

Minutes

SPORTS AND FACILITIES REFERENCE GROUP

HELD VIA SKYPE COMMENCED 5.08 PM ON TUESDAY 13 JULY 2021



PRESENT	
Cr J Rimmer (Chair)	Cr John Dorahy
Cr C Walters	Mr Bruce Whalan (Football)
Mr Dave Allen (Tennis)	Mr Garry Bull (Hockey)
Ms Catherine Campbell (Office of Sport)	
IN ATTENDANCE	
Mrs Kerry Hunt (Director Community Services)	Ms Lucielle Power Manager Property & Recreation
Mr Mark Bond Recreation Services Manager, Wollongong City Council	Mr Steve Maidment Recreation & Open Space Project Officer Wollongong City Council
Ms Mae Gibbeson Recreation Planning Cadet, Wollongong City Council	

- 1. WELCOME & ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY** – Presented by Cr Rimmer
- 2. APOLOGIES** – Apologies were received and accepted on behalf of, Ms Dianne Elvy (Netball), Mr Phil Frkovic (Athletics), Mr Ron Cooper (Baseball) Mr Tim Martin (AFL), Mr Rob Summers (Touch), Mr Peter Woods (Rugby Union) Mr John Armstrong (Illawarra Academy Of Sport) Mr Stuart Bridges (Cricket) and Marine Fraser (Wollongong City Council)

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST –

Cr J Dorahy Director West Leagues Club
Cr C Waters, registered tennis player.

- 4. ADOPTION OF Notes** – Endorsed by D Allen, seconded Cr J Dorahy.

5. BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

SM - Guest Park site visit conducted, Cr Waters acknowledged the amazing work in transforming the amenities into a wonderful contemporary facility for the Stingrays, recommended future site inspection of similar works. Cr Dorahy reflected these comments and congratulated all involved.
SM to explore options of signage to promote projects funded from the Sports Reserve.

6. PRESENTATION SUSTAINABLE EVENTS GUIDE MARTINE

Cancelled due to IT issues, please refer to the attached presentation for additional information.

Recommendation: Information be received and reviewed.

7. SCHOOL GROUNDS – SHARED SPACES – K Hunt

Kerry Hunt provided a presentation on the access to school grounds, noting that his is being driven by the Infrastructure section and not the educational arm of the system.

KH indicated that there are two processes,

- Share our space – aimed for use in school holidays between the hours of 8am and 5pm, noting that the toilets would not be opened.
- Joint Use Agreement- this is aimed at during the school term with availability before 7.30am and after 5.00pm

General discussion followed with noting a shift with increasing partnerships with Local Governments, general comments from the forum indicated a high level of support for the programs, C. Campbell noted that the Illawarra Shoalhaven Steering committee saw this as a priority. SM to send power point presentation.

Recommendation: Information be received.

8. SPORTS GROUND STRATEGY – Mae Gibbeson

Mae provided a presentation and a detailed overview of the strategic approach on the review of the Sportsground Strategy, noting the vision, guiding principles, focus areas and the role the associations and club's will play in the development of the strategy. (please refer to the attached presentation)

Cr Rimmer thanked Mae for the very informative presentation and acknowledge the great work Mae has achieved to date. Cr Dorahy asked if Council has a data base of sporting contacts, MB noted with the changing Committees we generally rely on the Sporting Associations to pass on relevant details. General conversation followed with members acknowledging agreement with the approach, MG noted that the survey would be ready by the 10th August. SM to send power point presentation.

Recommendation: Information be received.

9. SPORTS GRANT PRESENTATION – S Maidment

This year the Sports Grant Program commenced on 27 April 2021 and ran for a period of 6 weeks, closing on 4 June 2021. This year Council received 17 applications to be assessed for the current financial year 2021/22.

The combined projects have a net value of approximately \$940,000, with the sporting clubs contributing \$319,418 and requesting financial assistance from Council to the value of \$683,992.

The marking panel, consisting of Dave Allen, Garry Bull, Rob Summers and Bruce Whalan, have meet on several occasions via skype to review, discuss and rank the 17 applications. Below is a summary of the applications and the comments from the marking panel.

