

NOTES

SPORTS AND FACILITIES REFERENCE GROUP

HELD AT 5.15 PM ON TUESDAY 24 SEPTEMBER 2019



PRESENT	
Cr J Rimmer (Chair)	Cr C Walters
Mr Dave Allen (Tennis)	Mr Chris Bannerman (Rugby League)
Mr Bruce Whalan (Football)	
Mr Stuart Bridges (Cricket)	
IN ATTENDANCE	
Mr Mark Bond Recreation Services Manager, 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 John Dorahy, Mrs Kerry Hunt (Director Community Services), Ms Lucielle Power (Manager Property & Recreation- Acting), Mr Keith Wallace (Office of Sport), Mr Dianne Elvy (Netball), Mr John Armstrong (Illawarra Academy of Sport), Mr Phil Frkovic (Athletics), Mr Matt Graham (AFL), Mr Garry Bull (Hockey), Mr Peter Woods (Rugby Union) and Mr Ron Cooper (Baseball); Mr Rob Summers (Touch)

3 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST – Nil,

4 **Adoption of Minutes** – Due to insufficient attendees to form the required quorum (half the representatives plus one) the minutes were noted.

Recommendation: Information be received and endorsed at the next meeting

5 Welcome and introduction of new Councillors

Cr Rimmer acknowledge the election of both Cr John Dorahy and Cr Cameron Walters to Sports & Facilities Reference Group, noting the apology of Cr Dorahy and welcoming of Cr Walters

6 Overview of the current Sports Facilities Grants program

SM provided handouts on the marking criteria and a summary of the 20 applications received this year, noting that this is a new benchmark for the Grants program. Cr Rimmer noted the re-branded Sports Grants had been successful and thanked the Council Officers for facilitating the process.

Below is a summary explanation of the final rankings, scores and a brief description of the projects.

1 Scoring 200.75points -Illawarra Hockey Association located at Lindsay Manye, Unanderra, are proposing to install 4 high volume Ceiling fans at a cost of \$56,661.00, the Association has allocated \$28,920, which represents 51.50% of the total project costs the Association are requesting \$25,219 from the Reserve.

2 Scoring 188.5 points - **Illawarra Hockey Association** located at Lindsay Mayne, Unanderra, are proposing to replace the indoor Hockey Board at a cost of \$25,300.00, the Association is contributing \$17,000 which represents 69% of the total project costs the Association are requesting \$12,545 from the Reserve

- 3 Scoring 173.75 points **Illawarra Hockey Association** located at Lindsay Mayne, Unanderra, are proposing to replace the Field Goal for compliance at a cost of \$15,862.00, the Association has allocated \$8,800 which represents 55.5% of the total project costs the Association are requesting \$6,420 from the Reserve
- 4 Scoring 170.5- **Football south Coast** located at Ian Mclennan Park, Kembla Grange are proposing to purchase and install a travelling irrigator, covered seating and storage at a cost of \$57,794. Football South Coast have allocated \$27,962 which represents 49% of the total project cost the Association are requesting \$27,120 from the Reserve
- 5 Scoring 161.5 points Lakelands Football Club located at Webb Park, Kanahooka are proposing to install grandstand seating, they were successful in attracting grant funds from My Community Project for \$35,942, as a result of their success they now have reduce their request to \$15,000.00 to fund approvals and concrete slabs to secure the stands. The clubs contribution represents 41% of the overall cost of the project.
- 6 Scoring 160 points –**Woonona Football Club** located at Ocean Park Woonona are proposing to install a Storage Shed to replace 2 shipping container at a cost of \$20,000. The Football club have allocated \$10,000 towards the project which represent 50% of the total project costs, the club are requesting \$10,000 from the Reserve.
- 7 Scoring 159.5 points - **Cricket Illawarra** located with the project located at North Dalton Park Fairy Meadow are proposing to upgrade the existing Cricket Nets at a cost of \$225,000. Cricket Illawarra plan to fund or attract funding of \$185,000 towards the project which represents 82%, the club are requesting \$40,000 from the Reserve.
- 8 Scoring 153 points - **Corrimal Rugby Leagues Club** located at Robert Ziems, Corrimal, are proposing to create a gender equity amenity by retrofitting the existing amenity at a cost of \$96,000.00. The club have organised for \$30,000 worth of in-kind works which represents 31% of the total projects costs, the club are requesting \$66,000.00 from the Reserve.
- 9 Scoring 152.5 points –**Coledale Football Club** located at St James Coledale are proposing major renovations to the ground which will consist of profiling the ground, drainage and topsoil the ground at an estimated cost of \$118,000 with the Club allocating \$18,000 towards the project which represents 15% of the total project costs, the club are requesting \$100,000 from the Reserve.
- 10 Scoring 147 points - **Stingrays Football Club** with the project located at Guest Park Fairy Meadow they are proposing to profile the ground, address drainage issues and top-dress the ground at an estimated cost of \$100,000 with club not contributing funds towards the project they are requesting \$60,000 from the Reserve.
- 11 Scoring 142 points-**Unanderra Football Club** located at Unanderra Reserve, Unanderra are proposing to install drainage at an estimated cost of \$36,775.20 and have allocated \$6,775.20 towards the project which represents 18.5% of the total project costs, the club are requesting \$30,000 from the Reserve.
- 12 Scoring 140 points - **Helensburgh Off road cycling club** located at Rex Jackson Oval, Helensburgh are proposing to construct the final stage of track works in accordance with the approved DA with cost estimates of \$14,000.00, the club are requesting 100% of the funding from the Reserve.
- 13 Scoring 139 points - **Football South Coast** located at Ian Mclennan Park Kembla Grange are proposing to construct an Educational and Training Centre, the funds requested are for the preparation of documentation to lodge a Development Application with estimates of \$11,000. Football

