux to comply with SANFL training requirements. The SFC offer to meet all costs incurred for this increase which has been accepted by Council. The increase will allow SANFL training to be held on the Oval but will not allow the hosting of any night games, as the requirement for that is a much greater lux level (i.e. greater than 500lux).

At its meeting held on 28 August 2023, Council considered a report prepared by Council staff regarding the request which was made by the SFC. The report can be viewed here:

www.unley.sa.gov.au/unley-oval-upgrades

To ensure the new LED lighting installed meets the relevant Australian Standards, a report will be commissioned by Council from an independent lighting consultant.

The works are proposed to commence on **3 October 2023** and will take approximately 2-weeks to complete. During that time, there will be no lighting available at the Oval and hence, there will be no night use of the Oval turf surface.

Surface Replacement

Council has been successful in securing grant funding from the State Government's Office for Recreation, Sport and Racing to co-fund the reconstruction of the Oval surface and has engaged industry specialists Belair Turf Management (BTM), to deliver the project.

The scope of the project involves the removal of the existing surface and installation of new drainage, irrigation, sub-surface, surface and four cricket pitches. The upgrade will ensure our iconic Unley Oval continues to be 'the jewel in the crown' for our community.

The works associated with the project are expected to commence on **9 October 2023** and are scheduled for completion on **8 April 2024**.

The works will be delivered in five key stages as follows:

- **Stage 1 (5-weeks)** preliminaries, site setup, turf stripping and grading
- **Stage 2 (4-weeks)** irrigation installation
- **Stage 3 (2-weeks)** delivery of growing material and turf preparation
- **Stage 4 (2-weeks)** turf delivery and laying
- **Stage 5 (12-weeks)** turf establishment and maintenance

All efforts will be made by Council and BTM to ensure that the works are delivered as efficiently as possible. We greatly appreciate your patience during these works, and we are sure the finished outcome will be a significant improvement that will be enjoyed by our entire community.

The Oval turf surface will be a worksite for the duration of the project. Temporary fencing will be installed along the surrounds of the Oval itself and, for safety reasons, there will be no public access at all to the Oval during the works. However, the majority of the surrounding areas to the Oval can be accessed with the exception of the cricket mesh nets at the south-eastern corner of the site. This area will be used by BTM for storage and site amenities. The public toilets and playgrounds will remain open during the works.

All heavy vehicle movements to and from the site during the works will be via a temporary access point provided at the Frederick Street frontage to the Oval. The route to and from the site for heavy vehicles will be via Duthy Street, Unley Road and Oxford Terrace.

Council will provide regular updates on the works via its social media platforms and a dedicated project webpage on Council's website. The webpage will include Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) and provide information such as site access, alternative sites for recreational activities, duration of works and workhours and guide you to who can best answer your enquiry. The webpage can be viewed by visiting our website at www.unley.sa.gov.au/unley-oval-upgrades

For enquiries regarding site management (refer to Council's webpage for clarity) contact:

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For all other enquiries regarding the proposed upgrades please contact Council on 8372 5111.

Yours sincerely



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