

NBISC TIME LINE

October 1994 to December 2001

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October 1994

Recreational Needs study conducted by Pittwater Council. Identified a strong need for an indoor sports centre and aquatic centre.

July 1995

Pittwater Council commission a second study (conducted by LRM Australia) which examined the case for, and the siting of, a proposed multi purpose recreation and aquatic facility (Leisure Centre).

January 1996

LRM Australia release their report on the Leisure Centre (including: Entry Area, Sports Hall - 4 Court, Aerobics, Child Care Centre, Carparking, Indoor and Outdoor Swimming Pool, outdoor basketball courts, Senior Citizens Centre, Meals-on-Wheels) The preliminary suggested budget was \$15,840,000.

LRM Australia concluded:

Due to Council's present financial circumstances, the recommended facility on the Jacksons Road Reserve is not a feasible proposition in terms of the capital cost. However from an operational perspective, the project is feasible.

In order to proceed with the proposed development, Council will need to meet the shortfall in capital. It has been demonstrated that some capital may be available from a variety of sources including the centre's ability to service borrowings in the order of \$2 million if developed in its entirety.

A strategy for consideration would be to stage the proposed leisure centre by developing the sports hall and fitness components before the indoor pool. However there is still a significant capital shortfall albeit, slightly less than that for the total development. (\$5.8 million compared with \$7.4 million).

As a result of this feasibility assessment, it is recommended that:

Council adopt this report and the recommended concept plan as a basis in principle for the future provision of a multi-purpose indoor leisure centre for the Pittwater community.

Council continue to investigate the possible sources of capital funding identified in this report with a view to assessing its ability to meet the capital cost of the recommended development.

(LRM Australia 1996: 42)

December 1996

Sometime prior to 5 December discussions were held to facilitate a community interest meeting. The first identifiable date of correspondence was 5 December 1996 when invitations were sent to an extensive group of people to attend a meeting on 16 December 1996. Prior to November 1996 discussions were being held by different groups under different auspices. Narrabeen Sports High School had been in discussion with Manly Warringah Junior Rugby League about developing facilities on the school's grounds. Manly Warringah Basketball Association had a long history of trying to construct a stadium. Academy Netball had been in discussion with other sporting entities to secure long term facilities. This time line represents a history of documented events. It is not considered a complete record, but it is as comprehensive as possible for materials that were made available during research.

5 December 1996

Invitations sent from Manly Warringah Basketball Association (MWBA) regarding the information and initial planning meeting for the proposed Pittwater Indoor Sports Centre for 16 December 1996.

Invitees List

Peter Funnell	Principal	NSHS
Robert Dunn	Mayor	Pittwater Council
Angus Gordon	General Manager	Pittwater Council
Andrew Hill	President	MWBA
Janice Crosswhite	Vice President	MWBA
Richard Garland	Board Member, Facilities	MWBA
Graham Wright	Manager Sports Facilities and Services	NSW Department of Sport Recreation and Racing
Jacquie Picker	Central and Northern Region Manager	NSW Department of Sport Recreation and Racing
Gus Aitken	Manager	Academy Netball
Phillip Dean	Executive Director	MW Volleyball Association
Coralie Newman	President	MW Netball Association
Mark Forrest	Head Coach	Northern Beaches Gymnastics
Denzil Joyce	Chairman	MW Sporting Union

16 December 1996

Meeting convened at the Narrabeen Sports High. Minutes reflect the following:

- * A 4-court complex is the goal
- * At NSHS
- * Work towards that goal
- * From the perspective of current needs only on existing population
- * Steering Committee to report back to main group

Nominations for Steering Committee

Peter Funnell refers to Department policy to involve representative of school parent body. Parent body may nominate Steve Simpson.

Robert Dunn recommends a council engineer to be included (Mr Hunt or Mr Tomkins).

Each group to liaise at their own level to nominate a representative for the committee.