Sport	Tennis
Club	Stanwell Park Tennis club
Location	Stanwell Park Reserve
Project Name	Improve the Lights and fencing
Ranking	1
Points	175.5
Total Project Costs	\$66,880
Club Contributions	\$36,000
Sports Grant Request	\$30,000 = 45%
Risk	Low, experienced and proven history of delivering projects.

Project Description The fencing of this 2-court complex is in extremely poor condition and the lights are in urgent need of replacement as parts are no longer available. The club has experienced significant growth recently and being an isolated community, facilities that are in good condition are integral to the wellbeing of the community.

Panel's Recommendation Necessary project to ensure that sport can continue to grow, well supported by panel. The panel endorses the project and the ranking allocated.

Sport	Tennis
Club	Dapto Tennis
Location	Webb Park Dapto.
Project Name	Resurface Two Courts
Ranking	2
Points	168
Total Project Costs	\$89,570
Club Contributions	\$64,570
Sports Grant Request	\$25,000 = 28%
Risk	Low, experienced and proven history of delivering projects.

Project Description Upgrade the existing 3 hard court complex with synthetic surface. A recent survey of all tennis facilities conducted by WDTCA identified Dapto as the highest priority due to the condition of the existing surfaces.

Panel's Recommendation Good project, well supported. The panel endorses the project and the ranking allocated.

Sport Tennis
 Club Unanderra Tennis Club
 Location Unanderra Reserve
 Project Name Light Upgrade
 Ranking 3
 Points 160
 Total project costs \$31,130
 Club contributions \$16,130
 Sports Grant Request \$15,000 = 48 %
 Risk Low, experienced and proven history of delivering projects.

Project Description The lights at this location have been in place for more than 20 years. The lights are now of an age that finding parts is extremely difficult and, in some instances, impossible. We plan to remove all the old fixtures and replace the existing lights with LED on 5 courts.

Panel's Recommendation Good project, well supported by panel. The panel endorses the project and the ranking allocated.

Sport Tennis
 Club Fernhill Tennis Club
 Location Pop Errington Park
 Project Name Light Upgrade
 Ranking 4
 Points 156.5
 Total project costs \$40,788
 Club contributions \$20,788
 Sports Grant Request \$20,000 = 49%
 Risk Low, experienced and proven history of delivering projects.

Project Description Remove and replace the existing court lighting on both courts and replace with LED luminaries. A majority of the lights have failed due to the age of the fixtures and we can no longer purchase replacement parts making them redundant and the courts unplayable for evening competition.

Panel's Recommendation - Good project. The panel endorses the project and the ranking allocated.

Sport Football
 Club Figtree Football club
 Location Harry Graham Park, Figtree.
 Project Name Roof Replacement
 Ranking 5
 Points 155
 Total project costs \$97,391
 Club contributions \$64,891.10
 Sports Grant Request \$29,545.45 = 33%
 Risk Low, DA approved, proven track record for delivering projects.

Project Description The aim of this project is to replace the current clubhouse roof, which is past its end of life and install additional roof out over the front of the club house to provide shelter for the 100s of participants.

Panel's Recommendation Good application, club prepared to invest their own funds, the panel see the benefit for all players. The panel endorses the project and the ranking allocated.

Sport	Football
Club	Woonona Football Club
Location	Ocean Park, Woonona
Project Name	Fencing
Ranking	6
Points	154
Total project costs	\$55,000
Club contributions	\$27,500
Sports Grant Request	\$27,500 = 50%
Risk	Low, proven track record of delivering projects
Project Description	Improve and increase the security and aesthetic by installing additional palisade fencing.

Panel's Recommendation – Good application. The panel endorses the project and the ranking allocated.

Sport	Football
Club	Thirroul Football Club
Location	Thomas Gibson Park, Thirroul
Project Name	LED Light fittings
Ranking	7
Points	144
Total project costs	\$132,000
Club contributions	\$32,000
Sports Grant Request	\$110,000 = 83.3%
Risk	Low, proven track record of delivering projects
Project Description	Replacement of the halogen fixtures with LED to reduce power consumption The project is necessary in order to stop the regular failure of the sports field lighting at Thomas Gibson Park.

