

Northern Grampians Shire Council

Stawell Recreation Advisory Group Meeting - Minutes

The meeting was held at **6.00pm** on 2 June 2022 in the **Central Park Football Clubrooms Stawell**.

Chair: Cr Emerson

To be Present: Cr Murray Emerson, Nathan Baker, Reg Smith, Jason Oosthuizen (proxy for Rob Lembo), Scotney Hayter, Ian O'Donnell, John Griffiths, Steve Walker, Travis Nicholson (GCA Rep), Zander McDougall (NGSC), Tony Dark (NGSC), Nic Baird (NGSC)

Apologies: Amber Mitchell (Stawell Interchurch Netball), Cr Lauren Dempsey, David Hwang, Rob Lembo, Anna Sullivan, Cr Tony Driscoll

Moved Jason Oosthuizen and Seconded Nathan Baker

1. Minutes of the previous meeting: 8 March 2022

Motion moved that they were true and correct Reg Smith and seconded Scotney Hayter

2. Business arising from the previous meeting:

- a. Acknowledgement for Kaye Dalton was moved to general business for discussion.
- b. Tennis court lighting is to be reviewed with the bottom four courts are new and the other 8 to be upgraded at some stage to LED given the original lighting is many years old and they lose their effectiveness over time.
- c. Athletics access via ramp from the upper level of North Park is identified in the master plan to be addressed.

3. General Business

Item	TOPIC	Discussion	Action/ Outcome
1.1	Project Update	<p>North Park Netball Courts</p> <p>Opening took place on 28 May 2022 with Danielle Green, Parliamentary Secretary for Sport cutting the ribbon. There were many people in attendance and the courts were being well used on the day for the Swifts home game. There are some remaining works such as lighting (upgrade due in July), car park may be sealed in the future, acrylic surface between the courts and at the end of court three, shed storage, scoreboard should arrive soon and no scooter/bike signs have been installed.</p>	<p>Action:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Central Park Clubs to write to council expressing their needs in relation to

	<p>Cr Emerson provided an overview of the day and how there was a lot of praise for the new courts and the whole North Park site. Daffy also provided some feedback on the day and that the courts are a great outcome for the whole community.</p> <p>Cr Emerson also provided comment that North Park has seen a lot of investment to make it into a great community asset and the council will move their focus to other sites within the shire to develop their facilities based on community need, budget constraints and funding opportunities.</p> <p>Stawell Park Skate Park</p> <p>The skate park project is progressing well and there was an onsite session with users and the designer held 30 March 2022 to discuss the latest concept and seek support to form a working group. The Working group would assist with concept finalisation, opening event organising and ideas and future programming ideas. The Budget is \$655k which is fully funded by the Federal Government. There will be a survey of the community in the next few weeks so we can finalise concept before we complete the detailed design and tender for construction by September. Construction will take place after September 2022 and is expected to be finished by 30 June 2023.</p> <p>Jason asked about security as there have been some incidents at the skate park. Cr Emerson covered off from Council's perspective and that security cameras and monitoring have been discussed at Council level and there are different scenarios that need to be considered in terms of ongoing costs, responsibility of monitoring and privacy.</p> <p>John asked about lighting for security etc and it was advised that lighting will be provisioned for but budget will dictate if it can be installed at this stage. Lighting can be used for security and also holding events at the site and neighbors will need to be involved in how that may work.</p> <p>North Park Football Pitch Lighting Project</p> <p>The project was initially estimated at \$228k and funded by SRV Grant \$146k, Council contribution \$72k and club \$10k. Tenders closed recently and prices had increased to approx \$400k and we council has seen this shift in cost due to Covid, supply issues and resourcing.</p> <p>Council to resolve if they will re-allocate other project funds to cover the balance of the project cost as per successful tenderer and if contract awarded construction to commence July/August 2022</p> <p>Cr Emerson advised that through this process there are some projects in the shire that have been pushed back to get others done.</p> <p>Central Park Female Friendly Changerooms (Main Clubroom Pavillion)</p> <p>This project has a total cost \$1.455M for female friendly changerooms for the football clubrooms. Council has a Federal grant of \$655k and an application to Sport and Recreation Victoria (SRV) \$800k which we are waiting on an answer.</p> <p>The focus is female friendly changerooms to comply with AFL Guidelines, Cricket and Athletics requirements and designs are being reviewed now with SRV.</p> <p>Cr Emerson advised that there are three things to look at female friendly changerooms in the clubrooms, 2 netball courts and netball changerooms/facilities. The clubrooms project is a priority now</p>	<p>access to the first floor</p> <p>2. Clubs to review North Park masterplan needs and write to Tony Dark/Nic Baird with any updates</p>
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		<p>and the other two are included in Council's 10 year capital plan and are reliant on funding and extra planning work.</p> <p>Discussed the complexities of Central Park with its Heritage overlay, impacts on the site such as Victoria St and substantial tree considerations.</p> <p>John also mentioned access to upstairs and the importance of this for the Football/Netball club and Athletic club and how many people cannot access the social space for events/functions. Cr Emerson advised he has spoken to many politicians over the years but hasn't had any luck so far. Clubs need to talk to ministers directly, make appointments and get them to the facilities to explain their needs on site if possible. Daffy provided feedback on showing politicians around facilities and getting in their ear consistently about the issues.</p> <p>Cr Emerson suggested that impacted clubs should write to Council expressing their needs and overall view.</p> <p>Sport and Active Recreation Strategy</p> <p>Council has been successful in obtaining a SRV approved grant \$30k and Council will contribute \$20k to the project. The current Open Space Sport and Recreation Strategy has now expired and the new one will be for 10 years and cover the whole shire. The recreation advisory groups in both Stawell and St Arnaud will play a key role in the provision of input to the document.</p> <p>Timeline of delivery is still in progress as Council is waiting for the agreement and to define full scope.</p> <p>Council Budget and 10 Year capital Plan</p> <p>Council undergo an annual budget process which includes review and endorsement of the 10 Year Capital Plan. This will be endorsed at the June Council meeting and provides council direction for managing all projects within the shire.</p> <p>North Park Masterplan</p> <p>The update of the plan was provided and the draft document is being reviewed at the moment and will be presented to Council in June/July. The group will be provided with the document and council has requested clubs review their needs through the document provided at the meeting to ensure it is up to date. Clubs are asked to return this by Monday 8 June</p>	
1.2	2022 State Election	<p>Cr Emerson to discuss opportunities Priority projects from council Promises may be made Talked about Navarre and Great Western, Things may move around and a lot of work is being done behind the scenes Takes a lot of time and depends on commitments by the government</p>	Action: Nil