Nominations at the meeting:

Gus Aitken	Academy Netball
Coralie Newman	MW Netball Association
Phillip Dean	MW Volleyball Association
Denzil Joyce	Sporting Union who may nominate Ron Dean (Deputy)
Graham Wright	Dept Sport & Rec

Next meeting of larger committee to be held on date to be advised early in February at the school.

Council wishes to play their part. Finances have turned around at Pittwater Council (Record of Meeting held at Narrabeen Sports High, Monday 16 December 1996)

May 1997

Minister for Urban Affairs and Planning announced the release of 110 hectares for urban development for the Warriewood Valley. The *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979* Section 94 funds from this project would help make the NBISC possible.

27 May 1997

Steering Committee record the following concerns about involvement of Councils and commitment levels of those involved

R Dunn commented on co operation [*sic*] from both Pittwater and Warringah Council may be required. He commented further that this type of facility is required for the children of this area. Peter Funnell supported this comment saying no other site existed of this size and with access available to such a variety of users in our local area. He expressed reservations about involving Warringah Council as this could lead to delays and that they had previously procrastinated in respect of MWBA attempt [*sic*] to develop a facility at the Aquatic Centre.

Angus Gordon comment [*sic*] that success or otherwise depends on user groups. User groups must be behind this idea and a formal commitment is required from participating groups. Andrew Hill observed that user groups had been “burnt” before and would also require commitment from the council as well to support the project.

Steering committee release their status report Pittwater Indoor Sports Centre, Status Report, May 1997

PRELIMINARY FINDINGS

- There is a strong demand within the Manly Warringah region for a facility of this type. Based on the usage profile it is expected that the facility will be used up to 16 hours a day, 7 days a week. A variety of community groups would be able to utilise the facility.

- There is an appropriate site for the facility within the NSHS land adjoining Pittwater Road. The Narrabeen Sports High School supports the project and anticipates support from the Department of School Education,
- It is expected that a Department of Sport & Recreation grant of approximately \$370,000 to the Manly Warringah Basketball Association can be re-negotiated for this facility and there is the potential to increase the grant to \$500,000.
- Preliminary estimates of the cost of the facility are \$2M.
- Supplementary funding including a loan would be necessary in order to fund the facility. It is considered that as a community facility any loan should be underwritten by Council.
- It is expected that Pittwater Council will offer tangible support through waiving of development and other fees and by assisting with road access, parking and landscaping.
- It is considered feasible to complete the facility by the end of 1998 if there is no delay in obtaining funding. This would allow the facility to be available by teams for acclimatisation prior to the 2000 Olympics.

NEXT PHASE

A detailed feasibility study including a concept design (pre Development Application (DA) standard) needs to be prepared. The study would confirm the demand, estimate revenues and operating and capital costs, evaluate management options, procurement strategy and funding sources. The cost of the feasibility study is estimated at \$30,000, Council funding of the study is sought. The completion of the study will then allow an informed decision to be made on the project.

12 August 1997

The steering committee's meeting minutes state several key decisions being made. These include finance and the formation of a company.

Discussion on likely costs of construction of this facility and different systems. Accurate costing at \$2.2 to \$2.5M for a 4-court facility. The money will come from \$800,000 to \$1M in loans. There is the possibility of achieving somewhere in the area of \$1M from various different sources. Basketball hold capital extended from Dept of Sport & Recreation. School's donation and Council bring the total to the area of \$1M. Shortfall of \$200,000 short is achievable through various different methods. What we have to do is firm up on the \$1M that can be available from different sources. \$1M loan - an issue of how this may be guaranteed. Schools Education may offer Council a 20x20 lease for the site and Council may guarantee the loan. This must go to Council and the Dept of Local Government (DLG).

Council would contribute in the area of \$300k, giving shortfall of \$500k.

Need to create a properly constituted organisation with a concept plan, using the school land.

It was proposed to obtain quotes and concepts from three companies within the week. This will cost maybe \$5,000, with each organisation liable for about \$2,000.

