

Ministerial media release

Wentworth Park to be transformed into community sporting fields and open space

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Wentworth Park will be transformed into new community sporting fields and public open space following an agreement that will see greyhound racing conclude at the site in October 2026.

The Minns Labor Government has secured an agreement with the Greyhound Breeders, Owners and Trainers Association (GBOTA) for the final greyhound race meeting at Wentworth Park to be held in October 2026, with the Million Dollar Chase providing a fitting celebration of the venue's 94-year racing legacy.

This agreement accelerates the transition of the site and marks the beginning of an exciting new chapter, with the Minns Labor Government returning Wentworth Park to the community as a vibrant sporting, recreation and open space precinct.

The former 3.9-hectare greyhound racing site will be transformed into new community sporting fields and public open space, expanding the existing parkland managed by the City of Sydney and creating more places for families, children and sporting clubs to enjoy.

As part of the agreement secured by the Minns Labor Government, GBOTA has requested an early termination of its land use licence to allow a smooth transition of operations to other venues from November 2026.

The Minns Labor Government's agreement will accelerate planning, restoration and site preparation works, with preliminary works expected to commence before Christmas so the community can benefit from this iconic site sooner.

The site will be restored, racing infrastructure removed and prepared for transfer to the City of Sydney to deliver high-quality multipurpose sporting fields and public open space as part of an expanded 14-hectare Wentworth Park

This once-in-a-generation transformation will support the growth of Ultimo-Pyrmont, helping deliver thousands of new homes alongside the parks, recreation facilities and community infrastructure needed for a thriving inner Sydney.

Located alongside the future Pyrmont Metro station, light rail, ferry services and active transport links, Wentworth Park will become one of Sydney's most connected community recreation spaces.

The project reflects the Minns Labor Government's commitment to unlocking public land for public benefit delivering the homes, open space and essential infrastructure communities need to grow and thrive.

The NSW Government will work with the Greyhound industry to support the transition of greyhound racing from Wentworth Park to other racetracks, with \$10 million to be allocated to the Greyhound Capital Grants Program for upgrades to ensure they meet track standards.

Acting Minister for Lands and Property Kate Washington said:

"Wentworth Park has played an important role in New South Wales' sporting history, and today we're beginning an exciting new chapter for this iconic public site.

"The Minns Labor Government is delivering on its commitment to return this land to the community, creating new sporting fields, more open space, thousands of new homes and lasting community infrastructure for a growing inner Sydney.

"This is about unlocking public land for public benefit, creating more homes and ensuring future generations have great places to play, connect and enjoy."

Minister for Planning and Public Spaces Paul Scully said:

"This new green space will become the backyard for the area, expanding on the new public domain around the Sydney Fish Markets to support thousands of new homes that are already planned and the additional 2500 which are set to be unlocked through a state led rezoning.

"This is a great example of the Minns Labor Government building better communities driving housing growth close to transport, jobs and services and matching it with investments in new quality green space."

Minister for Gaming and Racing David Harris said:

"Wentworth Park has contributed much to greyhound racing in NSW since punters first came through its gates in 1932.

"This represents a significant change to the metro racing scene and the NSW Government will continue to work with the industry as it adjusts through this transition.

“Specifically, we will continue to work with the industry to improve tracks to meet the newly agreed minimum track standards, including in regional communities where greyhound racing makes a significant economic contribution and supports jobs.”

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