

NOTES

SPORTS AND FACILITIES REFERENCE GROUP

HELD AT 5.15 PM ON TUESDAY 18 JUNE 2019

PRESENT	
Cr J Rimmer (Chair)	Mr Dave Allen (Tennis)
Mr Dianne Elvy (Netball)	Ms Danielle Forster (Football)
Mr Bruce Whalan (Football)	Mr Ron Cooper (Baseball)
Mr Garry Bull (Hockey)	Mr Jeremy Wilshire (Destination Wollongong)
IN ATTENDANCE	
Mrs Kerry Hunt Director Community Services Wollongong City Council	Ms Lucielle Power Manager Property & Recreation (Acting) Wollongong City Council
Mr Mark Bond Manager Recreation Services, Wollongong City Council	Steve Maidment-Recreation & Open Space Project Officer, Wollongong City Council

1 WELCOME & ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY.

2 **APOLOGIES** – Apologies were received and accepted on behalf of, Mr Keith Wallace, Mr John Armstrong, Mr Phil Frkovic, Mr Matt Graham, Mr Stuart Bridges, Mr Chris Bannerman, Mr Peter Woods and Mr Rob Summers.

3 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** – Nil,

4 **Adoption of Minutes** - That the minutes be accepted as a true and accurate recount of the meeting.

Recommendation: Information be received and endorsed

5 **Presentation – Destination Wollongong** – Jeremy Wilshire from Destination Wollongong (DW) provided an overview of upcoming events, active bids, the major events Acquisition scheme and possible legacy events. There was general appreciation with the Reference Group on the work DW do on attracting events and their success and noted existing legacy from projects supported via the Sports Planning Process that have aided to secure events such as the indoor hockey event in November 2019.

Recommendation: Information be received and Jeremy be thanked for his attendance and presentation

6 **Overview of the Sports Planning Process & proposed rebranding of WCC Sports Facilities Grants**

Cr Jenelle Rimmer provided an overview of her observations over the past two years in regards to the Sports Planning Process. Cr Rimmer outlined the concerns from Sporting Clubs over their visibility of the Sports Planning Process, confusion with the funding name and the delay from application to receiving funding. Cr Rimmer also expressed her desire as a Councillor to be more responsive to their needs of the sporting community.

SM & MB provided an overview of the proposed rebranded version and revised application form, noting there are a series of changes to simplify the application and the rational to align tighter with some of the key infrastructure related key actions of the Sports Grounds and Sports Facilities Strategy 2017-2021. These include; increasing sportsground capacity and an increased focus on gender equity and emerging

sports. The approach will be similar to some Government grants applications, likely making multiple applications easier for sporting clubs.

The proposed new grants would be in the range It was suggested that consideration be given to also incorporating infrastructure exclusions; e.g. new sports field lighting. The information presented was well received and it was requested that the information on the proposed new Wollongong City Council Sports Facilities Grants application be disseminated asap to the Reference Group with any feedback be directed to SM by C.O.B Monday 1 July 2019. The draft timeframe suggested is as follows;

- Proposed Grants Launch 5TH July,
- Applications opening 15th July,
- Applications Closing 9th August,
- SFRG Assessments being undertaken on 23 and 30 August.
- Successful applications notified 24th September
- Funding agreements completed by 25th October
- Funding available by November 2019.

Recommendation: Information be received and all suggestion and amendments forward to SM by 1/7/19.

6. Overview of Current projects

SM provided an overview of all projects completed this financial year

(Hockey) Floor replacement Indoor Stadium (\$161,331)- fantastic project with WCC contributing just over 50% funds towards a \$308,000 innovative floor replacement project. The floor replacement assisted in attracting significant events to the City.

(Rugby League) Lights Hollymount Park Woonona (\$143,000), great project which has taken over 3 years due to approvals and funding constraints. A positive outcome resulted in Bulli Football Club partnering and contributing funds towards the project and having shared access to the site.

(Football) Lights Webb Park Dapto (\$22,000), the club have been very successful in building their number of participants, they were successful in attracting State Government funding and donations to see the completion of this project

(Rugby Union) Lights Shamrocks Ocean Park (\$18,700), the lights at Ocean Park have been an ongoing curse to the adjoining neighbours over a number of years. The success project saw the installation of compliant lights to both the Australian Standards for Sportsgrounds and Obtrusive lighting

(Football) Storage for Fernhill FC at Towradgi Park (\$21,870). There have been compliance issues with the containers at Ray Robinson Oval. Council officers worked with the club with the recent roof replacement (Capital Project) and recommended that they apply for additional funding via the SPP and their access to the Telecommunication Reserve to address their storage and compliance issues. The end result saw the construction of a double length shed and an addition to their existing licence of an unused shed located on the reserve

(Tennis) Fence replacement Farmborough Heights (\$16,500), Wollongong Tennis Courts Administration (WTCA) have developed a capital works plan that looks at strategically refurbishing the 23 facilities they manage on behalf of tennis. WTCA been working closely with WCC to achieve this outcome as well review and consolidate their exiting licence agreement with the courts.

(Tennis) Fence replacement Pop Errington Park Fernhill (\$9,900) coincided with a series of precinct landscape improvements resulting in great outcomes for the community.

(Netball) Geotech and Master planning investigation Fred Finch netball courts (\$32,000), Ongoing works contributing towards the realignment of the netball courts at Fred Finch to comply with the revised standards

(Football) Drainage Bulli Park (\$42,345), Deferred to 19/20

(AFL) Storage Hollymount Park (\$70,000), A great outcome for the clubs with this project identified and picked up in Capital Plan..

(Baseball) Drainage Fred Finch Park (\$145,000)- This project was initially identified via the SPP and while being picked up in the Capital plan, another great result for sports.

Recommendation: Information be received and noted

7. General Business

Mark Bond- NSW Office of Sport will be conducting a Sports Forum at Wollongong City Council on Wednesday 3 July 5.30pm to 8.00pm themed **Youth Engagement in the Sport Industry**, I would encourage you to disseminate this information as well as attend, SM will send an email with all the details

The meeting concluded at 6.25 pm.

Next meeting to be advised