17 August 1997

Steering Committee move to form NBISC Pty Ltd. Invitations sent to interested Associations with a requirement of paying \$3,000 to help defray developmental accosts. (Administration of the correspondence from MWBA)

8 September 1997

Pittwater Council Minutes (p. 8) reflect that:

C9.16 Narrabeen Sports High – Proposal for Regional Multipurpose Indoor Sports Centre

Council Decision

1. That Council note the progress achieved in the provision of a new regional multi purpose indoor sports facility at Narrabeen Sports High School.
2. That Council resolve to provide in principle support for this project through the establishment of a “heads of agreement”.
3. That in order to formalise the next stages of the project, Council support the formation of a company on a limited by guarantee non profit basis in conjunction with other stakeholders with Council being a member of the Board of Management, subject to ministerial approval.
4. That Council allocate \$5,000 from existing Section 94 Funding reserves to the company trust to take up a position on the Board and to progress concept plans and preliminary investigations, subject to 3. above.
5. That Council note that the suggested mechanism would be for the school to contract the land to the company and the company through a lease agreement (say 20 + 20 year) would provide, operate and maintain the facility on a pro-rata basis linked to community usage/access.
6. That Council nominate Cr S Phelps to represent it on the Board and alternate delegates be Cr J Hegarty or Cr L Czinner, should Cr Phelps be unable to attend meetings from time to time. It is further noted that the General Manager or his nominated staff officer would be present at all Board meetings.
7. That Council support in principle the allocation of \$300,000 in the 1998/99 Budget as Council’s contribution toward this project subject to the Management Plan review process and result of loan application.
8. That Council authorise the attached correspondence to be sent.

(Cr Dunn/Cr Giles)

17 September 1997

Probably the last meeting en masse of the steering committee. The minutes record a shift to the company, NBISC. Also firming up the financial arrangements and funding sources.

Narrabeen. Sports H.S. (Dept of Education)	\$400K + land
(funding not confirmed, but looking good for 98/99 Budget)	
M.W. Basketball Association (fees from court hire)	\$100K
Dept of Sport & recreation grant (\$350K already granted, looking for an extra \$400K)	\$750K
Pittwater Council (“in principle” support subject to next Management Plan review for 98/99)	\$300K
Loan Funds	\$500 – 750K

Other (incl. Possible funding from Warringah Council)	\$150K
TOTAL	\$2.2M - \$2.4M

An upfront contribution of \$3,000 will be provided by each of the participating sporting groups to add to Pittwater Council's \$5,000, which will result in a funding base of \$14K to commence the Company. These funds will be used to pay for concept drawings and a costing for the sports centre. This proposal would have to include seating capacity, lighting detail, etc.

Proposed Company

The Steering Committee decided to proceed to the formation of a new company, limited by guarantee. Ms Crosswhite (M.W. Basketball Assoc) set out the requirements for a Company to be set up to replace the Steering Committee:

<u>Company Name:</u>	Northern Beaches Indoor Sports Centre
<u>Registered Office:</u>	<i>[Not recorded in the minutes]</i>
<u>Board of Directors:</u>	Cr S. Phelps (Chairperson) Ms Janice Crosswhite (Secretary) Ms Clara Loughland (Treasurer) Mr Gus Aitken (Public Officer)
<u>Member Signature:</u>	2 X Netball Basketball Pittwater Council – GM or staff nominee Narrabeen Sports High – Headmaster Table Tennis Gymnastics
<u>Company Auditor:</u>	Pittwater Council's Auditor

3 November 1997

Pittwater Council Minutes reflect that (p. 18): Council formally endorse Cr Phelps' appointment as a director on the Board of the Northern Beach Sports Centre, authorise the administrative requirements to establish that role and approve the drawdown of funds in relation to Director & Officer Insurance, if required.

4 May 1998

First appearance of funding commitment from Pittwater Council to NBISC. Pittwater Council agenda item (C.9.3 – Quarterly Financial Report ending 31 March 1998, p. 64) reflects Capital Improvement Program 1997/1998 listing Narrabeen Sports Centre CP - commercial property) as Job K00125 with an allocation of \$5K for design process ongoing.

