

Barlow Park Stadium



Artist's impression

Barlow Park Stadium in Parramatta Park, Cairns is a multi-sport facility and stadium that serves as the home ground for the Northern Pride rugby league team and Cairns Athletics. It is owned and operated by Cairns Regional Council and hosted numerous national rugby league matches and major concerts.

In readiness for the Brisbane 2032 Olympic and Paralympic Games, and to ensure the stadium can continue to support Far North Queensland's growing community, Barlow Park Stadium will receive a major upgrade.

Following the Queensland Government's announcement of the 2032 Delivery Plan in March 2025, the Games Independent Infrastructure and Coordination Authority (GIICA) is working with the Queensland and Australian governments and Cairns Regional Council to progress the project to procurement and delivery.

Features and benefits



A new grandstand

The upgrade will see the existing 1,700 seat west stand increase to 5,000 permanent seats, and also include enhanced amenities for spectators.



Supporting grassroots sports

Current home of Far North Queensland Rugby League (FNQRL), the Northern Pride and Cairns Athletics, among others, upgrades to athlete facilities will enhance opportunities for participation in sports and talent development.



Boosting local tourism and the economy

Supporting Cairns and Far North Queensland's continued growth as a regional powerhouse of community driven sports in Queensland.

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For more information on Barlow Park Stadium upgrade and other venues being delivered by the GIICA, visit [GIICA.au](https://giica.au) and subscribe for updates.

Fact sheet June 2025

Project timeline

(Indicative)

2025

March

Announced as part of 2032 Delivery Plan

Mid to late 2025

Procurement, planning and approvals and design phases begin

2026

Early to mid-2026

Design completion

Late 2026

Early works begin

2027

Mid-2027

Construction works begin

2029

Construction complete

Venue open for community use

2032

Brisbane 2032 Olympic and Paralympic Games

Late 2032

Transition to legacy mode

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