

Minutes

SPORTS AND FACILITIES REFERENCE GROUP

HELD VIA SKYPE COMMENCED 5.08 PM ON TUESDAY 23 MARCH 2021

PRESENT	
Cr J Rimmer (Chair)	Cr John Dorahy
Cr C Walters	Mr Garry Bull (Hockey)
Mr Stuart Bridges (Cricket)	Mr Dave Allen (Tennis)
Mr Alan Bradford	Mr Rob Summers (Touch)
Mr Bruce Whalan (Football)	Mr John Armstrong (Illawarra Academy Of Sport)
IN ATTENDANCE	
Mr Mark Bond Recreation Services Manager, Wollongong City Council	Mr Steve Maidment Recreation & Open Space Project Officer Wollongong City Council

1. **WELCOME & ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY** – Presented by Cr Rimmer

APOLOGIES – Apologies were received and accepted on behalf of Mrs Kerry Hunt (Director Community Services), Ms Lucielle Power Manager Property & Recreation Wollongong City Council, Ms Dianne Elvy (Netball), Mr Phil Frkovic (Athletics), Mr Ron Cooper (Baseball) Mr Peter Woods (Rugby Union) Mr Tim Martin (AFL) and Mr Chris Bannerman (Rugby League)

1. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** –

Nil

2. **ADOPTION OF MINUTES** – Not enough for a forum.

3. **BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES**

Nil.

4. **UPPDATE ON CURRENT PROJECTS - SM**

Steve provided a verbal overview, as well as a power point presentation highlight some of the significant work achieved to date, on the status of the current projects supported via the sports Grant program as well as the Capital program. This year we have already completed works in excess of \$500,000.

Cr Rimmer, supported by the Cr Dorahy and Waters, requested an inspection of the new refurbished Guest Park amenity, SM to contact and confirm a mutually agreeable date.

Please refer to the attachment

Recommendation: Information be received. SM to organise

- a site meeting with Councillors at Guest Park,

5. SPORTS GRANT PROGRAM -SM

Steve presented the group with a proposed schedule for the forth coming Sports Grant program. The intent in moving the program forward was to ensure that the projects could be delivered as soon as practical without compromising the sporting season and in a timely manner that matched the financial year. SM committed to working with the members from the past assessment panel to review and refine the process and the application.

It was also noted that an information night may assist some of the clubs that found difficulties in completing the application, specifically targeting clubs that need assistance or identified needs to upgrade the ground or facilities.

Cr Dorahy noted that he would like the member of the Committee, Councillors and Council staff acknowledge for their great work in achieving fantastic outcomes for the sporting community.

Please refer to attached program.

Recommendation: Information be received, SM to organise

- investigate the option of an information night
- Provide early notice of the pending grant program

6. SPORTS GROUND STRATEGY 2017-2021

SM reminded the members that WCC would be seeking advice from the individual associations provided

SM reminded the members that we will again being in contact with each of the groups to start collating number of participants, hopefully breaking it down into gender ratios, as well as discussing the aspiration that the individual's sports needs to a prosper into the future and tying this into a State and Federal approach.

Recommendation: Information be received.

General Business

Cr Dorahy noted the upcoming information night on Barina Park, SM provided an overview of works completed to date (amenities & lighting) and the longer works of completing the feasibility of levelling the site.

Dave Allen suggested that Council start promoting the works achieved via signage at project sites, similar to Communities NSW Sports, comments well received. SM to pursue.

Mark Bond Noted the upcoming presentation of the Cringila Hills Master Plan and the great work achieved to date, noting one of the biggest spends on a new recreational facility. Mark also noted that North Dalton Park and Council were hosting the Sheffield Shield over the Easter weekend (3-6 April). Cr Dorahy questioned what we are doing to promote the event and drive attendance, MB provided an

overview of the strategy. MB also noted that if NSW were at the top of the table, North Dalton may host the final. MB's final comments were to remind the group to review the Delivery Program, Draft Operation Plan and the Fees and Chargers that will be going out on exhibition on the 20th April, closing the 20th May.

Garry Bull noted the NSW boys Hockey Championship on the 14-16 May. Additional comments were that Hockey were seeking funding to resurface the fields and upgrade all the lights to LED as well as a 100kw solar system with Hockey committing to \$270,000 of their own funds.

Recommendation: Information be received, and all parties thanked for their participation.

Actions coming from the meeting.

The meeting concluded at 6.05 pm.