9 May 1998

Media reporting (Manly Daily 9 May 1998, p. 2) the outcome of the Council decision.

Indoor sports centre planned for Narrabeen
by Tim Rumble

A MULTI-million dollar indoor sports centre catering to both schoolchildren and adults is being planned for Narrabeen....

29 June 1998

Development application lodged by the Department of Public Works for the owner, recorded as the Department of Education.

21 September 1998

Pittwater Council Minutes (p. 15) reflect that Councillor Phelps as delegate and Councillors Hegarty and Czinner as alternate delegates to the Narrabeen Sports High – Indoor Sports Centre Board for the 1998/99 Mayoral Term

2 November 1998

Pittwater Council's Section 94 Plan for the Warriewood Valley as presented in Agenda for the Council's meeting. This facilitates the funding for the development of community infrastructure in the area

The basis that underpins the Warriewood Valley Section 94 Contributions Plan is reflected in the Planning Framework objective for community facilities and infrastructure in the Warriewood Valley Urban Land Release area:

“To ensure that the existing community to be accommodated within the release is provided with suitable transport and traffic facilities, retail and service facilities, community facilities, and recreation and open space facilities.”

(Pittwater Council Agenda, 2/11/1998, p 160)

27 November 1998

Pittwater Council's Environment and Planning Committee recommend Council approve the development application for NBISC.

14 December 1998

Pittwater Council approves recommendation from the Environment and Planning Committee – Development Approval granted.

16 December 1998

Northern Beaches Indoor Sports Centre Pty Ltd is formally registered with the Australian Securities and Investment Commission (ASIC) Australian Public Company, Limited By Guarantee (Extracted from ASIC's database at AEST 14:56:48 on 19/06/2006)

21 December 1998

Development Approval granted by Pittwater Council to the Department of Public Works: Development Application No. 137/98 at Lot 2, DP 122560, No 4A Namona Street, North Narrabeen for an indoor sports complex. Consent No 98/136.

21 December 1998

The Australian Securities and Investment Commission give NBISC an ‘exception to the requirement to use “limited” in the name.

3 May 1999

Pittwater Council’s agenda (p 58) for Council meeting of above date reflect in the financial reporting to date: Job no J00286 – funding allocated \$50K expenditure to date was \$9,571 representing 19% of proposed spend.

The capital improvement amended program showed a commitment to spend \$300K on the project and subsequently a forecast revote for 1999/2000 of \$250K.

12 May 1999

Political pressure through the media (Manly Daily 12 May 1999, p. 3):

**Sporting Complex ‘in doubt’
by Danielle Teutsch**

PLANS for a multi-purpose indoor sports complex at Narrabeen Sports High are in jeopardy because of a \$400,000 funding shortfall, Pittwater councillor Shirley Phelps said...

6 July 1999

Funding grant of \$50,000 to Pittwater Council from Federal Government – Minister for Art and Centenary of Federation, Peter McGauran – towards the Northern Beaches Indoor Sports Centre. Grant was from the \$30 million Federation Community Projects program.

2 August 1999

Pittwater Council Minutes (p. 12) reflect that a grant was received from the Federal Government Federation Community Projects Program for \$50,000 towards the erection of the Northern Beaches Indoor Sports Centre project to be located at Narrabeen Sports High School.

1 October 1999

Pittwater News report (1 October 1999, p2):

The Northern Beaches Indoor Sports Complex to be built on Education Department land adjacent to Narrabeen Sports High and Narrabeen North Public has finally received guaranteed funding.

The NSW Department of Sports and Recreation is providing a low interest loan of 5% for \$600 000 over ten years, this now completes the funding requirements for the complex, and will allow tenders to be called for....

The Board of Directors had originally asked the Department to act as guarantor for a commercial loan, and the news of the low interest loan was not only unexpected but most welcome.

The complex has been very carefully planned, and is expected to be financially viable from the day of opening, as are similar complexes operating in Gosford, Sutherland and the Hills.

