

Minutes

SPORTS AND FACILITIES REFERENCE GROUP



HELD FACE-TO FACE AT COUNCIL ADMINISTRATION BUILDING & ONLINE VIA TEAMS

COMMENCED 5.15 PM ON WEDNESDAY 26 APRIL 2023

IN ATTENDANCE	
Cr C Walters (Ward 1 Councillor) (Chair)	John Armstrong (Illawarra Academy of Sport)
Cr T Brown (Deputy Lord Mayor, Ward 2 Councillor)	James Nicholls (Ultimate Frisbee/ Disc golf)
Cr E Aitkens (Ward 3 Councillor)	Gary Bull (Hockey Illawarra)
Paul Brockley (SSO Cricket NSW)	Catherine Campbell (Office of Sport)
Stuart Bridges (Cricket)	Dave Allen (Tennis)
Tracey Freeman (Football South Coast)	Michael Norris (Disability Trust)
Lucielle Power - Manager Property and Recreation (WCC)	Chris Brown - Recreation Services Manager (WCC)
David Kimbell - Recreation + Open Space Project Officer (Acting) (WCC)	Matthew Cascio - Business and Infrastructure Strategy Manager (Acting) (WCC)
Mae Gibbeson - Recreation Planning Cadet (WCC)	

1. WELCOME & ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

- Presented by Cr C Walters

2. APOLOGIES

- Apologies were received and accepted on behalf of, Tom Ellicott, Oscar Forman, Jeff Wearing, Kerry Hunt, Shaun Mulraney, Amy Duggan and Peiti Haines.

3. PREVIOUS MINUTES / ACTIONS

- October Meeting Minutes - Minutes endorsed, pending correction to list of attendees.
- December Meeting - No quorum achieved.

4. CONFLICT OF INTERESTS

- Cr T Brown declared a general non-significant, non-pecuniary conflict of interest, having recently taken up a position at the University of Wollongong, involvement with the Illawarra Steelers and having family living in close proximity to the Criterium Track.

5. PRESENTATION - POST EXHIBITION SPORTSGROUNDS AND SPORTING FACILITIES STRATEGY

- Mae Gibbeson presented the post exhibition outcomes of the Sportsgrounds and Sporting Facilities Strategy (PowerPoint) and invited questions following the presentation.
- Report and Strategy scheduled to go to Council at its meeting of 8 May 2023.
- PowerPoint presentation to be circulated amongst group members.
- Following endorsement of Strategy, final document to be sent out to all who provided feedback during public exhibition period.

6. PRESENTATION - INFRASTRUCTURE DELIVERY PROGRAM

- Matthew Cascio (MC) presented the draft updates to Council's Delivery Program and Operational Plan (PowerPoint) and invited questions following its conclusion.
- MC advised the group that feedback on these plans is open from 5 April to 2 May 2023. If providing multiple responses, separate responses individually where possible.
- Cr C Walters requested copies to be provided of lighting plans at Helensburgh.

7. SPORTS GRANTS UPDATE 2022/23 AND 2023/24

- David Kimbell (DK) updated the group on status of the 2022/2023 Sports Grants. SFRG grant recommendations scheduled to go to Council at its meeting of 8 May 2023. Timeframe for funding agreements and funds to be made available by July 2023.
- Chris Brown and DK updated the group of ongoing review of Sports Grants process to streamline the grant applications and approval process moving forward and improve efficiencies.
- Next round to revert to existing grant processing timeframes, with funding available to Clubs from November 2023
- Cr C Walters requested for expedition of grants following endorsement by Council.
- Group requested review of improvements to communications moving forward.
- Lucielle Power advised the group that timing for this year's grants program had been impacted by changes to reporting protocols, late endorsement of charter but that grants will be expedited following endorsement by Council.

Recommendation (Item 7): Committee moved unanimously to expedite the 2022 sports grant funding following endorsement by Council.

8. GENERAL BUSINESS "Around the Grounds"

- Catherine Campbell advised the group that Office of Sport is waiting for further clarity on the future of the Active Kids Voucher program, as it is currently only funded until 30 June 2023. Office of Sport now sits under the Department of Communities and Justice.
- **Actions coming from the meeting.**
- DK to update the group on 22/23 sports grants following Council meeting 8 May 2023 and provide update to the group on 23/24 sports grants program at June meeting.
- DK to provide Cr Walters with copy of Helensburgh sportsground lighting plans.
- DK to circulate PowerPoint presentations discussed at meeting.

9. CLOSE

- The meeting concluded at 5:50pm.

Next meeting: 6 June 2023
