

# MINUTES

## SPORTS AND FACILITIES REFERENCE GROUP

HELD AT 6.00PM ON TUESDAY 29 JULY 2014



PRESENT	
Cr Vicki Curran (Chair)	Mr Keith Wallace
Mr Dave Allen	Mr Chris Bannerman
Mr Brendan Sheedy	Mr Gary Bull
Ms Danielle Foster	
IN ATTENDANCE	
Mr Peter Coyte, Manager Property & Recreation, Wollongong City Council	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 Cr Janice Kershaw, Mr Shannon Fraser, Mr Mark Johnston, Mr Michael Dobie, Mr Phil Frkovic, Mr Gary Brickell, Ms Dianne Elvy, & Mr Peter Woods

### 3 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST - Nil

### 4 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 25 FEBRUARY 2014

Recommendation: The minutes of the meeting held on 25 February 2014 be confirmed as a true and accurate record. Moved Keith Wallace, seconded Gary Bull

5 BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES- update provided by Steve Maidment, noting continuation of Power supply Thomas Dalton & Insurance Policy, will advise as information comes to hand. All other items completed.

Recommendation: Information be received and noted.

### 6 SPORTSGROUND AND SPORTING FACILITIES STRATEGY 2008-2017 REVIEW

SM & MB provided an overview of the review, thanking all for their contributions, noting the work already achieved and that is still required. Of particular interest from the information was the registered sports participant of 33,159.

The intent is to have a draft report back to the committee for review prior to going to Council. It is then envisaged that the report will go on public exhibition following this. Ideally this review and exhibition would be before Council and exhibited in late 2014. Request that MB & SM provide a presentation on the future sports ground in the West Dapto area.

Recommendation: SM to contact committee members and work with them and Infrastructure Strategy and Planning to finalise the Sportsground Strategy. MB & SM provide a presentation on the future sports ground in the West Dapto area.

## 7 2014 SPORTS PLANNING PROCESS- TIMEFRAMES AND ASSESMENT

7.1 SM provided an update noting nominations from Peter Woods, Dave Allen, Garry Bull, Danielle Foster & Brendan Sheedy. SM to contact individuals and arrange a meeting date.

7.2 Project completed for 2013/14 totalled \$425,367, those being Illawarra Sports Stadium Roof, Vikings Roof & retaining wall, North Dalton Park Storage, Fred Finch Netball Courts, Illawarra Hockey water cannons and dividing curtain, Ocean Park Fence, Beaton Park Lighting, Home of Football investigations and Ziems Park Lighting.

7.3 Initial Capital budget allocation currently \$150k, Council Officer have requested additional funds to be introduce as a result of some carry over projects. Those being the Netball Courts (\$70k) and Shared Sports Facility (\$80k) both at Fred Finch Park, in addition to funding the top three priorities, No 1 Keira Cricket Pavilion \$100k, Corrimal Cougars Fencing \$34k and Unanderra Hearts drainage \$40k. (\$324k)

There was discussion on maintaining a priority based system with only the most meritorious projects proceeding. Lower ranked projects from 2013, will not proceed for funding and Associations should contact their affiliates.

Recommendation: Information be noted and Associations inform affiliates.

## 8 SPORTS DATA BASE

Postponed, topic raised by Garry Brickell, to be discussed at next meeting.

Recommendation: Noted

## 9 General Business

Update by sports present.

Garry Bull Hockey– Association reform underway, this will see 4 local Association combined into one, covering an area from Helensburgh to Batemans Bay. It was also noted the upcoming 4 indoor State Championship, Open Men's, Open Women's, Under 21s and Under 18s.

Dave Allen Tennis- provided the recent expenditure as follows, Nerrena Hills 22k, Mt Kembla thanks to Dendrobium Community funds total project 56k, which will provide new lights, replace slab, new surface and fence. Numerous other sites for lighting another 23k and working with the P& C to take over the Russell Vale tennis (again). WTCA have been approached by Tennis NSW to considering supporting a bid to develop the Beaton Park Complex in partnership with Tennis Australia, Tennis NSW, the Licenced Club and potentially Council, to help bring tournaments back to the City.

Danielle Foster Football South Coast- There has been a change in direct with regards to the HOF, by scaling back the expectations to meet the immediate needs, training. There is difficulty in explaining the Sports Planning Process to local club, (SM to develop an easy to guide). Recent State Titles saw 3 local teams win their respective NSW Championships.

Brendan Sheedy Baseball - Currently running Saturday and Sunday competitions with an increasing player base. A local Administrator and referee have now progressed to State and National representative level. Shoalhaven City Council has developed a new facility at Ison Park which should is similar to Fred Finch. The first game played on the 26th July 2014 and the official opening is scheduled for August. An incident

recently occurred at Hector Harvey Park access road, an ambulance was required but had difficulty in entering the site (SM to raise with City works)

Chris Bannerman Rugby League- Country Rugby Leagues Championships recently held at Collies as well as the upcoming Schoolboys Australian Championships, Finals just around the corner and there has been an increase in ground attendance at most local games. Vision is to investigate sourcing electronic score boards for Helensburgh, Thirroul and Ziems. Special mention goes to the Country Champions 2 years in a row and 6 out of the past 8 years.

Keith Wallace Sports & Rec- Now linked to the Premier and Cabinets, with the aim of and getting back to running programs to enhance Sports Development, protect volunteers and provide WHO&S guidelines.

## 10 NEXT MEETING

16 September & 11 November  
The meeting concluded at 7.20 pm.

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Minutes to be confirmed at the next meeting to be held at 5.15 pm on 16 September 2014.

### ACTION SUMMARY

Item	Action	Officer	Status
Past meeting	SM to investigate network capacity at Thomas Dalton Park	SM	ongoing
Past meeting	SM to provide update when available on insurance	SM	ongoing
6	SM to work with both members of the S&FRG and ISP to develop Strategy	SM	
6	MB & SM to present overview of sportsground planned for West Dapto	MB & SM	