Panel's Recommendation - Good application, however the panel is not supportive of project proceeding through this process given the allocation of Council capital (in excess of \$200k) to resolve the power supply problem. The panel endorses the ranking only.

Sport	Football
Club	Helensburgh Football Club
Location	Rex Jackson, Helensburgh
Project Name	Stone stair replacement
Ranking	8
Points	137
Total project costs	\$21,230
Club contributions	\$6,230
Sports Grant Request	\$15,000 = 71%
Risk	High – heritage item potential REF required

Project Description The club propose to remove the stone steps and install new, BCA compliant concrete steps to make the area safer and more accessible.

Panel's Recommendation - Good application, however noting heritage concerns. The panel endorses the project and the ranking allocated but will be guided by heritage guidelines.

Sport	Football
Club	Berkeley Football club
Location	Berkeley Sports Club
Project Name	Refurbishment of amenities and Referees rooms
Ranking	9
Points	136.5
Total project costs	\$37,880
Club contributions	\$5,000
Sports Grant Request	\$32,880 = 87%
Risk	Medium, concerns with the cost provided and the compliance of the refurbishment.

Project Description Refurbishment of the change rooms, creating a gender equitable facility as well as improving the referee's room.

Panel's Recommendation - Worthwhile project. The panel endorses the project and the ranking allocated.

Sport	Football
Club	Helensburgh Football Club
Location	Rex Jackson, Helensburgh
Project Name	Fence and seating replacement
Ranking	10
Points	136
Total project costs	\$45,760
Club contributions	\$18,310
Sports Grant Request	\$27,450 = 60%
Risk	Low, experienced and proven history of delivering projects, REF required.

Project Description The fencing and seating that surround the field 1 & 2 are in desperate need of replacement and have been identified as an OH&S risk to players and spectators.

Panel's Recommendation – Good application. The panel endorses the project and the ranking allocated

Sport	Football
Club	Dapto Phoenix
Location	Lakelands Park, Dapto
Project Name	Lighting renewal
Ranking	11
Points	133
Total project costs	\$103,249
Club contributions	\$5,000 (\$12,000 unconfirmed)

Sports Grant Request \$86,249.30 = 83.5%
 Risk Medium, unconfirmed grant funding and pole condition.
Project Description Replacement of all current floodlights n three towers on the training grounds and on four of the towers on the number 1 field.

Panel's Recommendation Reasonable application. Concerns over funding gap. The panel endorses the project and the ranking allocated.

Sport Football
 Club Unanderra Football Club
 Location Unanderra Reserve, Unanderra
 Project Name Filed lighting
 Ranking 12
 Points 129.5
 Total project costs \$35,420
 Club contributions \$8,805
 Sports Grant Request \$26,615 = 75%
 Risk Medium, review pole conditions assessment.
Project Description Update the lighting on field 3 to allow teams to train safely.

Panel's Recommendation Good project, well supported for increasing lighting. The panel endorses the project and the ranking allocated.

Sport Football
 Club Bulli Football Club
 Location Balls Paddock, Bulli
 Project Name Perimeter Fencing replace
 Ranking 13
 Points 124
 Total project costs \$19,805
 Club contributions \$9,902.50
 Sports Grant Request \$9,902.50 = 50%
 Risk Low, require REF
Project Description Replace damaged, unsafe and insecure perimeter fencing.

Panel's Recommendation Poor application, completed last years form. The panel endorses the project and the rankings allocated.

Sport Football
 Club Football South Coast
 Location Ian Mclellan Park, Kembla Grange
 Project Name Electronic Scoreboard
 Ranking 14
 Points 123

Total project costs \$39,600
 Club contributions \$7,150
 Sports Grant Request \$32,450 = 82%
 Risk Low.

Project Description Installation of an LED scoreboard to enhance facility.

Panel's Recommendation - Good application. The panel endorses the project and the ranking allocated.

Sport Football
 Club Russell Vale football Club
 Location Cawley Park, Russell Vale
 Project Name Cawley Park Players Shelters
 Ranking 15
 Points 116
 Total project costs \$14,124
 Club contributions \$4,124
 Sports Grant Request \$10,000 = 71%
 Risk low, will require an REF.