The project is being looked upon as a fine example of co-operation on all levels between Federal, State and community sporting organisations, and is to be built on Department of Education land in the grounds of Narrabeen Sports High School.

It is a good example of better public asset management - combining everyone's needs into one professionally managed facility. Narrabeen Sports High School will use the complex for the sports that it caters for free of charge, but every other organisation will pay.

The booking facility will be the key to an efficient administration, some of funding bodies have already made known their booking preferences.

The project has received funding from the Federation Fund of \$50 000, NSW Academy of Netball - \$50 000, Pittwater Council - \$300 000, Manly Warringah Basketball Association - \$100 000, NSW Dept of Sport and Recreation - \$365 000, NSW Dept of education - \$400 000, which has also donated the land.

Pittwater Council has also donated the time of two staff members, who have been dealing with the project for over two years.

19 October 1999

Committee Meeting minutes reflect that the Public Works division of Pittwater Council had offered their services to be project managers. This offer is accepted by the Committee.

1 November 1999

Pittwater Council agenda for the above date reflect that the Sports Centre has an allocation of \$300K and is listed under the category of Partnership Projects in the Capital Works Program (p. 112) for the quarter ending 30 September 1999

3 November 1999

Minutes of the NBISC Committee meeting reflect that the tenders had been sent out with a closing date of Friday 10 December 1999

15 November 1999

Pittwater Council's Urban and Environmental Assets Committee resolve a motion that subject to a favourable response from the Narrabeen Sports High Indoor Sports Centre Board, staff bring a report to Council in regards to the selection criteria and implementation process for the Sports Hall of Fame.

7 February 2000

Pittwater Council agenda item (p. 93) reflects that Capital Improvements Program note that the line item for the Sports Centre has "Funding in Place; Tenders being Reviewed". J0286 — the balance of the Council contribution to the *Multi-Purpose Indoor Sports Centre* project, ie \$270,000, be deferred to the 2000/2001 budget (p. 107).

5 April 2000

NBISC Committee Meeting discuss funding issues; the minutes reflect that:

4.0 General Business

It was queried of Council whether Council was going to supply the carpark and landscaping requirements.

Chris Hunt advised that this would need to be ratified by Council.

Steve Garth advised that there would be approximately \$500,000 shortfall.

The question was put to David von Schill whether the loan repayments on the low interest loan could be deferred until the facility was up and running.

David advised that this would be at the Minister's discretion.

It was decided that the Committee, through the Council's General Manager, should lobby the Minister for Sport and Recreation and the Minister for Education and Training to basically give their support for the concept of the open space land for Warriewood Valley at the School. Chris Hunt to pursue this through the General Manager.

10 July 2000

Pittwater Council meeting consider agenda item C10.1 being presented with a confidential Mayor minute addressing the land submission to the Department of Education and Training.

12 July 2000

Delegation from NBISC Committee visit Maitland basketball Association to inspect stadium and works by GWH Building Pty Ltd.

18 July 2000

NBISC Board meeting report confirms the funding and land transaction from Department of Education and Training:

The Committee met last week and it was confirmed in writing that the Minister for Education and Training has approved Pittwater Council acquiring 4.497HA of NSHS's site for a certain sum and has also approved the allocation of \$500,000 from the proceeds of the sale towards NBISC.

10 August 2000

Correspondence from Pittwater Council to NBISC to formalize the transfer of the grants to the Council for the project management/administration, including the grants from the Department of Sport and Rec that had been previously allocated to MWBA's stadium pursuits.

4 September 2000

Pittwater Council considered Item C7.1 (p. 1) at the Council meeting - report on the Warriewood Sportsground Acquisition - Contract for Sale/Purchase.

...formally seek Council's approval for Pittwater Council (as purchaser) to enter into a contract for sale with the Minister for Education, Training and Youth Affairs (as vendor) to acquire proposed Lot 4 from Narrabeen Sports High School and to also enter into a Licence Agreement to licence the sportsground to DET during school times.

The purchase price for proposed Lot 4 is \$2.5M to be funded from the Warriewood Valley Open Space s94 Contributions Plan in installments of \$500,000 as per the payment schedule with the first installment due within 2 months of exchange and final payment due on 31 December 2004.

