

# Minutes

## SPORTS AND FACILITIES REFERENCE GROUP

HELD FACE-TO FACE AT COUNCIL ADMINISTRATION BUILDING

COMMENCED 5.15 PM ON THURSDAY 27 OCTOBER 2022



IN ATTENDANCE	
Cr C Walters (Ward 3 Councillor & Chair)	Peter Firth (AFL)
Cr T Brown (Ward 2 Councillor)	Amy Duggan (Football)
Cr E Aitkens (Ward 3 Councillor)	Stuart Bridges (Cricket)
John Armstrong (Illawarra Academy of Sport)	Tracey Freeman (Football)
Michael Norris (Disability Trust)	Jenny Thompson Director Community Services (Acting) (WCC)
Oscar Forman (Basketball)	Steve Maidment Recreation & Open Space Project Officer (WCC)
Tom Ellicott (Rugby Union)	Christopher Brown Recreation Services Manager (WCC)
Garry Bull (Hockey)	Mae Gibbeson Recreation Planning Cadet (WCC)
Robert Summers (Touch football)	

### 1. WELCOME & ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY – Presented by Cr Walters.

### 2. APOLOGIES – Apologies were received and accepted on behalf of, Kerry Hunt, Lucielle Power, Peiti Haines and Nigel Roy.

### 3. SPORTS REFERENCE GROUP CHARTER

Steve Maidment welcomed the Sports Reference Group and provided each member a copy of the updated Charter, including roles/responsibilities of all representatives. SM called for suitable days/times to conduct future Sports Reference Group meetings – Members agreed to the first Tuesday of each month.

### 4. INTRODUCTIONS

Each member of the Reference Group introduced themselves and their role within the group, including the community members/ sports code they will represent.

Steve Maidment – Recreation and Open Space project officer at Wollongong City Council  
Jenny Thompson – Director of Community Services (Acting) at Wollongong City Council  
Christopher Brown – Recreation Services Manager at Wollongong City Council  
Mae Gibbeson – Recreation Planning Cadet at Wollongong City Council

Councillor C Walters (chair) – Ward 3 Councillor  
Cr T Brown – Ward 2 Councillor  
Cr E Aitkens – Ward 3 Councillor  
Amy Duggan – Football, Women in Sport  
Robert Summers – Wollongong Touch  
Tracey Freeman – Football South Coast  
John Armstrong – Illawarra Academy of Sport  
Michael Norris – Disability Trust  
Oscar Forman – Basketball  
Tom Ellicott – Rugby Union  
Garry Bull – Hockey

## **5. SPORTS GRANTS – ASSESSMENT**

SM called for representatives to assess applications submitted through Council's Sports Grants program. The assessment body will likely meet for a few hours on a number of occasions to review, discuss and score the applications. The following members nominated themselves to form part of the assessment body:

- Amy Duggan
- Garry Bull
- Tracey Freeman
- Robert Summers
- Tom Ellicott

## **6. SPORTSGROUNDS AND SPORTING FACILITIES STRATEGY**

MG summarised key points of Council's Draft Sportsgrounds and Sporting Facilities Strategy and provided all members of the group with a hard copy of the document. MG provided details regarding public exhibition of the document and avenues to provide feedback, which can be carried out via direct email, through Council's Engagement page or to Council Officers directly.

## **7. GENERAL BUSINESS "Around the Grounds"**

Garry Bull (Illawarra Hockey) is currently selling used synthetic grass surfacing, which may be suitable for use by other members of the Sports Reference Group. Garry will send Steve details of synthetic grass for sale and how it can be purchased.

### **Actions coming from the meeting.**

- SM to set up meetings with nominated representatives of the group to assess Sports Grant applications
- SM to send email with details of synthetic grass available for purchase from Illawarra Hockey

The meeting concluded at 6.00pm.