

#### **8.4. MM04: Live sites to screen FIFA Women's World Cup**

The FIFA Women's World Cup is one of the most prestigious and widely watched sporting events in the world and next month Australia and New Zealand will play host to this event.

The event serves as a platform to showcase the immense talent, athleticism, and achievements of women in soccer and reflects the progress that has been made by women in sport over the years. Women athletes have shattered glass ceilings, defied stereotypes, and are showcasing their extraordinary talent on a global stage.

This event will inspire new generations and pave the way for sustained growth and success in women's sport at all levels.

There is no doubt our community will embrace the opportunity to cheer on the national team, the Matildas.

To demonstrate North Sydney Council's commitment to empowering women in sports and society at large, I propose that Council explore the opportunity to live stream Matildas matches at North Sydney Oval pending availability of the grounds.

The first available date is Monday 31<sup>st</sup> July, with Australia competing against Canada.

Given the impending commencement of the World Cup and the need for any community event to be planned and managed, it is recommended that the General Manager determine the schedule of screenings.

Let's fill North Sydney Oval with passionate fans, cheering on talented women athletes as they compete at the highest level.

**I therefore recommend:**

**1. THAT** Council explore opportunities and deliver live streaming of selected Matildas matches of the FIFA Women's World Cup at the North Sydney Oval during the 2023 World Cup.

**COUNCILLOR ZOË BAKER  
MAYOR**