The Minister for Education, Training and Youth Affairs agreed to the sale of the site and agreed to contribute the first \$500,000 installment toward the cost of constructing the Northern Beaches Indoor Sports Centre as per DET letter dated 4 July 2000. It is understood that the bulk of the money from the sale will be utilised to upgrade both Narrabeen Sports High School and Narrabeen North Primary School.

The acquisition of proposed Lot 4 meets, in part, the Open Space acquisition requirements associated with the Warriewood Valley Urban Land Release.

Council Decision

2. That Council endorse the purchase of the proposed Lot 4 (Narrabeen Sports High) from the Minister for Education, Training and Youth Affairs for the purpose of providing part of the public open space requirements associated with the Warriewood Urban Land Release.
3. That Council endorse the agreed purchase price of \$2.5 million to be funded from the Warriewood Valley Open Space Section 94 Contributions Plan and paid in \$500,000 installments as scheduled in the Contract.

4. That Council enter into a Contract for Sale as per the tabled contract (subject to minor drafting amendments as appropriate).
5. That Council resolve to classify the land as Operational pending the adoption of a Plan of Management which permits Council to enter into a Licence with the Minister for Education, Training and Youth Affairs for use of the land.
Note: This classification is in accordance with a suggestion made by the Director-General of Local Government in light of the anticipated lead time for the preparation of a Plan of Management.
6. That Council enter into and endorse the Licence Agreement between Pittwater Council and the Minister for Education. That Council enter into and endorse the Licence Agreement between Pittwater Council and the Minister for Education, Training and Youth Affairs for use of the Sportsground during school times and that this be actioned at the relevant time noting the need for a Plan of Management.

5 September 2000

Academy Netball deliver their cheque for \$50,000 to Pittwater Council as part of their agreed contribution to the project.

6 September 2000

GWH submit final pricing on tender:

Separable Portion A -	Design & Documentation Phase-	= \$12,500.00
Separable Portion B -	Construction Phase	= \$1,981,000.00
TOTAL OF PROJECT		= \$1,993,500.00

6 September 2000

NBISC accept/advise GWH's tender for the design and construction of the Northern Beaches Indoor Sports Centre. Pittwater Council is the project manager. The date for practical completion of the works defined by Separable Portion A is 18 October 2000. The date for practical completion for Separable Portion B is 20 weeks from the date of issue of the Construction Certificate.

7 September 2000

Local newspaper the Northern Beaches Weekender reports (7/9/00 p. 10):

Pittwater Council will enter into a contract to acquire 4.5 ha of land from the Narrabeen Sports High School at a cost of \$2.5m paid in \$500,000 installments.

The land will be sold on the provision that it will be rezoned as Existing Recreation to prevent development, and that it be leased back to the Department of Education and Training during school times.

\$500,000 from the sale will go towards development of a four court multi-purpose indoor sports centre, while the remaining \$2 million will be used for school upgrades.

A council report described the sale as a way to provide schools and the community with improved active sports opportunities.

The acquisition of land will meet the open space needs of the incoming Warriewood Valley population.

Narrabeen Sports High School P & C president, Steve Simpson, said the acquisition would allow the community to full and open access to a resource.

Pittwater Mayor, Patricia Giles, said the sale showed other councils how to achieve something for the community without going bankrupt.

18 September 2000

Pittwater Council's Environment and Planning Committee approve the Development Application to subdivide Lot 4A Namona Street. Allowing for the sale to proceed and subsequent land acquisition to be completed.

7 October 2000

Manly Warringah Basketball Association's press release published in the Pittwater News:

Northern Beaches Indoor Sports Centre

(Pittwater News 7 October 2000, p. 15)

Fifteen years of hard work is about to come to fruition as construction of the Northern Beaches Indoor Sports Centre (NBISC) is finally about to start.

The stadium, to be built on vacant land adjacent to Narrabeen Sports High School, will house four basketball courts and give competition on the peninsula the shot in the arm it has been crying out for.

