



Update

Five inaugural board members have been appointed to the Stadiums Tasmania Board, joining the Chair, Michael Malouf AM, to steer the future of the new authority. The Board members are Jill Davies, Kendall Harris, Sally Darke, Chris Chapman, and Peter Ball.

The first formal meeting of the board was held in Hobart on 1 February 2023.

The board's initial focus is on being inducted to its role by Infrastructure Tasmania; starting to view each of the stadium venues proposed to transfer to Stadiums Tasmania; and meeting with stadium operators, employees, user groups and other key stakeholders.

Next steps will focus on developing the strategic, business, and operating plans; preparing to commence, and preparing for the proposed stadium transfers.

Board appointments

The first Stadiums Tasmania's Board was appointed by Nic Street MP, Minister for Hospitality and Events, from a highly competitive field of 41 candidates from across Australia, that brings unrivalled experience in stadiums and events, sports law, and business and financial management.

Chair, Mr Michael Malouf, said the level of experience will help guide the development of a statewide strategy for major public sporting, entertainment, and event venue infrastructure in Tasmania.

"We have brought together five of Australia's best, including two exceptional Tasmanians. Beyond their extensive national and international experience, each board member brings a passion and drive to deliver the best possible outcomes for the Tasmanian community" Mr Malouf said.

"We recognise stadiums are important community infrastructure and Tasmania deserves great community assets that drive social, economic and cultural outcomes."



The Stadiums Tasmania board, after meeting with Nic Street MP, Minister for Hospitality and Events, from left to right: Minister Nic Street MP, Peter Ball, Kendall Harris, Chris Chapman, Michael Malouf (Chair), Jill Davies, and Sally Darke.

Board Profiles

Michael Malouf (Chair) is an accomplished and respected professional with 30-years' executive experience in the public and private sectors, and in board, governance, and CEO positions. He was the Chair and Trustee of the Kardinia Park Stadium Trust (including GMHBA Stadium), CEO of the Carlton Football Club and former CEO of the City of Melbourne.

Peter Ball has been involved in all major stadium projects undertaken across Australia. He brings financial, audit and risk experience in supporting stadia developments and operations across Australia and New Zealand.

Kendall Harris is a qualified legal practitioner specialising in sports law. She brings experience in legal, risk and compliance issues relating to sport and major events on a national and international scale.

Sally Darke brings governance experience and major infrastructure project delivery expertise. She will be a strong cultural lead with a focus on social and community outcomes.

Jill Davies has had a 20-year sports advisory career, originating from the Sydney Olympics, and subsequently working on multiple Olympic bid and planning projects. She brings governance, planning and risk management experience.

Chris Chapman has enjoyed a diverse management career, including in infrastructure and management of major stadiums, venues, and sports assets, including as CEO of the Sydney Olympic Stadium. He brings to the Board commercial, infrastructure and strong regulatory insights and experience.

The Stadiums Tasmania Board, viewing MyState Bank Arena (MSBA), accompanied by Renee Brown (Manager), Peter Ball, Kendall Harris, Sally Darke, Jill Davies, and Chris Chapman.



First board meeting

The Stadiums Tasmania board has held its first formal meeting in Hobart. It was a productive meeting and enabled the board to consider how it wants to manage the job, and start to discuss the work that it will need to do to prepare the authority to commence operating.

Nic Street MP, Minister for Hospitality and Events spoke at the start of their inaugural meeting, noting the skills and calibre of each of the board members and importance of the task before them.

An induction program was organised prior to the meeting that provided an overview of the policies and legislative reforms that established the authority. It also gave the board the ability to view Blundstone Arena and MyState Bank Arena (MSBA) and meet informally with the managers of each venue.

The board is due to meet in Launceston in early March 2023 and will use that opportunity to view the Silverdome and UTAS Stadium and engage with their staff. Visits to Dial Park are also being scheduled to meet with the Central Coast Council and local stakeholders in the coming months.

Recent announcements

On 31 January 2023, Jeremy Rockcliff MP, Premier, joined by Ministers Nic Street, and Guy Barnett MP, unveiled plans to carry out major upgrades to University of Tasmania Stadium. *The \$65 million stage one will deliver a new, enhanced eastern stand, improved playing facilities, and a new entertainment.*

On the same day, Nic Street, Minister for Hospitality and Events announced a commitment to extend *the recently announced one year partnership with Hawthorn Football Club for an additional two-year period across 2025 and 2026, subject to successfully securing an AFL and AFLW licence.*

Further details on both announcements are available on the Infrastructure Tasmania's website, under *Establishing Stadiums Tasmania - Related Documents* -

https://www.stategrowth.tas.gov.au/Transport_and_Infrastructure/infrastructure_tasmania



The Stadiums Tasmania Board, viewing Blundstone Arena, accompanied by David Boon and Dominic Baker, from left to right: Sally Darke, David Boon, Dominic Baker, Peter Ball, Michael Malouf (Chair), Kendall Harris, ill Davies, and Chris Chapman.

Next steps

The authority has begun meeting with the stadium owners, local government officials and key personnel from across the Tasmanian Government. This will continue for the foreseeable future.

Transfer negotiations with MyState Bank Arena, the Silverdome and UTAS Stadium are expected to advance in the coming months, while the potential transfer of Blundstone Arena and Dial Park is expected to be considered later in 2023-24. Each stadium will continue to operate under their existing management arrangements, until these negotiations conclude, and the transfers are finalised.

The recruitment process for a Chief Executive Officer and the authority's head office staff will also start to be progressed, when appropriate. Infrastructure Tasmania and the Department of State Growth will continue to support the authority prepare to commence until these staff are recruited.

Further information

For information on Stadiums Tasmania go to - www.stategrowth.tas.gov.au/infrastructure_tasmania or contact the project team by emailing - stadiums@stategrowth.tas.gov.au. Its governing legislation – *Stadiums Tasmania Act 2022* – continues to be available at Tasmanian Legislation Online.