South Coast have allocated \$3,000 which represents 27% of the total project costs, the club are requesting \$7,272 from the Reserve.

14 Scoring 137 **Illawarra Indoor Sports Stadium** located at Fred Finch Park are proposing to purchase Table tennis tables, racquets balls, nets and barriers with an estimated cost of \$6,050.00 and are requesting the full amount from the Reserve.

15 Scoring 135.5 **Russel Vale Junior Football Club** located at Cawley Park Russell Vale are proposing to install a storage shed at an estimated cost of \$94,500.00 and have allocated \$35,000.00 which represents 36% of the total project costs, the club are requesting \$59,500 from the Reserve.

16 Scoring 133 **Port Kembla Rugby Leagues Club** located at Noel Mulligan Oval Port Kembla are proposing to replace and renew existing lighting fixtures at an estimated cost of \$70,177.80, the club are requesting the full amount to be funded from the Reserve.

17 Scoring 124 **Woonona Rugby Leagues Club** located at Hollymount Park Woonona are proposing to upgrade the amenities to create a gender equitable facility, they have requested Council design and complete the works at an estimated cost of \$60,000.00, the club are requesting this to be fully funded from the Reserve.

18 Scoring 116 **Bulli Football Club** located at Balls Paddock Bulli are proposing to replace the perimeter fence on west and northern boundaries with an estimated cost of \$39,240.00, the club have allocated \$10,000 which represents 25% of the total project costs and are requesting \$29,420 from the Reserve.

19 Scoring 89 **Corrimal Football Club** located at Corrimal Memorial Park Corrimal are proposing to install additional seating with an estimated cost of \$11,748.00, the club are requesting that the full amount be funded from the Reserve.

20 Scoring 83 **Tarrawanna Football Club** located at Tarrawanna Park Tarrawanna are proposing to refurbishment the canteen with the removal of internal non weight bearing wall, relay of flooring, replacement of kitchen cupboards, carpentry, plumbing, tiling and painting at an estimated cost of \$23,530.00, the club are requesting that the full amount be funded from the Reserve.

Throughout the presentation there was open dialogue between all reference group members, it was noted that post the closing date and during the initial application review several applications required follow-up conversations with applicants to clarify aspects of their submission.

Dave Allen (Tennis) as an assessment panel member suggested the scores reflected the quality of the applications and suggested that the new grant application process was an improvement on previous years. Dave suggested a few questions could be easily modified to improve both the clarity of what we are seeking. Other suggestions were to request a predetermined minimum level percentage of co - contribution to specific projects, such as perimeter fencing at licenced sites for consideration in 2020.

The reference group members noted it was apparent from the scoring that there appeared a gap in detail and merit in the scoring beyond the 16th ranked project. A question was raised around the capacity to fund projects from the existing Sports reserve and it was confirmed that there were sufficient funds have Council support up to and including the 16th ranked project.

SM confirmed that the financial implications would likely see a potential allocation of \$543,755 from the reserve to fund a forecasted project costs of the top 16 ranked projects.

Cr Walters indicated that whilst it would be great to support all 20 projects the applications needed to be of a certain standard. From the evaluations and comments from the assessment panel it was evident by the scores that the top ranked 16 projects had effectively addressed the merit- based criteria.

Cr Rimmer expressed her thanks and gratitude to the marking panel members (Danielle Forster, Dave Allen & Rob Summers) for taking time out of their busy schedules, consisting of 2 evening, to assess the 20 submissions.

Actions coming from the meeting.

1. The scoring sheet and presentation be circulated with the meeting minutes.
2. A Councillor info note be provided of the outcome of the 2019/20 Sports Grants.
3. Council Officers inform all applicants of their ranking following the dissemination of the Councillor briefing note in October.

The meeting concluded at 6.25 pm.

Next meeting set for Tuesday 26th November 5.15pm