Project Description The purchase and installation of 2 aluline covered player shelters, seating up to 8 players.

Panel's Recommendation Reasonable application. The panel is supportive of project and the ranking and score allocated.

Sport Rugby League
 Club Northern Suburbs Illawarra Bulldogs
 Location Jim Allen Oval, Wombarra
 Project Name Amenity Upgrade
 Ranking 16
 Points 110
 Total project costs \$140,000
 Club contributions \$40,000
 Sports Grant Request \$100,000 = 71.5 %
 Risk High, an external designer will have the propensity to design what the club desire and not necessarily what is in the best interest of Council or the hierarchy of the site.

Project Description The club are endeavouring to upgrade the existing grandstand/sheds/amenities and storage facilities. The club are looking at developing a master plan to relocate the toilets within the sportsground and install a roof/shade over the grandstand. This application is to assist in developing the documentation required for a Development Application.

Panel's Recommendation The facility does require upgrading, however very little information provided in the application. The panel believes that this could result in significant financial burden on future reserves and recommends that Wollongong City Council officers engage with the club to work out a way forward or alternatively Council undertake the design to ensure compliance to Wollongong City Council standards. The panel is not supportive of project proceeding through this process, however supports the ranking and score allocated.

Sport	Hockey
Club	Illawarra Hocket
Location	Lindsay Mayne Indoor Hockey complex
Project Name	Stadium Lighting and solar upgrade
Ranking	WITHDRAWN
Points	WITHDRAWN

Following the presentation Cr Rimmer, supported by CRs Dorahy & Waters, expressed their appreciation to the staff and the marking panel, noting the time and effort involved in reviewing all the submissions and producing a thorough and concise report for the Reference group to consideration.

Additional comments from the Marking panel indicated that the submission had improved on quality, noted that safety is again becoming a focus area and that the process works well.

Cr Dorahy noted that the increase in the budget allocation for the Sports Reserve to \$400k was fantastic and reflected on how this would improve opportunities, in particular for children, leaving a lasting legacy for the community for years to come.

Both Councillors Dorahy and Waters thanked Cr Rimmer for her outstanding leadership and providing excellent leadership in her role as Chair of the Reference Group and wished her well in the future, noting that Cr Rimmer was not standing again for Council.

Cr Rimmer responded by thanking the Councillors, the committee and Council staff sincerely for all their efforts, contributions and expertise.

Recommendation: That the information be received and that the S&FRG support the rankings and priorities allocated to the submissions and progress projects ranked 1- 6 & 8-15 for funding consideration.

Moved Cr Rimmer
Seconded Cr Dorahy
Vote unanimously

General Business "Around the Grounds"

Garry Bull thanked Council for their support in a successful grant application via the Greater Cities Sport Facility Fund, receiving \$813, 650.00 to assist in replacing the synthetic fields, replacing all indoor lights with LED as well as installing solar, the committee acknowledged Hockey's success.

MB also noted that Council were also successful in attracting funds from the same grant, noting the following;

- Netball at Fred Finch, Berkeley, court realignment \$1 million.
- Tennis at Beaton Park, Wollongong, court realignment \$1 million.
- Stingrays Football Club, ground improvements Guest Park Fairy Meadow \$300,000.
- Viking Rugby Club, Wollongong, upgrade of lighting and security, \$335,000.

Cr Rimmer noted the great results for Wollongong

Catherine Campbell also note the success of some of the surf clubs, being'

- Bellambi Surf Club
- Corrimal Surf Club
- Thirroul Surf Club

MB noted the latest restriction of COVID again potentially impacting on Sporting calendar however Council will wait to receive information from the State Sporting Associations.

Noting that this is the last S&FRG meeting SM provided an overview of the process following tonight's meeting;

- Final Council meeting 2 August 2021,
- Council enters caretaker mode,
- Local Council election conducted 4th September,
- Council swore in early October.

Council officers will call on the Associations in August to confirm nominations for the Sports & Facilities Reference Group for the next term of Council.

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

Actions coming from the meeting.

SM to send out all power point presentations

SM to send out draft minutes.

The meeting concluded at 6.21pm.