

Minutes

SPORTS AND FACILITIES REFERENCE GROUP

HELD VIA SKYPE COMMENCED 5.15 PM ON TUESDAY 14 SEPTEMBER 2021



IN ATTENDANCE	
Cr J Rimmer (Chair)	Cr John Dorahy
Cr C Walters	Mr Bruce Whalan (Football)
Mr Dave Allen (Tennis)	Mr Garry Bull (Hockey)
Mrs Kerry Hunt Director Community Services Wollongong City Council	Ms Lucielle Power Manager Property & Recreation Wollongong City Council
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	Mr Stuart Taggart CEO, Wollongong 2022
Mr Stuart Bridges, (Baseball)	

- 1. WELCOME & ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY** – Presented by Cr Rimmer
I would like to pay my respect and acknowledge the Traditional Custodians of Dharawal Country, the land on which we meet. I would also like to pay my respect to Elders past, present and those emerging. I would also like to extend my respect to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people present here today.
- 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), Ms Catherine Campbell (Office of Sport)
- 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 C Walters.
- 5. BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES**
S Maidment – Distributed PowerPoint presentations from previous meeting

6. PRESENTATION UCI UPDATE – Stuart Taggart

Stuart Taggart, CEO Wollongong 2022 provided an informative update on the upcoming UCI event scheduled for September 2022. Thank you to Stuart for attending our meeting and providing an update. Please refer to the attached presentation for additional information.



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Recommendation: Information be received and reviewed.

7. UPDATE CRITERIUM TRACK – Mark Bond

Mark Bond provided an update on the Lindsay Mayne Criterium Track project. It is noted that construction drawings have been completed and tender documentation will be distributed in October with a view to commence construction in February 2022 with a target date of completion of July 2022 subject to weather.

Recommendation: Information be received.

8. DEVELOPMENT OF SPORTSGROUND & SPORTING FACILITIES STRATEGY – Mae Gibbeson

Mae provided an update on 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 including stakeholder engagement. Please refer to the attached presentation for detailed information.

Cr Rimmer thanked Mae for the very informative presentation and acknowledge the great work Mae has achieved to date.



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Recommendation: Information be received.

9. SPORTS GRANT PROGRAM – Steve Maidment

Steve provided an update on the Sports Grant Program progress on a number of projects including gender equitable amenity refurbishments completed at Ziems Park, Corrimal and Hollymount Park Woonona.

Steve also provided an update on the sports field lighting program which included the completion of works at Judy Masters Oval, Balgownie and progress on Thomas Dalton Park lighting upgrade and St James Park, Coledale.

Cr Rimmer acknowledged the efforts of the Council staff in facilitating these projects which continue to deliver great outcomes for community sport.

10. COVID-19 UPDATE – Mark Bond

Mark Bond provided an update on community sport based on the advice from NSW Health and the Office of Sport which will see a staged introduction of sport over the coming summer months in accordance with covid-19 restrictions and guidelines.

11. GENERAL BUSINESS “Around the Grounds”

Noting due to the previously scheduled elections on 4 September being postponed that this is the last S&FRG meeting SM thanked the Councillors who are part of the Sports Reference Group for their contribution and provided an overview of the process following tonight’s meeting.

- Final Council meeting 1 November 2021,
- Council enters caretaker mode,
- Local Council election scheduled for 4th December,
- Council swore in January 2022

Councillor Dorahy and Councillor Walters thanked the Council Officers and Councillor Rimmer for her efforts in chairing the reference group over the term of Council and acknowledged the groups significant contribution to the development of sports infrastructure over the past 3 years.

Council officers will call for expressions of interest in joining the Sports & Facilities Reference Group from the peak associations in the new year following confirmation of the newly appointed Councillor representatives.

Actions coming from the meeting.

SM to send out all power point presentations

SM to send out draft minutes.

The meeting concluded at 6.15pm.