

NOTES

SPORTS AND FACILITIES REFERENCE GROUP

HELD AT 5.15 PM ON TUESDAY 26 NOVEMBER 2019



PRESENT	
Cr J Rimmer (Chair)	Cr C Walters
Mr Dave Allen (Tennis)	Cr John Dorahy
Mr Bruce Whalan (Football)	Mr John Armstrong (Illawarra Academy Of Sport)
Mr Stuart Bridges (Cricket)	
IN ATTENDANCE	
Mr Mark Bond Recreation Services Manager, Wollongong City Council	James Flinn-Recreation Planning Officer, Wollongong City Council
Ms Lucielle Power Manager Property and Recreation (Acting) Wollongong City Council	

1 WELCOME & ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY.

2 **APOLOGIES** – Apologies were received and accepted on behalf of, Mrs Kerry Hunt (Director Community Services), , Mr Keith Wallace (Office of Sport), Mr Dianne Elvy (Netball), , 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); Mr Steve Maidment (WCC)

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 OF 24TH September 2019 were noted.

Recommendation: Information be received and endorsed at the next meeting

5 BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

Cr Rimmer welcomed and acknowledge the attendance of both Cr John Dorahy and Cr Cameron Walters to Sports & Facilities Reference Group.

Cr Rimmer queried the progress of the WCC Sports Grants Funds, MB outlined that the 16 successful applicants had been contacted by SM and were being issued funding agreements by for their completion in January.

6 DRAFT SMOKE FREE (RECREATION AREAS) POLICY – James Flinn WCC

JF provided handouts and a presentation on updated draft Smoke Free Recreation Areas Policy. James noted the main objectives of the Policy were to:

- Improve the health of the community
- Improve Public amenity and maintenance of Council property
- Raise Community awareness of issues associated with smoking and e-cigarette use
- Provide community leadership in taking measures to protect health and social wellbeing of the community; and

- Minimise cigarette- butt pollution on Council- owned beaches, waterways, parks and other public open space areas.

JF highlighted two key changes to the Policy;

- The definition of “Smoke” means use, consume, hold or otherwise have control over a tobacco product, non-tobacco smoking product or e-cigarette that is generating (whether or not burning) smoke or an aerosol or vapour.
- Smoke free areas now is to encompass between the red and yellow flags to the land edge and within a 50-metre radius of the red and yellow flagged area at Councils patrolled beaches. The smoke free area will apply during patrolled times, when the red and yellow lifesaving flags are erected.

Throughout the presentation there was dialogue between all reference group members, it was noted by Cr Dorahy and Cr Walters that inclusion of patrolled beaches was consistent with changing community standards on smoking in public areas.

It was also noted that Surf Life Saving Illawarra Volunteers would not be required to enforce the policy and that it was like playground sand sportsfields generally self-regulating.

7 CRINGILA HILLS MASTERPLAN – Mark Bond WCC

MB outlined to the Reference Group that the Cringila Hills Landscape Masterplan was currently on exhibition until 31st January 2020. MB provided a power-point presentation that incorporated some of the key features of the masterplan. The new recreational pursuits earmarked for the site included Mountain Biking and walking trails, a BMX – PUMP Track, new playground, enhanced playground, amenities and carparking.

Stuart Bridges (Baseball) noted that the Cardinals Club had a long history on the site and firmly believed activating the surrounds could only be positive.

MB indicated that the final draft of the Masterplan was scheduled to be presented to Council in March 2020 for their consideration.

8 UPDATES ON THE ILLAWARRA ACADEMY OF SPORT PROGRAM - John Armstrong IAS

John Armstrong outlined in a detailed presentation the achievements and current focus of the Academy. John highlighted the evolution of a shift in catering beyond mainstream sports, catering for athletes with a disability and taking a wholeistic approach on athlete well fare including mental health.

John also noted the ability to harness expert resources at the UOW and acknowledged the enhanced programming focus on athlete and coaching development. Reference group members thanked John for his enlightening presentation and recognised the continued relevance of the academy to the city’s athletes.

Actions coming from the meeting.

1. Council Staff to circulate the Smoke Free Recreation areas Policy once adopted.

The meeting concluded at 6.25 pm.

Next meeting set for Tuesday 25th February 2020 5.15pm