

Northern Grampians Shire Council

Stawell Recreation Advisory Group Meeting - Minutes

The meeting to be held at **6.00pm** on 8 December 2025 at **North Park Clubrooms**

Chair: Cr Hyslop OPEN: 6:01pm,

To be Present: Cr Karen Hyslop, Reg Smith, Rob Lembo, Ian O'Donnell, Steve Walker, Jessie Newton, Marc Brilliant, Malcolm Raggatt, Richard Hackwill, Andrew Christian, Brian Barber, Nic Baird (NGSC)

Apologies: Rob Lembo Samantha Winter Cr Jack Blake.

1. Minutes of the previous meeting: Moved to be true and correct: Malcolm Seconded: Steve. All in favour.

2. Business arising from the previous meeting:

Cricket pitch and user fees: Marc was disappointed in the decision and just wanted to know where that come from and Cricket Victoria asked about this as well (to Marc not in the meeting)? Nic explained that ACIF funding may be possible to help with the replacement of the wicket but Swift Great Western are likely ineligible from Central Park scoreboard application they were successful for. Can all season cover go down this season and what the timeline on this would be. Nic will investigate with Heath and Zander about this and confirm at next meeting. Nic will also need to discuss with Swifts and Stawell Warriors Football Netball Clubs about the change on this rather than the usual "grass and dirt" cover.

Playground shade sail: Shade sail wasn't in original plan, but there is one going up currently.

Newington Road Gate: Gate should be shut and locked to preserve the running track as per previous motion in Stawell Recreation Meeting. Nic explained that it was opened for when netball courts were getting done up and since then the community has become accustomed to having it opened and some complaints have come through about it being locked but this will still need to be locked up. With the CFA track the works have started on there for the CFA Championships with the tot mix done 8/12/2025, Reg asked if possible if a gate or chain could be installed on the open part of the fence (Athletic track side) and tennis court bollards to be put back up (if not already) to protect the two tracks where possible

3. General Business

Item	TOPIC	Discussion	Action/ Outcome
1.1	Project Update	Central Park Netball Court: Project update • Demolition and base prep 28 Nov to 14 December • Drainage and Electrical 5 January to 16 January • Concrete work 16 January to 6 February • Fencing, shelter, retaining wall court surfacing 6 February to 27 March 2026 • Contractor - Completion date 27 March 2026 (Good Friday 3 April 2026 SFNC first home game 2 May 2026) Brian: Asked if the pine bollards at Hank Neil Stand (between stand and grassed hill) can be moved so they can have access easier to their storage shed as even at the minute it is difficult to get a trailer in there and with the reconfiguration of the court access will be from that side of the Hank Neil Stand. If possible moved about 2M towards the tree. Navarre Project update Works nearing an end and should be completed by Christmas. Project included a new change pavilion and an upgrade to the social area with new bathrooms and some added storage.	Action: Nic to follow Heath/Cabbage up re bollards on side of Hank Neil Stand
1.2	Agreements and User Fees	Booking system: Reminder to all about system, User fees: Have been sent out.	Action:

Other business:

Nic: Asked the group their thoughts of the schedule of meetings, the terms of reference say only need to meet twice but this may not be enough. The group agrees that quarterly meetings would be the best starting from February and that they are held on the first Monday of the month.

Brian Barber Stawell Athletic Club: Provided letters to Nic. The letters were from Stawell Athletic Club about the Old Scoreboard maintenance schedule, as the old scoreboard needs some works done to help it remain standing (new scoreboard has taken over the majority of the work but for safety some works need to be done), Currently the CPDP are running a raffle with the possibility that some of the money from this will go into any maintenance (this is not confirmed as yet though). Secondly the 150 year anniversary (2027) and 150th running (2032) of Stawell Gift as part of the preparations the possibility of re-erecting the fountain. Brian believes some

commitment to some sort of recognition of 150 year anniversary would be fantastic, happy to negotiate how this looks, the Athletic Club were keen for the fountain but Brian understands this may not be fully possible but something that uses the old fountain pieces where possible would be good and if possible something in 2027 if not then definitely in 2032.

Steve: Not happy with no goal posts up at either North or Central Park and now also no football boots at either until the season starts (or thereabouts time line wise). Nic to ask Cabbage for a written explanation more so around the no boots at North Park why the sudden change. Goal Posts to be back up early in the new year at North Park as this was a ground maintenance reason and those works have been completed.

Nic: Will get a mud map for groups for the CFA championships so they know where they will be set up.

Jessie: Needing to reply to Nic re Kaye Dalton memorial.

Malcolm: Drainage from dog park runs onto tennis courts bringing dirt debris and other nasties. Simon from Tennis club made contact with shire already just wants an update, Drains can handle tennis club rain but not dog park run off as well. More so in bigger rains than smaller ones. Nic to follow up this one. Nic to follow up Simon's original enquiry.

4. Close time: 7:08pm

5. Next meeting: Feb 2 2026.



Tuesday, November 18, 2025

Chair
NGSC Recreational Advisory Committee

Re: Centenary Fountain

The Stawell Athletic Club will celebrate its 150th Anniversary at the 2027 Powercor Stawell Gift Event, and preparations are well underway.

As part of these preparations, we would like the Northern Grampians Shire Council to consider re-erecting the fountain that was originally constructed to commemorate the Centenary of the Stawell Gift.
We feel that the fountain holds significant historical and community value.

We look forward to your response.

Scotney Hayter
On behalf of the Stawell Athletic Club Committee



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Re: Old Scoreboard

We are requesting advice of the maintenance schedule for the Old Scoreboard located at Central Park.

As the name suggests, the scoreboard is old, and with Easter fast approaching, without required maintenance, some valued traditions of the Stawell Gift Event may not be able to take place due to the safety of the old scoreboard.

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