

Northern Grampians Shire Council

Stawell Recreation Advisory Group Meeting - Minutes

The meeting held at **6.00pm** on 30 August 2022 at **North Park Multipurpose Clubrooms**

Chair: Cr Emerson

To be Present: Cr Murray Emerson, Mayor, Cr Lauren Dempsey, John Griffiths, Scotney Hayter, Rob Lembo, Amber Mitchell, Ian O'Donnell, Reg Smith, Steve Walker, Travis Nicholson

Nic Baird (NGSC), Tony Dark (NGSC),

Apologies: Nathan Baker, David Hwang (NGSC), Zander McDougall (NGSC), Blair Hart,

Moved Scotney Hayter and Seconded Travis Nicholson

1. Minutes of the previous meeting: 9 August 2022

Motion moved that they were true and correct Reg Smith and seconded John Griffiths

2. Business arising from the previous meeting:

- a. User fees – The question was asked where the user fees are going. They were distributed in 2020 the fund was discontinued as agreed. The future contributions are now going to Council and used on maintenance of the reserves.
- b. North Park Newington Road access – Soccer club is ok to have access as long as they lock the gate. Gate to be now locked as per motion from August 9th meeting.
- c. Central Park gate locking/person staying within Central Park grounds was discussed and everyone is well aware of the person on premises and signage needs to be implemented. Nic spoke to NGSC Community Safety. Vic Police cannot move the person on as the signage does not reflect trespassing, at this time it is a locked reserve and Northern Grampians are unsure if Central Park is classified as a public place or not post 10pm. He has also been located at other places in town. By law needs to be assessed about it being a public place after 10pm.
- d. Kaye Dalton recognition to be brought to Council for a decision. The location of a small plaque on the grassed area in the center of the court 1.

3. General Business

| Item | TOPIC | Discussion | Action/ Outcome |
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| 1.1 | Project Update | <p><u>North Park Netball Courts</u></p> <p>Zander will be in contact with clubs about the participation plan in the next week. Courts have been well received. The wind brake/blinds have been installed. A scorer's bench is to be designed and installed. Amber will let Tony know about the requirements.</p> <p><u>Stawell Skate Park</u></p> <p>Tenders have just gone out and close on 27 September. The tender is open for any companies to submit their proposals. Contractors interested in tendering visited the site today as a normal site inspection.</p> <p><u>North Park Football Pitch Lighting Project</u></p> <p>All going ahead as planned and just finalising the plans with construction to start shortly.</p> <p><u>Central Park Female Friendly Changerooms (Main Clubroom Pavillion)</u></p> <p>No update from last meeting. Still waiting for grant approval and announcement prior to Government going into caretaker mode prior to election due in October/November. Tony to follow up the joint letter from the clubs supporting the project and seeking that the lift is included in the construction.</p> <p><u>Sport and Active Recreation Strategy</u></p> <p>Project update. Nothing new on the sport and rec front - although its tender period is until Thursday so should know more soon. Once the consultant is appointed the group will be provided with full details at a meeting to ensure all members are aware of the process.</p> | <p>Action:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Tony to send a copy of the club letter sent to Council. 2. David to schedule a discussion with the group when the consultant is appointed for the Rec Strategy work. |
| 1.2 | 2022 State Election | <p>Navarre and Great Western commitments for sporting facilities will be delivered over the next three years. The council is talking to state politicians to seek commitments to fund some of the projects that we see in the masterplans. This item can be withdrawn from future agendas.</p> | <p>Action: Nil</p> |
| 1.3 | North Park Master plan | <p>Review of the draft North Park Master plan.</p> <p>Copies were circulated to the group prior to the meeting. The previous plan was created in 2011 and a new masterplan was required to ensure council and community aspirations for the reserve are considered.</p> <p>Nic explained the main details for the plan and why it is required.</p> <p>Reg advised that the CFA wish to include:</p> | <p>Action:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Nic to organise adding clubs suggestions. 2. Zander to update the group on the |

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| | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 220 m track to be maintained as well as the 60m track already mentioned • Include Victorian Fire Brigade Association and remove the Australian reference • Access to existing facilities <p>Rob suggested including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • storage needs • permanent coaches' boxes in action items <p>Discussed recommendations-, short-, medium- and long-term delivery, Projects underway and completed and listed projects.</p> <p>Cr Emerson mentioned that priorities may change due to many reasons, but the group need to be aware of that factor.</p> <p>Discussed the playground requirements. Whilst the previous playground was small it had a lot of use and we expect a lot of feedback from the community about type and location. The challenge is where it is located for the best access and use. The plan shows it located near the fire track in the center of the reserve and considerations will need to be on where is the most appropriate place, fencing and type. No specific suggestion were made at the meeting.</p> <p>Previous engagement allowed all user clubs to provide input. The next period of engagement is for the wider community including neighbors etc. Sessions will be held at North Park and the engagement timeline is from 12 September survey until 10 October and all clubs still have time to add more input as well as the wider community through the survey. Information will be available on the website and social media.</p> <p>The result is expected to be Council endorsement at their 7 November meeting.</p> <p>Agreements and User Fees Discussed that this is a part of the master plan work and will be managed by Zander for consideration.</p> | <p>details of agreements and user fees</p> |
| 1.4 | Participation Plans | <p>Zander is working on the creation of the plans and will be in contact with appropriate clubs.</p> | <p>Action:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Zander to follow up netball court participation plan. |

Other business:

Rob suggested the booking system needs to be refined and become more user-friendly to assist clubs that are regularly using the system. This was agreed and whilst it is effective it is cumbersome for users, especially regular booking.

John asked about the Waites Robson plans and Murray said it has been pushed out by Council for a longer-term delivery.

We discussed last year's user fees and when the new ones are finalised the Council will decide on what users will be charged, if any. The previous two years have been waived due to hardship during Covid and this will also be considered.

4. Close time: 7.05 pm

5. Next meeting: TBC -