

Northern Grampians Shire Council

St Arnaud Recreation Advisory Group Meeting - Minutes

The meeting was held at **6.04pm** on 26 February 2025 at the **Lord Nelson Park Clubrooms (Tony Driscoll Room)**

Chair: Cr Emmerson

Acknowledgement of country: *We acknowledge the Traditional Owners of the land on which we are meeting from. We paid our respects to their elders, past and present*

To be Present: Cr Murray Emmerson, Cr Karen Probst, Nicole Amos, Sharlene Bertalli, Peter Knights, Tara Lowe, Jackie Peacock, Tom Hamilton, Nic Baird (NGSC),

Apologies: Kim Birthesel, Jason Smith, Sam Winter (NGSC), Annette Driscoll, Kaye Boyd

Moved Nicole Amos Seconded Jackie Peacock.

1. Minutes of the previous meeting: Previous minutes were discussed and moved to be true and correct. **Moved:** Tom Hamilton
Seconded: Nicole Amos. All accepted that the minutes were true and correct.

2. Around the room. A quick introduction for new councilors and the current board members. As this was the first meeting of the group with the new Councilor representatives the group had a quick introduction of themselves and the clubs/groups that they represent. Councillors Emmerson and Probst also introduced themselves to the group.

3. Business arising from the previous meeting:

Nil

4. General Business

Item	TOPIC	Discussion	Action/ Outcome
1.1	Lord Nelson Park Update	Football Clubrooms: <ul style="list-style-type: none">Clubrooms haven't been used since MKM last fix up. Showers will be tested as the season begins proper.Freezer and Fridge broke over summer and one in the bar. Can insurance cover anything with this. Who fixes what? Nic explained that in the user agreement Clubs are to report	Action: Nic to follow up freezer issue and if any insurance/cover is available.

		<p>faults/broken equipment once they find it (understanding over Summer the "winter" users don't use it) and council will organise repair/replacement where required.</p> <p>Ticket box</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pre-prep kinder/daycare now completed and the ticket box is the one outstanding piece that remains. • Group was asked about a new location that moves the box up toward the sporting club just before the horse entry to LNP area. All agreed this would be the best spot for it. • Group will work towards getting/advocating for services ran to it in time. <p>Council Plan</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Update council posts and what it means to get your project into the plan/survey. • Cr Emmerson and Probst discussed the benefits for feedback from clubs and groups and that if it's not in the plan it's hard to make the dream a reality, but just because they have provided the feedback for it, it doesn't mean it will make the council plan either. 	<p>Nic to speak with Ticket box producers to confirm group is happy with location up the road.</p>
1.2	Agreements and User Fees	<p>Nic Baird Northern Grampians Shire to update clubs/associations in regards to this.</p> <p>Pete discussed the agreement and Murray had questions in regards to other users within the shire. A larger discussion between the group and the councilors was had in regards to the agreement and whether it was possible for a simpler document for clubs to understand. Nic said that first 8 pages of the document were unable to be changed as they are DEECA's requirements and explained that DEECA does not have a document that is made for clubs that "sub lease" where Council is the committee of management. We have requested this but it is not something high on DEECA's list. Nic also explained that all clubs that are on Council controlled parks will be or have moved to this licence agreement with all agreements being very similar with some minor changes pending usage of the facility. Cr Emmerson and Probst requested a meeting with council officers in regards to this. Groups at LNP not overly happy with the licence agreements but Nic has mentioned that groups were consulted throughout and had questions/concerns answered during this time. Groups concerned with a lot of the double handling in the document with other reporting requirements and some of the obligations such as healthy eating guide that clubs would need to follow.</p>	<p>Action: Nic to organise a meeting for Cr Probst and Emmerson with relevant officers (likely Zander) in regards to the licence agreements.</p>
1.3	Participation Plans	<p>Nic Baird Northern Grampians Shire to provide an update on current participation plans. NIL</p>	<p>Action:</p>

Other business:

Tennis: Nic was contacted by John Goode from the St Arnaud Tennis Club asking about a memorial plaque and naming of the kitchen/server area after long standing secretary Lois Grenall. All agreed this would be a very nice tribute, A motion was raised by Cr

Emmerson for the St Arnaud Advisory group agrees with the St Arnaud tennis club to name the kitchen and server area after Lois Grenall. **Moved:** Tara Lowe **Seconded:** Nicole Amos **All in favour**

Hockey: St Arnaud Hockey asked to have their sponsor signs to be on the side of the shed next to the hockey field. **Motion:** St Arnaud Hockey Club to put these signs up **ACTION:** Nic to follow this up with Building/Maintenance to see if this is ok

Jackie: St Arnaud Mountain Bike Club were looking at the enabling tourism fund grant which is for a feasibility study for tourism, mountain and walking tracks. STAMBC were going to run ride days but Parks/DEECA put a stop to this. Mountain bike club has started up, and they are hoping to get a bike track built in LNP area. Club can build themselves (but understand they need to tick the right boxes with councils) plan once finalised will be given to council to tick off from a build point. Concept plan for this track flow/pump track. \$25K for a concept plan.

Motion Cr Emmerson proposed a motion for the St Arnaud Recreation Advisory Group to support the St Arnaud Mountain Bike Club in their application for the Enabling Tourism Fund. **Moved** Nicole Amos **Seconded** Tara Lowe **All in favour**. Cr Emmerson asked about the group presenting to council with their plans once they are a little more finalised to get the other councilors up to speed also. **Action:** Nic to work with Jackie about a Councilor Presentation in time when the Mountain Bike Club is ready.

Netball club: Scoreboard planning to go on top of the old score shed at the netball courts. Have got the design engineered and ready for the scoreboard to move ahead. Lights were also discussed and Nicole is chasing her contact again regarding the specifications they need as without these it is hard to apply for any grants that are out there.

4. **Close time: 7:25 pm**

5. **Next meeting: TBC**