

NIGHT RACING LIGHTS ROYAL RANDWICK proposal

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PROPOSAL FOR NIGHT RACING LIGHTS



THE PROPOSAL

The Australian Turf Club is preparing an application to install night racing lights at Royal Randwick, to facilitate up to 16 night racing events, predominantly between October and April each year.

A key aim of the plan is to enhance the spectator experience and secure Royal Randwick's long-term future as the jewel in the crown of Sydney racing.

PLANNING PROCESS

The Australian Turf Club's proposal for night racing has been declared a State Significant Development and will require an environmental impact statement (EIS) and assessment by the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment (DPIE).





ABOUT THE EIS

The EIS is a technical document that includes detailed studies to set out how the proposal for night racing addresses:

- Town planning controls
- Site layout including scale of lighting, mounting heights and pole positions
- Heritage, visual and landscape impacts
- Residential amenity, including impacts of light, noise, traffic, parking and access
- Event management, including operation, notifications and complaints management systems
- Lighting impacts on road users
- Ecologically Sustainable Development principles
- Consultation with relevant Government authorities, service providers and the community.



ROYAL Randwick



Randwick Racecourse has been part of Australia's racing culture for over 150 years and is the country's oldest horse racing venue, with a history of racing dating back to 1833.

The course was given official designation as 'Royal Randwick' following a visit by Queen Elizabeth II in 1992.







Today, Royal Randwick is known as the home of thoroughbred racing in Sydney and enjoys a reputation of being one of Australia's premier racing venues, hosting up to 45 events per annum. This includes two of the world's richest turf races, including the Longines *Queen Elizabeth Stakes*, and *The Everest*.



ABOUT THE AUSTRALIAN TURF CLUB

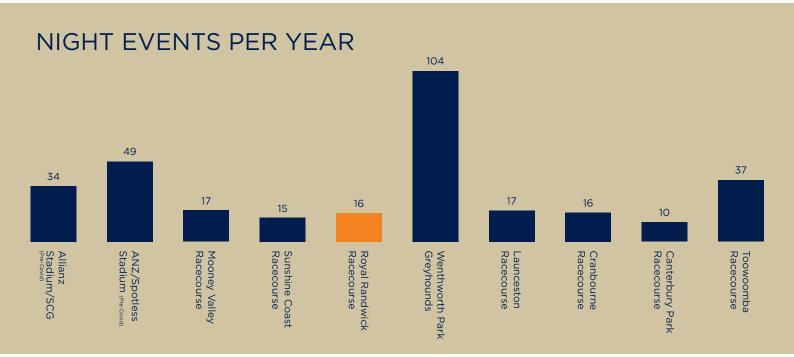
The Australian Turf Club was established in 2011 following the merger of the Australian Jockey Club and the Sydney Turf Club and is responsible for all four Sydney racecourses including: **Royal Randwick - Rosehill Gardens - Warwick Farm - Canterbury Park.**



NIGHT RACING IN CONTEXT



Night events have been a regular feature at sporting venues across Australia for many years.



NIGHT RACING AT ROYAL RANDWICK

The proposal for night racing seeks approval for up to a maximum of 16 race meetings per year, predominantly between October and April to coincide with Sydney's daylight savings period.

For the most part, the overall number of race meetings at Royal Randwick would not change.

Subject to approval a number of the existing racing events currently held during the day would be moved to evening events and scheduled between 6 pm and 10 pm.







INDICATIVE TRACK LIGHTING & DESIGN





79 Poles Ranging from 17-40m High Indicative Lighting Layout.



MANAGING IMPACTS



LIGHTING

The proposed track lighting is based on the latest LED technology which provides instant control, stepped illumination levels, energy efficiency, excellent colour rendering and long lamp life so the best quality lighting is produced for HDTV broadcasting.

The latest proposed light fixtures are state of the art and use several mitigation measures to minimise light spill impacts on surrounding properties.



TRAFFIC AND ACCESS

RACE MEETINGS

Night racing meeting times would predominantly be scheduled either Thursday, Friday, Saturday or public holiday evenings, with the majority of events coinciding with daylight savings.

The total number of race meetings will be capped with events finishing by 10 pm.

A key part of the ATC's proposal includes an integrated transport plan for events to reduce traffic impacts and to capitalise on the introduction of light rail to encourage greater use of public transport.



OPERATIONAL MANAGEMENT

The Australian Turf Club is committed to managing potential impacts on residential neighbours and the broader community. Plans for night racing will include an event management plan and a coordinated process for working with police and other stakeholders to manage pedestrian access, security, crowd management and conflicts with other major events.



STATE SIGNIFICANT DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION



PLANNING PROCESS

Request for SEARs to Department of Planning, Industry and Environment (DPIE) for the technical requirements to be addressed in the proposal

SEARs issued. Australian Turf Club prepares EIS and community and stakeholder engagement

EIS lodged with DPIE and public exhibition

Review of feedback and report prepared to respond to submissions

Assessment and determination by DPIE

WHAT'S HAPPENED SO FAR?

The Australian Turf Club has received Secretary's Environmental Assessment Requirements (SEARs) from the Department of Planning, Industry and Environment (DPIE), which outline the various technical studies that must be addressed to support a Developments Application.

TIMING

Technical studies are currently being prepared, and the Australian Turf Club expects to lodge a detailed application by end of April 2021.

HOW CAN I HAVE MY SAY?

We are here

The Australian Turf Club is committed to engaging with the community and other stakeholders during the preparation of the EIS and during the planning and assessment phase.

You can provide comments or feedback by contacting the Australian Turf Club via email **nightracing@australianturfclub.com.au** or phone **02 9663 8400**.

You can also provide your comments and view detailed plans when the EIS is lodged with the DPIE and placed on public exhibition.

