

Northern Grampians Shire Council

Stawell Recreation Advisory Group Meeting - Minutes

The meeting to be held at **6.00pm** on 15 July 2024 at the **North Park Clubrooms (Function Area)**

Chair: Cr Murray Emmerson

Open: 6:03pm

To be Present: Ian O'Donnell, Jessie Newton, Stephen Walker, Richard Hackwill, Malcom Raggatt, Cr Murray Emmerson, Nic Baird (NGSC),

Apologies: Cr Lauren Dempsey, Brian Barber, Marc Brilliant, Reg Smith, Andrew Christian, Rob Lembo.

1. **Minutes of the previous meeting:** All happy with previous meeting.

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

- **Nic new role within NGSC.** Nic has moved into a recreation role within council and will be the first point of contact for clubs rather than Zander or Tony. Nic will also be working with clubs on getting more use of existing facilities as well.
- **Kaye Dalton memorial was moved by council.** Working on next steps.
- **Booking system update.** New booking system has been happening in the background with council. Space2co.com.au is the new system. All regular user of North Park to begin with (Swifts FNC, Stawell Pioneers, Little Aths, Amateur Aths, CFA, Cricket, Interchurch Netball) will all be informed and worked with as we move through this process. No existing bookings will be lost by these groups or need to be re-booked. This has no affect on the user fee structure and how clubs/groups are charged.

3. **General Business**

Item	TOPIC	Discussion	Action/ Outcome
1.1	Projects Update	<p>Recreation Advisory Members Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Terms of reference was discussed• Purpose of group for the benefit of new members was discussed• No questions from any member of the group new or old. <p>Murray explained about the change of ToR (now having 10 people rather than nine) and wanted to have the group as a whole receive a letter to get a proxy or an apology if they were unable to attend</p>	<p>Action: Nic to send reminder to all that a proxy can be used if nominated person is unable to make a meeting.</p>

		<p>Fair Access Policy</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Policy was endorsed by council in June. This is something that all clubs/groups will need to adhere too and is something that most clubs likely are doing already. If there are any concerns with the Fair Access Policy please feel free to get in contact with Nic at any point. <p>North Park Playground and Pedestrian Zone</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Project update. Philosophy of council pedestrian accessible not just that one part. Pedestrian access vs car access will this turn people away from playground? A design is still in progress for the playground itself but this group will have a say in some of the finer details of the playground. <p>Central Park Female Friendly Changerooms (Main Clubroom Pavilion) Netball courts, scoreboard:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Changeroom update. Defects are still being worked through there is a 12-month period for this so some more things may pop up (hopefully not). Home change room may have some water damage and outside entry to upstairs near Napier street and rooms/bin area full of water/mud is there some budget to do something here? Nic to follow up Tony Dark regarding these questions. Netball court project update. Grant missed for the Netball court there is a round 2 in November for this as well that will be applied for. This project will still be going ahead and Tony and Amber have been in discussions about this. Scoreboard project update. Discussed we (Northern Grampians Shire Councilors and Officers) had a meeting at Central Park last Wednesday and council now need to make a decision about whether the group CPFP can do the project or whether council need to “run” the project. Tony going back to CPFP with some options and then what they decide may affect what decision is made. Group was keen to hold the power of the project and development. <p>Sport and Active Recreation/Open Space Strategy</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Strategies were endorsed by council. There strategies will form a lot of work plans moving forward. <p>North Park Scoreboard</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ian to provide update on this. (Project complete). Initial teething problems of power and operation of it. Thomas Foods has naming rights as they contributed a significant amount to the project. If any clubs/groups use it could they please keep Thomas Foods as naming of board. <p>10 year capital program</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Currently looking at getting some projects added into the 10 year capital plan some of these include lighting and netting and the initial stages of planning these projects. At the moment this is not endorsed so whilst we are trying to get the projects into the 10 year capital plan there is no guarantee that happens. 	<p>Nic to follow up Tony Dark about defects an entry area near Napier Street</p>
<p>1.2</p>	<p>Agreements and User Fees</p>	<p>Nic to update clubs re any user fees and agreements.</p> <p>Steve Walker spoke about Stawell Warriors FNC lease at Central Park the lease was signed in 2008 and renewed for another 10 years in 2018 but the clause for the 2018 extension wasn't taken out, is it still valid? Stawell believe there is depreciation of assets in the building from others using facility. Stawell have bought what's inside chairs bar kitchen tables etc. Is there compensation for this? As it is different to North Park and Lord Nelson Park refurbishments where new items for the social area</p>	<p>Action:</p>

		<p>were purchased within the upgrade budget. Nic had spoken to Shane Field and was organised to meet with the Stawell FNC board Tuesday 16th July 2024 to sit down and have a chat through the lease agreement and any questions or other concerns that the club had from their point of view.</p> <p>North Park user agreements will also need to be updated ASAP and Nic will be organising meetings with user groups that hold agreements.</p>	
1.3	Participation Plans	<p>Nic to update about any participation plans. No update at this meeting</p>	Action:

Other business:

Malcom asked about grants and what NGS do: NGS regularly check for any grants that may be relevant to any projects that are in the pipeline but also the projects do need to be in the pipeline pending how the grant is structured and what is required from the grant. Some smaller grants for smaller projects are doable pending requirements but bigger projects do require a lot more work. This is not to say that clubs/groups can't come to Northern Grampians Shire officers with potential grants to see if we can assist in anyway.

Ian raised about putting an extra fryer in kitchen for community use and HDFNL Grand Final: Swifts buying and installing will become a community asset. Parking likely an issue for GF, tennis club, SSAC will likely be used also grassed area where circus was if that can be used. Nic said that this was a DEECA parcel of land and permission would need to be sought from them.

4. **Close time: 7:21 pm**

5. **Next meeting: September 9 2024 6pm at North Park**