

# Northern Grampians Shire Council

## Stawell Recreation Advisory Group Meeting - Minutes

The meeting was at **6.09pm** on 12 February 2024 at the **North Park Clubrooms (Function Area)**

**Chair: Nic Baird (NGSC).**

**To be Present:** Nathan Baker, Ian O'Donnell, Amber Mitchell, Rob Lembo, Stephen Walker, Nic Baird (NGSC),

**Apologies:** Cr Lauren Dempsey, Reg Smith, Travis Nicholson, Tony Dark (NGSC), Zander McDougall (NGSC), Cr Murray Emmerson, John Griffiths, Blair Hart, Scotney Hayter.

**1. Minutes of the previous meeting: Ian, Seconded Nathan.**

**2. Business arising from the previous meeting:**

**3. General Business**

Item	TOPIC	Discussion	Action/ Outcome
1.1	Projects Update	<p><b>Recreation Advisory Members Update</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Current two year tenure for this group is coming to an end.</li> <li>• Positions on the recreation advisory board will be advertised again (date TBC)</li> <li>• Recreation Advisory Board Terms of Reference may have a slight tweak to them with the board becoming more of an activation lead.</li> </ul> <p><b>Fair Access Policy</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Draft policy written.</li> <li>• Internal NGSC working group going through the document</li> <li>• Clubs/Associations will see the policy and some education on the policy will also occur.</li> </ul> <p><b>North Park Playground and Pedestrian Zone</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Feed back from last Stawell Recreation Meeting was considered and there is works being done on a new plan for the play ground.</li> <li>• Playground will be scaled back to a smaller size in a similar area.</li> </ul> <p><b>Central Park Female Friendly Changerooms (Main Clubroom Pavilion) and Netball courts:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Project on track. Final minor works were being completed before inspections completed.</li> </ul> <p><b>Sport and Active Recreation/Open Space Strategy</b></p>	<p><b>Action:</b>  <b>Nic to send out draft strategies and link to survey's once able to</b></p>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Currently awaiting approval from Councilors for the draft strategies to be able to be shown in draft form.</li> <li>• Clubs (for sport and active recreation strategy) and individuals (for open space and active transport strategy) encouraged to provide feedback once draft versions are made public. Nic will send out a link to the drafts and surveys for feedback</li> </ul>	
1.2	<b>Agreements and User Fees</b>	<p><b>Zander McDougall, Manager Active Communities to update clubs/associations in regard to this.</b></p> <p>From last meeting Steve Walker asked about why the change to the user agreement was happening and what the rationale was, whether there was a draft proposal and draft user agreement. Nic was to follow up Zander with this.</p>	<b>Action: Nic to speak to Zander (26 Feb update Nic has spoken to Zander and he has said that talks have started with Shane and Colene prior to the Stawell Rec Advisory Meeting)</b>
1.3	<b>Participation Plans</b>	<p><b>Zander McDougall, Manager Active Communities to provide an update on current participation plans.</b></p> <p>No update for this meeting</p>	<b>Action:</b>

**Other business:**

Amber raised the Kaye Dalton plaque wording has been approved by family members. Amber will send email with wording, Nic and Amber will work together towards a quote and installation.

**ALL:** The group again voiced displeasure and how hard of the current Online booking system

Steve asked for minutes prior to Stawell Warriors meeting 27 February 2024.

Nathan asked about how to move a club's AGM, as he was worried about number of people attending the meeting might not be able to fill vacant positions and whether there could be a better hand over process. The group discussed this and it would be apart of the Stawell Amateur Athletic Club constitution. Nic passed on Dave Berry at WRSA details who would be able to assist with these types of questions.

Ian raised the new scoreboard at North Park required a soil test again. Swifts FNC will submit plans for planning permit and also sent an email to council to waive fee of permit. They were hoping to get scoreboard in before Good Friday but unlikely. The light that was damaged at the end of the Skate Park project was to go back up also in next week or so.

Rob asked about an indication of when soccer pitch can be used for training. Nic to follow up Zander/Heath in reagrds to this.

4. Close time: 6:50pm

5. Next meeting: TBC