

Northern Grampians Shire Council

Stawell Recreation Advisory Group Meeting - Minutes

The meeting to be held at **6.00pm** on 4 December 2023 at the **North Park Clubrooms (Function Area)**

Chair: Cr Dempsey, Open 6:04pm

To be Present: Cr Lauren Dempsey, Nathan Baker, Ian O'Donnell, John Griffiths, Amber Mitchell (online), Blair Hart, Zander McDougall (NGSC), Nic Baird (NGSC)

Apologies: Tony Dark (NGSC), Reg Smith, Steve Walker, Travis Nicholson, Scotney Hayter, Cr Murray Emmerson, Rob Lembo

Moved Blair Hart, Seconded Ian O'Donnell

1. Minutes of the previous meeting: Minutes moved to be true and correct from previous meeting. Moved John Griffiths seconded Ian O'Donnell

2. Business arising from the previous meeting:

- Cricket Pitch/Covers at Central Park. After speaking with Cricket Victoria and NGSC Parks and Gardens team it was recommended that no pitches were removed from the Central Park pitch area. The covers were then raised as to whether a purchase could be made for a bigger cover to cover the entire wicket.
- Water bill for Stawell Amateur Aths, Nathan to look at as well, Nic had followed up with relevant NGSC staff just ensuring issue had being rectified. All other bills seemed fine but was going to double check.
- Defibrillator policy was passed by council. Clubs still need their own but council can help with box installation.

3. General Business

Item	TOPIC	Discussion	Action/ Outcome
1.1	Projects Update	<p>Funding Provider Grants Update (Sport and Rec Victoria and others):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Northern Grampians Shire update regarding grants moving forward.• Any grants that will be applied for by council staff will need to be apart of the Council Plan. Any grants that clubs are seeking council to submit on their behalf will need to be thoroughly planned for with business cases. Council staff will then need to work with the leadership team if the project falls outside of the Council Plan to see if the grant is able to be continued with. <p>Fair Access Policy</p>	<p>Action:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Nic to speak to Tony/Tina Baker/Artist about mural if it is not to late in the process.• If prior to the next meeting

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Northern Grampians Shire will need to have the fair access policy adopted prior to July 1st to ensure they are still eligible for Sport and Recreation Victoria Grants. Northern Grampians Shire will provide support to clubs and liaise with Wimmera Regional Sports Assembly to also assist with any support required by clubs. <p>North Park Playground and Pedestrian Zone</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Update on project. Draft plans were shown and these as discussed will likely change again. Nathan worried about trees dropping leaves on the playground and the area it is in taking up the area in front of the Athletics clubrooms. Ian worried about line of sight from netball to playground. John asking about whether it could be in a similar place as it was. With the area that has been developed and the inclusion of bollards this would be unlikely. Blair thinking it could be crammed in the wrong area. <p>Central Park Female Friendly Changerooms (Main Clubroom Pavilion)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Project update: Timings on track to be completed in March prior to the gift. Mural Feedback: design to busy and to crowded, there was discussion about the mural and what it represented. Feedback to be given back to artist/Tony if not to late in the process. However there has been a working group who endorsed the mural design. <p>Sport and Active Recreation/Open Space Strategy</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Clubs/Associations update on strategy. Draft for both strategies will be available in the middle of February and clubs/associations are encouraged to give feedback on both strategies. <p>Stawell Tennis Courts (new courts)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Court new surface has been installed. Old court surface has been given to the Glenorchy Tennis Club. Currently the club members who would pick it up are busy with harvest/farming duties. Currently still in Tennis Club carpark which everyone is happy with. Their playground is in follow up, Blair asked about getting it checked out. Nic was following up with Tony who had been in discussion with the Tennis Club already. There is one light out on a tower. The agreement needs to be read whether it needs to be done by council or tennis club, Zander will chase Kylie 	<p>Nic will forward the draft Sport and Active Recreation Strategy and Open Space Strategy to Advisory Board members.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nic to speak to Tony regarding Tennis Club Playground Zander to follow up Kyle regarding the Tennis Club lease for the blown light
1.2	<p>Agreements and User Fees</p>	<p>Zander McDougall, Manager Active Communities to update clubs/associations: Stawell Warriors likely to stay on crown land lease for next 5 years this likely won't be extended. Zander is still in discussions with Stawell Warriors currently to discuss options moving forward. All other clubs so far happy to come across to the new model. The percentage will be based on how the ground is used. Eg North Park may be soccer 10% vs Swifts 60% Tennis clubs not apart of the review yet but in the new year will be done. New booking system to be worked out to ensure double bookings can be worked through or can be seen live.</p>	<p>Action:</p>
1.3	<p>Participation Plans</p>		<p>Action:</p>

		<p>Zander McDougall, Manager Active Communities to provide an update on current participation plans. The reason for participation plans is has the investment been worthwhile now vs 2 years There was a survey completed by PCG about participation plans. Zander can send to the Rec group the draft participation plan. This must be linked to the usage of the rooms and not necessarily the whole facility.</p>	<p>Zander to send draft participation plan to Rec Advisory members.</p>
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Other business:

- Amber raised the Kaye Dalton Memorial for the North Park Netball Courts. Cr Dempsey said she remembers council speaking about but unsure whether it was moved in a meeting or spoken to at a briefing. **ACTION: Nic to contact Mary Scully re Kaye Dalton whether this was discussed at Briefing or meeting.**
- Amber raised the recently installed score benches and timekeepers benches. There was widespread disappointment about the set up with no disability access to the bench area and limited moving room.
- Ian raised that Swifts Football Netball Club are down the path of an electronic scoreboard for North Park they have grants in for most of this through different funding streams. \$20,000 still needed and asked about the potential of a waiver for planning permit, and a soil test as well. The plan is for the scoreboard to go closer to rotunda from scoreboard currently.
- Blair raised that Central Park electronic scoreboard planning is underway as well. Stawell Warriors and Stawell Athletic club working together. Unlikely to be this year but are planning for the year after.
- John asked about a Ground update (due to recent renovations on both Central Park and North Park Athletic track). Zander said that Central Park was only a matter of weeks away from being “open” and that everything will be in good shape for the gift and the football season to follow. The North Park Athletic track due to some unfavourable conditions the winter grass came back through which gave it a dead look, but with some better weather the summer grass should come through and make it green again, but the works to resurface the inside of the athletic track for soccer and rugby had been a success.
- Nic asked whether that clubs would be interested in signing up to the Northern Grampians Shire Community Newsletter. If they were keen that there would be a “sport and recreation” section added to keep clubs up to date about projects, grant opprtunites and any community feedback that was being sought after as well. Individuals were happy to do so. **ACTION: Nic to send the link to sign up to Community Newsletter**

4. **Close time:** 7:27 pm

5. **Next meeting:** 12/2/2024 starting at 6pm at North Park Clubrooms.

