

MINUTES

SPORTS AND FACILITIES REFERENCE GROUP

HELD AT 5.15 PM ON WEDNESDAY 8 OCTOBER 2014



PRESENT	
Cr Vicki Curran (Chair)	Cr Janice Kershaw
Mr Gary Brickell	Mr M Dobie
Mr Peter Woods	Mrs D Elvy
IN ATTENDANCE	
Mark Bond-Recreation Services Manager, Wollongong City Council	Steve Maidment-Recreation & Open Space Project Officer, Wollongong City Council

- 1 WELCOME
- 2 APOLOGIES – Apologies were received and accepted on behalf of Mr Shannon Fraser, Mr Mark Johnston, Mr Phil Frkovic, Ms Daniel Foster, Mr Garry Bull, Mr Phil Frkovic, Mr C Bannerman, Mr Brendan Sheedy and Mr Peter Coyte
- 3 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST - Nil
- 4 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 29 JULY 2014
Recommendation: The minutes of the meeting held on 29 July 2014 be confirmed as a true and accurate record. Moved Cr Curran, seconded Mark Bond
- 5 BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES- update provided by Steve Maidment, noting continuation of Insurance issues, general discussion followed, SM to clarify the insurance on the Netball Facility and potential timeframes.
Recommendation: Information be received and noted.
- 6 2014 SPORTS PLANNING PROCESS- ASSESMENT- SM provided an update on the applications, noting 16 submissions received (highest number received to-date), scored and ranked, 1 submission received after closing date, not consider as a valid submission.

The rankings below indicate the 8 highest ranked projects (shaded) recommended to be progressed for funding (noting the annual allocation of \$250,000 [\$150k council capital & \$100k from the telecommunication income] for the Sports Reserve).

General discussion followed with Cr Curran and Cr Kershaw questioning why Council were asking clubs to come through the Sports Planning Process and the Sports Reserve to fund field drainage. SM provided some background noting the licensed fields require the licensee to make good on capital improvements and

maintenance and they usually seek either State Government or WCC Sports Reserve to assist in the funding works. SM also noted that Council's Infrastructure Strategy and Planning Division don't consider green items such as playing fields, green tees, and turf cricket wickets as a capital asset and therefore aren't funded under the existing capital budget allocation. This approach places significant pressure on the current sports field maintenance budget, which for the entire city is approximately \$182,000 with \$80-\$100,000 on topdressing and aeration of only 10-12 out of the City's 220 playing surfaces and the remainder on incidental such as goal mouth repairs.

It was also noted by Cr Curran that the Draft Sports Ground and Sports Facilities Strategy will be an important reference document for the future prioritising and provision of sports facilities throughout the local government area and will assist in identifying potential shortfalls in capital allocations.

Sport	Project Description	Total project cost (incl GST)	Stakeholder contribution	Sports Reserve Funding Request (no GST)
Tennis Wollongong	Referesh 1960 courts	214,014.40	130,000.00	76,379.73
Illawarra Hockey	new water control system	47,883.00	20,000.00	23,530.00
Vikings	Compliant lighting system	66,500.00	20,000.00	40,454.45
Baseball Priates	Construction of a new batting cage	25,245.00	7,000.00	16,586.36
Football, Home of Footabll Stage 2	Design assistance	27,500.00	0	25,000.00
Coledale Wave Drainage and retaining	rectify drainage	20,000.00	7,000	13,000.00
Helensburgh Cricket Club	Upgrade existing net	52,364.00	13,091.00	26,182.00
Woonona Football Club Field Resurfacing	resurfacing of main field	43,636.00	5,000	35,123.64
	supported projects	497,142.40	202,091	256,256.18
Coledale Wave Lighting	Installation of a lighting system	165,000.00	0	150,000.00
Conistaon Lions Lighting	Installation of lighting system	121,960.00	0	61,960.00
Athletics	Design assistance	22,000.00	0	20,000.00
Woonona Shamrocks	Lighting Project	73,150.00	0	66,500.00
Woonona Shamrocks	Security Fencing, stage 2	54,000.00		
Helensburgh Tigers Rugby Leagues club	Lighting Project	107,250.00	50,000	47,250.00
Coledale Waves Kicking wall	Kicking wall	2,750.00		2,750.00
Corrimal Courgars Rugby	Multi projects	6,177.54	0	2,807.98
	Projects not supported	552,287.54	50,000	351,267.98
	Total values	1,049,429.94	252,091.00	607,524.16

Recommendation - SM to email information out to all members.

Moved Peter Woods, Seconded Cr Kershaw

7 WEST DAPTO SPORTS PROVISION

MB & SM provided a map showing all the new parks, Sportsground site and site options for a future Leisure facility. General discussion followed with MB indicating that the initial priority remains at the Cleveland Rd sportsground. It was also noted that the nominated Darkes Rd sports field complex which will cater for both Cricket and AFL.

Cr Kershaw highlighted the importance of determining a future location for the Leisure complex in this growth area. SM noted that Land Use Planning will soon commence updating the Section 94 plan for the area which will contain updated prices on the provision of sportsgrounds.

Recommendation: Information be received and noted

8 SPORTS DATA BASE

Garry Brickell provided an overview on the current system Touch has in place to register players, noting the deficiencies within the program. General discussion followed with other member sharing information on their operational systems.

Recommendation: Noted

9 General Business

Update by sports present.

Garry Bull Hockey–

Illawarra District (Men's) & Illawarra Women's Hockey have amalgamated with South Coast Women's and Shoalhaven Hockey merging into the new Association, Illawarra South Coast Hockey as of 1st October. Much work still to be done to transition to the new organisation.

Four (4) major NSW Indoor Championships will be held at the Illawarra Hockey & Sports Stadium over the coming months as follows:

- o U21 & Open Women's 17-19th October
- o U21 & Open Men's 24-26th October
- o U18 Girls 7-9th November
- o U18 Boys 14-16th November

Recommendation: Congratulations be noted from the Committee for Garry's work with the Southern Group in facilitating the amalgamations.

Gary Brickell- Touch Country Championships on the 25-26 October, noting increase in teams participating.

Diane Elvy – State and Masters Championship next June, had approximately 5,000 participant last time, expecting 6,500 next year, hence the importance of the second bridge.

Recommendation DE to pass on contact details for State to SM re discussion on bridge.

NEXT MEETING

Tuesday 2 December Level 10 committee room 1 commencing at 5.15 pm

The meeting concluded at 6.20 pm.

Minutes to be confirmed at the next meeting to be held at 5.15 pm on 2 December 2014.

ACTION SUMMARY

Item	Action	Officer	Status
	SM to provide update when available on insurance	SM	ongoing
6	SM to present Draft Sports Strategy	SM	