1.3	Agreements and User Fees	Through the NP masterplan process, Otium Consultants have provided a draft report and is to be presented to management and Council in June/July for review.	Action: Nil
1.4	Participation Plans	<p>Zander McDougall, Manager Active Communities to provide an overview – mandated to do when required through funding</p> <p>Zander is currently working on a couple of participation plans at Great Western Football lighting and NP Netball courts due at end of year but will start in July whilst the momentum and energy is still present. The plan focuses on that project specifically about how the courts will be activated and how participation will be managed for growth. The process involves a couple of sessions with the group of representatives and SRV to reach an agreed outcome.</p> <p>Zander explained it would be hoped that the template provided by SRV can be used by all clubs to assist in developing participation opportunities.</p>	Action: 1. Participation Plan template to be provided to clubs by Zander

Other business:

Reg asked about the Newington Rd access for North Park and whether it can now be closed to only be for fire track access. All agreed that the projects are complete then this access from Newington Rd to be closed and used by the CFA as they have previously done.

Action: Gate to be closed to general access

Kaye Dalton – Murray suggestion to recognise her efforts of over 50 years with Interchurch. Daffy said we need some recognition of her and others, maybe a plaque in centre entrance way to the court, naming the courts was a suggestion or a combination of both based on a recommendation from the group. Cr Emerson asked if there was anyone else who should be recognised and there was an agreed response that no one they knew of had similar history. Cr Emerson would like to take this to Council, would need to get the families ok and hand over to Mary Scully to check the requirements for this process. **Action:** Cr Emerson to discuss with Council

Motion moved by Ian O'Donnell and seconded by Jason Oosthuizen that:

“The Stawell Recreation Advisory Group recommend to council that the new facility be recognised as The Kaye Dalton Netball Centre by means of a plaque in close proximity of the netball court”

User fees – John asked about fees for this year. This was discussed by the group and the football gate takings are down. Cr Emerson suggested to leave it an action item for him to chase up with council and he will check if it can be considered as a part of hardship policy similar to in other years. **Action:** Cr Emerson to discuss with Council

Jason advised that the Soccer club will host a preliminary final and both ovals will be used for 10 games, 4 September. This shouldn't clash with Swifts for finals.

4. Close time: 7.30 pm

5. Next meeting: TBC