

# NOTES

## SPORTS AND FACILITIES REFERENCE GROUP

HELD AT 5.15 PM ON TUESDAY 10 APRIL 2018



PRESENT	
Cr Janice Kershaw (Chair)	Mr Keith Wallace
Mr Matt Graham	Mr Dave Allen
Mr Garry Bull	Mr Bruce Whalan
IN ATTENDANCE	
Mr Mark Bond Manager Recreation Services, Wollongong City Council	Steve Maidment-Recreation & Open Space Project Officer, Wollongong City Council

### 1 WELCOME & ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY.

2 **APOLOGIES** – Apologies were received and accepted on behalf of, Cr Janelle Rimmer, Mr Peter Coyte, Mr Glenn Bridge, Mr Brendan Sheedy, Mr Gary Brickell, Mrs Dianne Elvy, Mr Peter Woods, Mr Phil Frkovic and Mr Chris Bannerman. It was also noted that there has been a change in representatives from the Academy – SM to pursue contact details for John Armstrong

3 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** – Nil noted

4 **REVIEW OF CHARTER AND MEMBERSHIP** – General discussion followed with additional amendments relating to meetings and quorum numbers (minimum 7) including Ward Councillor representation.

**Recommendation:** Accept amendments and put forward for adoption

5 **Sports Planning Process-** SM provided an overview on the status all the current and future projects funded via the Sports Reserve, it was noted that some of the projects were brought forward into the 17/18 budget which resulted in additional funding being available for the 18/19 financial year. The committee recommended that consideration be given to fund up to and including that 9<sup>th</sup> project submitted via the Sports Planning Process and that the club be advised of their success

Hockey Illawarra	Floor replacement	\$146,665
Rugby League Woonona	Lights upgrade	\$80,000
Rugby Union Shamrocks	Lights replacement	\$17,000
Touch Wollongong	Light expansion	\$31,818
Football Fernhill	Storage	\$8,182
Tennis Farmborough Heights	Fence replacement	\$13,636
Tennis Pop Errington	Fencing replacement	\$8,182

Netball Illawarra	Geotech and Master planning	\$31,818
Football Bulli	Sportsfield Drainage	\$38,496

**Recommendation:** That funding be made available via the Sports Reserve to progress the top 9 projects submitted via the Sports Planning Process.

- 6 **Licensed Site – approval to undertake works-** Mark B provided an overview of a recent incident that involved a club commencing work without notification and certified approvals. The incident highlighted the concerns with unapproved works, the potential non-compliance to Planning guidelines, meeting and abiding by recognised standards, specifications and any approval process required. MB noted that part of all licence agreement required the Licensee to notify Council of any proposed works and seek approval to proceed. Members of the S&FRG were requested to remind their affiliates of these requirements and compliance to the licence conditions.

**Recommendation:** That S&FRG members contact their affiliates and remind them that before any works is undertaken that guidance and approval from Council is required. SM to email members extract from Licence conditions.

- 7 **West Dapto Leisure Centre-** MB noted that Otium Planning Group have been engaged by Wollongong City Council to prepare a study that will provide a strategic direction for the provision of services from a purpose built Community Leisure & Recreation Centre to be located in West Dapto. The planning for this major social infrastructure will in future strongly contribute to creating a healthy liveable community, assist in creating a sense of place, and provide services that meet the needs of the community. A facility is envisaged to provide a range of indoor and outdoor recreation facilities, community meeting spaces, café and potentially aquatic facilities.

Mark encouraged the S&FRG to attend the workshop to help inform the planning for the Centre and the future needs of sports. The workshops will be held at Dapto Ribbonwood Centre – Acacia Room - Wednesday 2 May 2018 3-5pm and 6-8pm. An electronic invite for the workshops will be sent shortly. Registration is free and light refreshment will be provided.

**Recommendation:** That the information be received and noted

## 8 General Business

**Garry Bull** – Note that the licence for the hockey Centre was up for renewal and that they were required to respond by a set date. Garry also mentioned that the National Under 15 Boys and Girls Hockey tournament was scheduled to be held 10-27 April.

**Mark Bond** – Noted some unresolved issues with re issuing the Licence for the North Dalton Facility. MB explained that any objections to the lease / licence are heard by the Minister. The objection noted the inequities with gender representation on the Board, the matter remains unresolved. Matt Graham is working with the Board in trying to resolve the objection.

**Matt Graham-** Provided his view and the difficulties with working with the 6-7 user groups currently using the facility at North Dalton. Matt noted that the AFL South coast Finals with teams U12-U15 to open Women's with approximately 400 participants, with current female participation sitting around the 25%. It was also noted that the Academy of Sport now have a female AFL team.

**Keith Wallace** – Provided an overview of the Working with Children checks, noting that 82% of clubs and participating however 74% are not completing the verification. KW also mentioned the new direction of NSW Sports Service and noted that 22 April launch seeking public comments in regards to the new direction. KW encouraged all member to participate in the commentary..

**Dave Allen** – Noted the upcoming Fed Cup 21-22 April with Australia vs Netherlands final at the Entertainment Centre. DA noted the flow on benefit with the 4 court upgrade at Beaton Park to host the event, this upgrade may make the facility able to host other Pro Tour events. .

**Recommendation:** Information be recieved

The meeting concluded at 6.15 pm.

NEXT MEETING 12 June, 7 August, 16 October & 4 December 2018

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Minutes to be confirmed at the next meeting date to be advised.

#### ACTION SUMMARY

Item	Action	Officer	Status
		SM	