According to Manly-Warringah Basketball Association General Manager David Watts, this latest chapter in the saga is, "a culmination of dreams of the past 20 years or so".

The NBISC is a unique example of cooperation between sport, the community and all levels of government. Funding has been provided by the Pittwater Council, NSW Department of Education and Training, NSW Department of Sport and Recreation, a Federation Grant, Manly Warringah Basketball Association and Academy Netball.

The good news came early in September when the NBISC Company accepted a tender from GWH Building Pty Ltd to design and construct the complex. The tender process has taken almost six months.

With the detailed design due for completion later this year, construction is expected to commence early in 2001 and completion by mid year.

According to Watts the completed stadium will enable basketball on the peninsula to be rated one of the top areas in the state.

"Manly-Warringah will be able to take its place in the metropolitan basketball competition with other major regional associations. Not having a suitable home stadium has been a distinct advantage in the past".

In tangible terms, all of this means that more competitive and social basketball will be played on the northern beaches. Major regional events, such as junior and senior representative games, will find the NBISC an attractive venue. The stadium will go hand in hand with MWBA's plans to improve on all aspects of the competition.

"Really high on our list of priorities is the human infrastructure", said Watts. "The real value of the facility to our sport will only be realised when we add sufficient trained referees, court controllers and management to bring it to life. We have been addressing this challenge and will be recruiting both officials and players in the coming months".

"While much of our competition will be played at the NBISC, other venues we use in the area will not be abandoned including the NSW Academy of Sport where the MWBA is currently based. More courts will provide the opportunity for community based social competition for juniors, senior male female and unisex competitions"

10 October 2000

Manly Daily report the first sod is turned to mark the start of construction:

Ceremony marks start of a dream

by Amanda Sheppard

(Manly Daily 10 October 2000, p. 7)

AFTER decades of dreaming and planning, the \$2.3 million Northern Beaches Indoor Sports Centre moved a step closer to reality last week.

Education Minister John Aquilina turned the first sod on the site, in the grounds of Narrabeen Sports High School and behind Narrabeen North Primary School....

27 October 2000

Minutes of the NBISC Meeting held 27 October 2000 state that the funding is confirmed:

5.1 Confirmation of Funding

The funding for this project is as follows:

Dept of Education & Training Grant	\$400,000
Dept of Education & Training Contribution from sale of land	\$500,000
Dept of Sport & Recreation Grant	\$365,000
Pittwater Council	\$300,000
Manly Warringah Basketball contribution	\$100,000
Academy Netball contribution	\$ 50,000
Federation Grant	\$ 50,000
Dept Sport & REC low interest loan	<u>\$600,000</u>

TOTAL \$2,365,000

The Dept of Education & Training is also providing the land under lease at no cost to NBISC.

Pittwater Council is providing in kind assistance including facilitator role and project management at no cost to NBISC

12 December 2000

MWBA present presented NBISC with a cheque for \$50,000 being the first installment of the \$100,000 contribution.

12 February 2001

Pittwater Council agenda item (C8.1 p.26) reflects that that NBISC is under construction in the financial quarter ending 31 December 2000. Budgeted cost is \$2,340,904. \$351,135 equating to 15% of total had been expended.

20 February 2001

NBISC minutes reflect the flowing managerial issues being discussed:

5.9 BUSINESS PLAN

Council's Finance Manager provided comments on the Company's Provisional Financial Model. Items of concern raised include:

1. No maintenance costs provided - even new buildings have wear and tear, vandalism, graffiti, etc.
2. Wages seem low for 2 staff, needs cover for holidays, overtime.
3. No allowance for depreciation, approximately \$23,000pa.
4. No rental fees for Netball/MWBA court hire.
5. No interest component for loan repayment.
6. No overdraft interest,
7. Budget does not recognise any seasonality, school holiday use, etc.
8. No sponsorship income, naming rights.
9. No allowance for furniture and fittings.
10. No allowance for computer hardware and software (bookings and receipting).
11. GST needs to be properly identified and incorporated into the budget projections.
12. Income Tax provisions need to be established.

