Northern Grampians Shire Council

Stawell Recreation Advisory Group Meeting - Minutes

The meeting to be held at **6.00pm** on 3 August 2026 **at North Park Clubrooms**

Chair: Cr Hyslop

To be Present: Cr Karen Hyslop, Cr Jack Blake, Mal Nicholson, Carlos Ryan, Ian O'Donnell, Steve Walker, Marc Brilliant, Simon Jones, Samantha Winter (NGSC), Nic Baird (NGSC)

6PM open.

Apologies: Jessie Newton, Brian Barber. Greg Carter, Trish Martin

New members of Stawell Recreation Advisory Group welcome.

1. Minutes of the previous meeting: Ian moved Steve seconded.

2. Business arising from the previous meeting:

Cricket pitch update. Nic confirmed there would be a new pitch (carpet) being laid for this season before the start of the season. With the incident that occurred in Melbourne recently with a covered pitch like the plan was for North Park that has changed the plan and we will continue to cover the pitch with dirt and grass at the end of each cricket season for football season. 3rd/10th October Horsham Cricket Association likely start dates, with juniors starting later.

Birthday parties in Northern Grampians Facilities (ongoing).

3. General Business

Item	TOPIC	Discussion	Action/ Outcome
1.1	**Project Update**	**Central Park Netball Court:** Project completed. Opening event was held and Stawell had their first home game the next day. Stawell loving it much better than what it was. **Northern Grampians Advocacy document:**	**Action:**

		Update about the document and what it means. Link to NG website for prospectus Simon asked about how it come about, Cr Hyslop spoke to the Council plan forms some of this advocacy piece and also speaking with community about what they want, surveys and in person chats. **Participation Plans:** Nic working on Participation plans across the Northern Grampians facilities. Just needing to decide which ones to tackle. Carlos mentioned that getting people involved the hardest part. We need real conversations about how to get people to attend and participate. They received a grant for women's participation, but how do we get these ladies to attend. Ask for council help to where possible. He suggested a sport gala day for women/CALD communities as an idea of something we could all work together on. They are a new committee still learning committee traits. Junior numbers have increased which is a positive for them. Nic explained to the group what a participation plan is and what it all means. These documents usually are attached to SRV Funding but it is something we can adapt and work towards to help local clubs/associations with participation.	
1.2	**Agreements and User Fees**	**User fees**: Sent out shortly.	**Action:**

Other business:

Nic: Get Active Kids Vouchers Provider opens tomorrow. Northern Grampians is encouraging all clubs/associations to sign up as a provider, it is a free and easy process and allows healthcare card holders (or other similar cards) to get a $200 rebate on membership/ registration or any uniform that is required to be purchased through the club.

Simon: Still getting debris from the dog park. First two not bad, next three not great. Simon also asked whether the easement between running track and fenceline of the tennis courts could get some work done from the Parks and Gardens team as there is some still water that is stinky, and long grass with the potential of snakes out in there particularly as the weather warms up and also the boggy marsh in that easement needs some love.

Carlos: Soccer are doing some work within their league and with Football Victoria to get some games/teams that are a bit closer to them looking at a Southern vs Northern conference with Moyne teams and a Central Highland/Wimmera conference. Looking to make Stawell the central point. Carlos asked about the soccer pitch on athletics oval and the work that parks and gardens do for it as there is some bare patches. Nic explained this has been an ongoing thing as the soil base does not want to let the grass grow. Our parks and gardens

team do put a lot of time and effort into that oval it is just hard to get results. Aske also about the possibility of a grandstand and some more storage in and around the track/soccer pitch.

Mal: Quick run on CFA event, 2 weekends of junior and senior championships. 900 competitors on second weekend. Few hiccups but working on that for next year. CFA Headquarters have put EOI for year 3, but CFA Stawell haven't committed as yet but would like to get some more money from CFA Headquarters for the work the locals put in.

4. Close time: 7.04

5. Next meeting: TBC