

Northern Grampians Shire Council

St Arnaud Recreation Advisory Group Meeting Minutes

The scheduled meeting was held at 6 pm on Tuesday 24 May 2022 at LNP new admin/board room

Chair: Cr Driscoll

Attendees: Cr Driscoll, Nicole Amos, Tara Lowe, Sharlene Bertalli, Kim Birthisel, Kaye Boyd, Peter Knights, Jason Smith

Tony Dark (NGSC)

Apologies: Mark MacTaggart

1. Business arising from the previous meeting:

Sports club container – Tony Dark met with Bendigo Stadium, and we are looking at design and funding options to rearrange the existing changerooms to cater for storage. Toilets are to remain as a part of the remodel that includes storage for the items held in the container.

Peter Knights met with the Council infrastructure team to look at the sheep pavilion loading bay and the outcome was it will all work. May need to look at some external wall repairs to neaten up the look.

The football and hockey ovals were marked with locations of the light towers. Some will need to be moved inwards and the oval is large enough to cater for this to take place.

2. General Business:

Item	Topic	Discussion	Action/ Outcome
1.1	Multipurpose Facility Design	Project update Discussed the official opening completed with MP's Pulford and Webster on 6 May. Home game of sports is Saturday 28 May and Community opening 8 June 2022, 2.30pm to 5.30pm	Action: 1. Name options to be provided to

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Catering is offered to the canteen or other groups. Kim advised that the canteen committee can do a BBQ or something that will cater for the community. The council will pay the costs. • Discussed if the Group wants to assist in tours with community and it may be a combination of council staff and the group if required. The community may just wander the spaces and ask questions as required. • Suggestions were that if the event is open from 2.30pm and then a ceremony or speech is made at about 5.30pm with everyone to be gone by 6pm approximately. This will cover all community members' times e.g. before school pickup and after work etc. • Access from 24 May for groups to start moving equipment. <p>Outstanding works:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kitchen fixtures/fittings (Combi oven) - Plumbers and electricians will be on site Wednesday 25 May. • Fridge and Freezer have been moved but still not in correct locations. • Cabinetry fit off will be over the next few weeks. • The car park is to be completed with spray and seal by the end of June. • External stairs to the oval will be completed by the end of June. The council is locating a contractor to complete the work. • The netball door is still to be moved. • The Chook shed and sheep pavilion need to be completed for use, which will be by June. • Door signage is to be reviewed for best options. • Schedule for demolition of Old Football Changerooms and Toilets will be following tenancy of the new building. It is expected this will take place by end of July and Council will relocate the lights for training. • Advertising screen – power is available off netball club or via clubrooms (if mounted on an external wall) but needs to be easily visible from many areas. • Salto lock system. Remote system as per the North Park building in Stawell the external locks would be Salto and internal normal keys. The group agreed with a similar locking system and setup (external Salto and internal key locks) as well as the separation of the change rooms, public toilets (NGSC) and social/kitchen/bar. Additionally, we need to 	<p>Council for consideration and allow the wider community to have input.</p> <p>2. Signage on the doors is required e.g. change room identification and some wayfinding signs</p>
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		<p>make sure there is toilet access for the social space for evenings where the public toilets are closed at a scheduled time. Salto locks still 6 weeks away so initially will be normal keys</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Security is not a part of the scope of the building construction. This can be fitted later and consideration to be given to what the sporting club have that may assist as well as additional items and the group agreed it could be covered by community fundraising. • Voting for an official name for the facility. 3 options required and provided as follows: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. St Arnaud Recreation Facility 2. Lord Nelson Park Recreation Facility 3. St Arnaud Community Facility 4. Lord Nelson Park Community Facility 5. St Arnaud Community Sports Centre 	
1.2	Football and Hockey Lighting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Timeline - Design Completed • Budget – Started at \$350k with funding obtained through the Federal Government. Due to similar projects being quoted higher we sought further funding through Sport & Recreation Victoria of \$250k depending on the design outcomes with the project estimated at \$600k. Further increases in pricing due to Covid, supply demands and Council was presented with a new estimate of up to \$900k to deliver. The council will work with options to reduce costs but maintaining 100lux for football and 300 lux for hockey. This project is a priority and unfortunately some other projects in the shire may miss out with funds allocated to these works. • Tender will be initiated after funding outcomes known and most likely after July • Netball lighting is currently substandard, so it is to be considered, if possible, utilising old football lights. 	Action:
1.3	User Fees	<p>Review of fees structure and methodology.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consultant Otium Planning Group has been engaged by the Council • Shire wide review • The group will be consulted during this process. • Timeline – June/July 	Action:

1.4	Agreements	<p>Agreement – Current agreements will be seasonal types. Future use and agreement/s will be reviewed over the next few months and will be a shire wide perspective. The council has engaged Otium Planning Group to assist this process. The council has agreed to waive booking fees for this initial period and utilities costs such as power, water and gas will be distributed across users. Also discussed the option to include perishables such as toilet paper, paper towel, cleaning liquids etc. in the fees just to make it simpler and Council would order from their suppliers and then they would comply with safe chemical use etc.</p>	Action:
1.5	Fundraising	<p>Update from the group and there has been no meeting since the Ball where they raised approx. \$14,500. The group have approx. \$93k raised and lengthy discussion held on reaching the remaining \$57k for the \$150k target/commitment. It was agreed that firstly the advertisement/press release in the paper this week may attract further sponsors. Secondly the group thought that the balance should now come from the user groups individually and they need to get together to decide how this will happen. A date of 30 June 2022 to have a strategy for the final funds.</p> <p>Discussed allocation of the community contribution to projects and it was decided that the funds should come to council as a whole contribution to finish outstanding items.</p>	Action:

2. Other discussed:

Sporting Club – Discussed options to update the sporting club to make it more connected to the user groups and continue the priority that it is the venue for major social events. Changerooms will be converted to storage and toilets will remain. Memorabilia should remain there and any opportunities to update and expand should be considered. For the social enhancements there needs to be a PA system and technological improvements such as a large TV to show sponsors and normal TV channels.

3. Close: 7.41pm

4. Next Meeting: TBC