

Northern Grampians Shire Council

Stawell Recreation Advisory Group Meeting - Minutes

The meeting was held at **6.03pm** on 17 February 2025 in the **North Park Clubrooms**

Chair: Cr Hyslop

To be Present: Cr Karen Hyslop, Brain Barber, Ian O'Donnell, Steve Walker, Jessie Newton, Malcolm Raggatt, Samantha Winter (NGSC), Nic Baird (NGSC) Rob Lembo.

Apologies: Cr Jack Blake, Richard Hackwill (community), Drew Christian (SAAC), Marc Brilliant (GCA), Reg Smith(CFA). **Apologies were moved to be accepted by Brian Barber Seconded Ian O'Donnell. All in favour.**

Moved

1. **Minutes of the previous meeting:** Minutes were moved to be a true and correct reflection of the previous meeting. **Moved Steve Walker Ian O'Donnell. All in favour.**
2. **Introduction around the room:** A quick introduction was done as there was a new councilor representative at the Stawell Recreation Meeting with Mayor Karen Hyslop. Members of the advisory group and Northern Grampians staff had a quick introduction of themselves and who they represented or what position they hold currently.
3. **Business arising from the previous meeting:**
 - **Participation Plans:** Was held back to discuss in the participation plan in 1.3 of the agenda.
 - **North Park Playground design and timeline:** Was held back to discuss in 1.1 of the agenda
 - **Stawell Warriors lease and licence:** The previous meeting Steve mentioned this to Cr Emerson (former chair of Stawell Recreation Board) as that was the last meeting that Cr Emerson was chairing, he asked Steve that this be brought to the attention of the new councilor representatives who would be sitting on the Stawell Recreation Advisory Board. Steve explained the Stawell Warriors FNC situation to Cr Hyslop and Sam highlighting the 10-year clause that was in document and that the current lease that Stawell holds is due to end in 2028. Cr Hyslop asked if Nic was able to get a response to Stawell in regard to questions and timelines. Nic is happy to meet with the club again regarding this. **ACTION: Nic to respond to Stawell Warriors FNC about their concerns regarding the licence agreement.**

4. General Business

Item	TOPIC	Discussion	Action/ Outcome
1.1	Project Update	<p>Central Park Netball Courts and Scoreboard</p> <p>Netball Court Grant due on March 17, 2025, to Sport and Recreation Victoria. Tony Dark working with the club to ensure grant gets as much information as possible to ensure best chance at being successful.</p> <p><u>Cr Hyslop suggested a motion was to be moved that the Stawell Recreation Advisory Group supports Stawell Warriors Football Netball Club and the Northern Grampians Shire in applying for the grant and any associated works that will result if the grant is successful. Ian O'Donnell Jessie Malcom all agree. Ian O'Donnell moved the motion: Jessie Newton seconded the motion and all were in favour.</u></p> <p>Scoreboard update Project moving forward awaiting final confirmation from heritage Victoria should be within the week. Stawell Warriors FNC and Stawell Athletic Club are hopeful signs will be in place before Easter (pending permits).</p> <p>North Park Playground A design was sent to the group pre-Christmas for feedback which most groups did provide some feedback on. The playground is currently in fabrication stage and hoping to be installed by and ready for use by the end of May. There will be minimal disruptions for user groups during this time.</p> <p>Council Plan Community Consultation is open Cr Hyslop explained the Council Plan and the benefits of providing feedback. Cr Hyslop also said that if it is not in the Council Plan it is very hard to get projects into it, it is much easier if they are included in the plan, so all clubs/associations and individuals were encouraged to complete the survey Clubs encouraged to respond and pass onto members.</p>	Action: Nic to send Tony Dark minutes with supporting motion of recreation advisory board for the Central Park Netball grant opportunity.
1.2	Agreements and User Fees	Discussion was had regarding the licence agreements in matters arising from previous meeting. Action items included there.	Action:
1.3	Participation Plans	<p>Nic to provide an update on current participation plans.</p> <p>The group discussed the current participation plans for relevant for the group. Nic will follow up with groups where more information is needed on certain parts of the plans.</p>	Action:

Other business:

Nic: CFA Running Championships have been flagged to be at North Park for 2026 and 2027. Whilst there is nothing official yet about the location Stawell is a good chance of hosting. Once everything has been confirmed by Northern Grampians Shire and CFA about the championships being held in Stawell Nic will organise face to face meet ups with user groups of North Park and Stawell Warriors FNC as the championships are likely to be around the time that they train on North Park due to Central Park works for Easter. **ACTION: Nic to work with clubs as soon as anything is made official from a Northern Grampians Shire and CFA perspective.**

Ian: Swifts update

- Swifts looking at nets behind the goals working on this as the club. The club has a quote of \$39K to supply and \$39K to supply swifts working on the costs of this, also searching into grants and sponsor money to make this happen. Has been in touch with Tony to discuss other ovals as well and what Swifts have done to help Tony in the future if an opportunity arises.
- Swap meet this weekend, hoping it will be a good outcome for the town as well as Swifts. They are also hoping this will be an ongoing event where possible.
- Sponsors board at front gate potentially, as there will be a new fence around North Park oval and current sponsor signs are faded and damaged (variety of reasons). Looking at a 7.5m H 4.8m wide board just opposite the ticket box where the wooden bollards are. **Brian moved a motion to support Swifts in erecting a promotional board at front gate, Jessie second all in favour.** Ian/Swifts will work with the council if there is any need for a permit for any work associated with the project.
- Signs on doors (home, away team football and netball) of Clubrooms at North Park are still not up. **ACTION: Nic to follow up Tony about this.**

Brian: Old fountain (Athletic Club Memorial fountain) that was up the street Stawell Athletic Club hoping to get it back together for 2027 the 150th anniversary of the club, if that wasn't possible 2032 for the 150th running of the Stawell Gift. The stone is still in Northern Grampians storage in Haughton Street (not all of it but some) and the pump will need replacing. If possible, erected at Hartz Lane/Farrers Corner. **Nic to investigate what remains of the fountain at Haughton Street/Council Storage. It's still there.**

Nic on behalf of Marc: Grampians Cricket Association update. No senior GCA competition hopeful of juniors continuing on. There are teams that are still going to be playing likely Swifts/Great Western and Halls Gap who are both weighing up their best interests moving forward. So, there will still be cricket in the area just not under the GCA banner.

Jessie: Gave a quick Interchurch update they had 60 participants this season and will be back in October.

Rob: The Stawell Pioneers are now known as Grampians United. Playing and training focused in Ararat at Gordon Street but will still be using North Park for some training and games. Football Federation Victoria taken over running the league rather than the clubs/volunteers.

5. Close time: 7.20 pm

6. Next meeting: TBC (May-ish)