

# Minutes

## SPORTS AND FACILITIES REFERENCE GROUP

HELD VIA SKYPE COMMENCED 5.08 PM ON TUESDAY 17 NOVEMBER 2020



PRESENT	
Cr J Rimmer (Chair)	Cr John Dorahy
Cr C Walters	Mr Keith Wallace (Office of Sport)
Mr Stuart Bridges (Cricket)	Ms Daniel Forster (Football)
Mr Dave Allen (Tennis)	Mr Garry Bull (Hockey)
Mr Rob Summers (Touch)	Mr Alan Bradford
IN ATTENDANCE	
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	MR James Flinn, Recreation and Policy Officer Wollongong City Council
Alex	

1. **WELCOME & ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY** – Presented by Cr Rimmer

2. **APOLOGIES** – Apologies were received and accepted on behalf of Mrs Kerry Hunt (Director Community Services), Ms Dianne Elvy (Netball), Mr Phil Frkovic (Athletics), Mr Ron Cooper (Baseball), Mr Peter Woods (Rugby Union) and Mr John Armstrong (Illawarra Academy Of Sport) Mr Bruce Whalan (Football)

3. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** –

Cr J Dorahy Director West Leagues Club

Cr C Waters, registered tennis player.

4. **ADOPTION OF MINUTES** – Endorsed by D Allen, seconded Cr C Waters.

5. **BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES**

Nil.

6. **PRESENTATION WEST DAPTO SPORTS CENTRE** – James Flinn

James provided a detail presentation of the where we were up to with the location, design and elements within the proposed complex which mainly consisted of 2 AFL / cricket fields and accompany supporting infrastructure surrounding the proposed complex, please refer to attached presentation for details. A discussion followed, Dave Allen questioned that there was no mention of Tennis, JF responded that this would be captured at the Cleveland Rd complex, Gary Bull noted that while hockey wasn't mentioned he indicated the need for future expansion at Lindsay Mayne at Unanderra for an additional synthetic field. JF commented that we are seeking funding to investigate the future sporting demands of the new population.

Cr Rimmer questioned the land ownership and if we required to purchase the land, JF responded that we were about to commence negotiations and expected the timeframe to be in excess of 12 months. Cr Rimmer was also please to see the inclusion of multipurpose sports courts.

JK was thanked for his presentation.

**Recommendation:** Information be received.

## 7. PRESENTATION WORL CYCLING 2022 – Alex Mayland

Alex Mayland (Ride Nation Centre Coordinator - Wollongong) provided an overview on the UCI 2022 World cycling event planned for Wollongong from Sunday 18 September to Sunday 25 September 2022 which will host elite men, women and juniors cyclists.

Alex talked about the legacies out of the classic, one of which is the rollout of "Ride Nation", a campaign to increase the number of Australian families bike riding for fun and as a mode of transport. Alex talked the group through the presentation listing the key objectives with a list of tools to help achieve their ambitions for bike riding. Alex also mentioned that the bike strategy is to support the gap between councils and the end users. A copy of the presentation was emailed out to all members however are attached for your convenience.

Alex was thanked for his presentation

**Recommendation:** Information be received.

## 8. SPORTS GROUND STRATEGY 2017-2021

SM provided an overview of where we started from our original strategy and the noting the particular success we have achieved over the life of this current strategy with lighting, irrigation, drainage, fencing and new amenities.

SM reminded the members that we will again being in contact with each of the groups to start collating number of participants, hopefully breaking it down into gender ratios, as well as discussing the aspiration that the individual's sports need to prosper into the future.

**Recommendation:** Information be received.

## 9. GENDER EQUITABLE AMENITIES

Mark Bond gave a power point presentation on where we are currently positioned in relation to gender equitable amenities.

The presentation touched on the upgrade of both Wisemans and Webb park along with the current upgrade of Guest Park (Stingrays) as well as the projects supported via the Sports grant program, such as, Thomas Dalton, Hollymount and Harry Graham Parks.

The power point is attached for your review.

**Recommendation:** Information be received.

### General Business

- Allan Bradford was welcomed to the S&FRG
- Keith Wallace announced that was probably his last meeting, noting he was about to commence his long service leave, Keith took the opportunity to thanked and acknowledge WCC role in increasing the sporting infrastructure throughout the LGA as well as the great work that the S&FRG do in prompting and supporting sporting endeavours. CR Rimmer thanked Keith for his ongoing commitment to sports and the important role that he had played on the Reference group. All members of the group unanimously thanked and wished Keith all the best for his future.
- It was noted that the impact of COVID had a significant impact on the numbers that were able to participate in their normal sporting endeavours and we need to aware of this in reporting utilisation and participation numbers
- MB provided a brief overview of the Cringila Mountain bike track noting the upcoming works commencing in March 202.
- Cr Rimmer acknowledge that this was the last meeting of the year and again thanked everyone for their dedication and commitment and wished them a safe and happy Christmas.

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

### Actions coming from the meeting.

The meeting concluded at 6.20 pm.

### ATTACHMENTS

1. Ride Nation
2. West Dapto Sport precinct
3. Gender Equitable facilities