

NOTES

SPORTS AND FACILITIES REFERENCE GROUP

HELD AT 5.15 PM ON TUESDAY 11 SEPTEMBER 2018



PRESENT	
Mr Keith Wallace	Mr Phil Frkovic
Mr John Armstrong	Mr Brendan Sheedy
Mr Stuart Bridges	Mr Bruce Whalan
Mr Garry Bull	Guest Jessica Saunders
IN ATTENDANCE	
Mr Mark Bond Manager Recreation Services, Wollongong City Council	Steve Maidment-Recreation & Open Space Project Officer, Wollongong City Council

1 **STANDING ORDER FOR PRESENTATION PRESENTATION**

Beaton Park Masterplan – Jessica Saunders

Jessica provided a detailed explanation of the Beaton Park Masterplan, outlining the consultation undertaken, the role of the PoM and the rationale of the future direction of the development.

Within the presentation Jessica touched on the Defence lands and how they had tried to negotiate with Defence to incorporate this key parcel within the Masterplan, unfortunately without success. Jessica outlined the future direction for Tennis, the consolidation of the basketball courts into the new complex and the focus of a Health and Wellness centre for the broad community. Jessica indicated that the draft p[lan would be put before Council for adoption on the 24 September 2018.

Recommendation: Jessica be thanked for her presentation and information noted

2 **WELCOME & ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY.** MB facilitated the meeting in the Councillors absence

3 **APOLOGIES** – Apologies were received and accepted on behalf of, Cr Janice Kershaw, Cr Janelle Rimmer, Mr Peter Coyte, Mr Glenn Bridge, Mrs Dianne Elvy, Mr Peter Woods, Mr Matt Graham, Mr Dave Allen Mr Gary Brickell and Mr Chris Bannerman.

4 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** – Nil,

5 **Illawarra Academy of Sports**

John Armstrong provided an overview of his background, what he has walked into, what he sees as the strengths, future and how to grow with the needs of the Academy to meet the expectation of the sporting community. John indicated that his focuses will be on coaching and education as he believes this as the key foundations of developing all round athletes.

Recommendation: John be thanked for his presentation and information noted

6. **Keith Wallace – Illawarra Regional Plan**

Keith provided an overview of where the Regional plans is up to, the potential for further involvement with sports to help shape the document and the ongoing consultation with the local Councils to help inform and identify Regional complexes

7. General Business

Brendan Sheedy – Noted the recent NSW Country development tour included 5 local player within the team, Brendan also noted that NSW Country Baseball are concentrating on creating pathways for younger players. At the NSW Country Championship held at Blacktown Illawarra were well represented with 3 teams 1st, development side and the U18s . Brendan note the upcoming IBL grand final at Fred Finch and the expansion of the ABL expanding into New Zealand with the possibility of looking for another 2 teams into the near future with Wollongong, Newcastle, Darwin, Hobart and Gold Coast in the equation.

Gary Bull – Noted the Illawarra South Coast wins at the NSW State Championships, consisting of 2 women's teams, 6 men's team and with 4 local player sain the Australian team. Gary noted future facilities development focusing on solar and LED lights installations.

Mark Bond- Noted potentially attracting cricket at North Dalton Park for the long weekend in October however this depends on NSW finishing on top of the ladder. Mark also mentioned that some discussion are being held in providing a centre of Excellence at North Dalton

Mark Bond – provided an update on the progress of Ian McLennan synthetic field

Phil Frkovic – Noted the commencement of the season in October and the school carnivals wrapping up. Phil also mention that Beaton Park will be holding the Australia Masters Throw Championship on the long weekend in October, they have also indicating their willingness to continue at this location.

Recommendation: Information be received

The meeting concluded at 7.15 pm.

NEXT MEETING

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

ACTION SUMMARY

Item	Action	Officer	Status
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