



Bill Kostandas
Football NSW Head of Football Competitions & Futsal

Having a facility such as Belmore Sports Ground will no doubt grow Sydney Olympic even further by providing great development opportunities for kids to pursue their goals in football. Belmore Sports Ground is not only an excellent facility for spectators, but its beautiful playing surface will give players the confidence to play some attractive football." This in turn will attract more spectators to Sydney Olympic home games. Potentially you could even have one or two A-League games played at Belmore based on its excellent spectator facilities and beautiful playing surface.



Mark Stavroulakis
Football NSW Media Manager

It's great to hear that Sydney Olympic have once again been able to call upon the great facilities at Belmore Sports Ground with many NSW Premier League supporters anticipating watching great football on what is a quality surface for football. From the photos we have seen here at Football NSW the pitch looks like it will be one of the best grounds currently going around in the NSW Premier League which can only bode well for the players, coaches and spectators of this wonderful game of ours playing at Belmore. The re-development of Belmore Sports Ground with the financial assistance of the Labour Government along with Canterbury Council who are set to provide \$5.9 million to the venue will only better the standard of facilities used by the Blues. With new change rooms, a furnished gym, upgrade of 2 playing fields outside the ground, new admin offices as well as improved facilities inside the stadium, the future looks bright for Belmore Sports Ground and Sydney Olympic. Congratulations to Sydney Olympic for getting the pitch in order.

Troy McColl
Football NSW Competitions Coordinator

Football NSW are working with Sydney Olympic to assist the club in its ongoing re-development plans at Belmore Sports Ground. Belmore Sports Ground has a long history of supplying a quality venue for football purposes and once the developments are completed it will be one of the most prestigious football facilities in NSW. For the remainder of the season, alternative arrangements have been put in place to ensure Sydney Olympic are eligible to play out of Belmore Sports Ground with the main highlight being the quality of the surface. With the recent inclement weather around playing havoc with pitch surfaces the ability to access Belmore Sports ground for the first time in 2011 will be a welcome addition for the traveling teams. We believe the short term inconvenience is a small price to pay for the long term vision of Belmore Sports Ground.



Bruce Da Silva
Football NSW Public Relations Coordinator

It's great to see Belmore Sports Ground once again involved with the NSW Premier League. Sydney Olympic have not only had to sacrifice home ground advantage this season, furthermore access to a quality training facility thus far this season. Belmore Sports Ground is an iconic western Sydney sporting venue and has hosted many fantastic sporting events from a range of different sports. Now with restoration complete, Belmore Sports Ground can continue to host leading sporting events, as well as house state of the art training and recovery equipment and services.



Joseph Carlucci
'Sydney Olympic returns to Belmore Sports Ground'

This weekend marks the return of former NSL giant Sydney Olympic to Belmore Sports Ground. The Blues have thus far played each of their first eleven matches of the season away from home – an amazing accomplishment when one looks at the clubs placing on the League ladder. The Blues will certainly be difficult to 'pip' for the Premiership with eleven matches to come on home soil. Belmore Sports Ground became Sydney Olympic's new home ground in the 1996/97 NSL season, the venue in the more traditional heartland of the Blues club. The ground has produced some enormous achievements for the club, with the Blues securing their biggest ever win

at the venue in the January 2000 against South Melbourne – the final result was 6-0.

The Sydney Olympic supporters have always closely followed their beloved club – the side recorded their biggest attendance at this venue in April 1997 against Marconi Stallions. 13,724 people were present on that day. A return to the venue marks a massive occasion for the club, and supporters, in their bid to finally win some silverware following a lean spell of recent years. The club's last piece of silverware arrived in 2008 with the Johnny Warren Cup victory. In the same season, the club won the Club Championship. With the side playing some very good football, and a new surface of the highest quality awaiting Peter Tsekenis' men at Belmore, it will take a very big effort by NSW Premier League adversaries this season to deny the Blues in the run home to finals football.

Peter Katholos
'Let's go for the A - LEAGUE!'

Sydney Olympic in my view represents the Greek community and it's the symbol of our Greek heritage ! We all want to belong somewhere and in the case with our Greek heritage we belong to that Greek Australian environment . The club Sydney Olympic played an important in Australian football and its one of the clubs that is known well outside Australia ! It has a vast history producing so many renowned footballers and demands respects . e.t.c The only club to play at Old Trafford versus Manchester United ! The club has been competing in the state league in the past few seasons since the fold of the NSL ! In my view Sydney Olympic belongs in the A- League as it can fill all the relevant criteria required for inclusion! Bellmore sports ground has one of the best playing surfaces and Sydney Olympic has secured their home for 20 years! Sydney Olympic has the support, the people and im sure the Greek community will support the move to the league in droves! And let's not forget the Greek community boasts some of the wealthiest men in Australia! This season the team has secured the coaching duo of peter Tsekenis and peter Papythis and they have built together a team that will push for honors! The most pleasing aspect it also plays good football and is very complete! The current board led by George Giannaros is doing an excellent job in testing times! So let's all unite and support the club that represents the Greek community! LETS GO FOR THE A - LEAGUE ! The time is right ! Sydney needs another team lets push! Languishing in the state league is not where Sydney Olympic belongs!



Stuart Jones
'These grounds are the ones the really supporters remember'

Belmore Sports Ground has seen some great football matches over its history. A young Brett Emerton once graced the ground in the old NSL, and many former Australian great players have played on its turf. Sydney Olympic have been the team associated with Belmore Oval over all these years. The blue and white they play in reflect the connection of this ground to football and to its previous tenants, the Canterbury Bankstown Rugby League side.

For years the oval was left derelict but with the arrival of Sydney Olympic the ground has been promised a renaissance, and the government is willing to pour money in to build this once great suburban ground up once more.

It is great to think that the mighty chant of 'Olympic' emanates from the grandstand once more. These grounds are the ones the really supporters remember, where the national competition could once be played, and where the people once came to watch the best of the best.

Today there seems a desire for teams to play in huge, empty, non suburban grounds. Sydney Olympic has gone back to their heartland and play out of a ground they can look back on, and look forward to, being their true home ground.



Micky Brock
'Great club, great ground, great fans'

Belmore Sports Ground is, perhaps, the most spiritual of Sydney Olympic's home venues over the years and one that must spring eternal memories for any founder, supporter or player and when it is full it is a terrific ground to watch a game from. It will always conjure, for me, some of the best times I have had in football watching and reporting in Australia and the closeness of the fans to the pitch means the players can derive as much pain as pleasure from the cacophony of noise produced be it for the home or away team and I for one look forward to being back there to report on matches once more and with the traffic links so close to the ground I truly look forward to seeing it packed to the rafters... Be lucky.