The company resolved to form a marketing sub-committee to include Angus Gordon, Steve Simpson, David Watts, Janice Crosswhite, Shirley Phelps and Chris Hunt; this subcommittee will also look at issues to do with the opening and other matters associated with the initial set up of the facility.

9 April 2001

Pittwater Council agrees to provide a third party guarantee for the lease between the Minister for Education, Training and Youth Affairs and the NBISC Company.

3 May 2001

NBISC minutes states that a cheque for \$366,000 from DSR has been received by Pittwater Council. This amount covers the original DSR Regional Facilities grants to MWBA from the 1991-1992 financial year.

10 May 2001

NBISC minutes state MWBA pay their second cheque of \$50,000 to finalise their \$100,000 contribution.

Nikki Griffiths appointed General Manager of NBISC

14 May 2001

Pittwater Council agenda item (C8.3 p. 102) reflects that NBISC is 65% complete with an expenditure of \$1,521,588

1 July 2001

Manly Warringah Basketball Association enter the first official NBISC user agreement. [The Academy Netball Club and the Northern Beaches Netball Company followed on 31 July 2001 and Manly Warringah Volleyball Association signed on 10 August 2001]

23 July 2001

Unofficial opening – NBISC opened for use.

13 August 2001

Pittwater Council agenda item (C8.2 p. 109) reflects the carry forward of NBISC construction into the 2001/2002 Financial Year. [J0673 and J0286]

15 August 2001

First international basketball game held at NBISC - Duke University versus AIS (Women) at NBISC.

31 October 2001

Stadium is officially opened by Sport and Recreation Minister John Watkins. (reported in the local newspaper, the Manly Daily, 1 November 2001, p 6)

MWBA website newsletter stated:

On Wednesday October 31, the Northern Beaches Indoor Sports Centre held its Official Opening Ceremony. Dignitaries from many different organisations attended. The Centre was officially opened by the Minister for Sport and Recreation Mr. John Watkins MP, also in attendance was the Hon. Bronwyn Bishop, Mr. John Brodgen MP and officials from Pittwater Council and Pittwater RSL.

Executive Director of the Sydney Kings and Panthers, Bob Turner was Master of Ceremonies. The Manly Warringah Basketball Association was delighted to hear that Bob had been chosen to host the event. MWBA has had a close association with the Sydney Kings and Panthers organisation this year and it was thought fitting to have Bob as MC for such a significant event.

NSW Basketball officials were also in attendance Don Pollock (President), Richard Boyle (Financial Director), Daniel Martinez (CEO), John Martin (Technical and Operations Manager), Tom Moore (IT & Registration Manager) and Tony Jackson (Sydney Development Officer)

There was a basketball display during the ceremony with Michael Kingma (Sydney Kings), Belinda Snell (Sydney Panthers), Manly Youth League team members Daniel Houden, Daniel Hobin, Rade Radan and Luke Oxley as well as Narrabeen Sports High School students.

Students from North Narrabeen PS and NSHS also demonstrated the variety of uses of the facility with dancing, volleyball and netball.

(<http://www.manlybasketball.com.au/news/>)

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Pittwater Life article (Dec 2001, p. 55)

Sports Centre already making profits (Pittwater Life, December 2001)

The Northern Beaches Indoor Sports Centre is a private company in which the Council has a share, is already running at a profit.

A confidential memorandum to Councillors said that the first quarter trading, on an accrued basis and including repayments to the Department of Sports and Recreation for a low interest loan and to the Council for management costs showed a surplus of \$5,725.

The September revision of the budget showed that the Centre is anticipating a budgeted operating surplus of about \$20,000.

The report notes that the Council made a cash contribution of \$300,000, as well as in-kind contributions of staff time during the construction phase and management staff. It notes that the Council will receive full cost recovery for staff management time in the first year of operations.

Because the centre is already running at a surplus. Council is billing the Company for recovery of costs for management staff.