

Northern Grampians Shire Council

St Arnaud Recreation Advisory Group Meeting Minutes

The scheduled meeting held at 6pm on Wednesday 31 May 2023

Chair: Cr Eddy Ostarcevic

Attendees: Cr Ostarcevic, Cr Hyslop (virtual), Cr Emerson (virtual), Nicole Amos, Sharlene Bertalli, Kim Birthisel, Peter Knights, Mark MacTaggart, Sam Winter (NGSC) and Tony Dark (NGSC)

Invited guest: Anita Harrington (Bendigo Stadium - virtual)

Apologies: Kaye Boyd, David Hwang (NGSC), Nic Baird (NGSC), Annette Driscoll, Jason Smith, Tara Lowe,

Cr Ostarcevic acknowledged Dja Dja Wurrung the Traditional Owners of the land on which we meet. Pay our respects to their elders, past, present and emerging

1. Business arising from the previous meeting: 1 February 2023

All business arising from the last minute was discussed in general business.

2. General Business:

Item	Topic	Discussion	Action/ Outcome
1.1	St Arnaud Sporting Club	<p>Anita opened up the discussions with the details of the refurbishment and the inside areas are looking great and invited everyone to have a look.</p> <p>Anita mentioned the storage for the sporting club which is currently in the large container 100m away from the building. Large tables require a location and Peter Knights offered to see if their AG Society shed could be used.</p>	<p>Action:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Tony to follow up options for the Sporting Club video conferencing, painting and fencing

	<p>The Sporting Club relationship with the Football Club is going well with three functions booked and an increased sponsorship arrangement in place. Harness relationship is also going well with catering for their requirements.</p> <p>The proposed playground for LNP has been sold so is now off the agenda.</p> <p>The proposed updating of the function room as previously discussed was mentioned and Council has a budget of \$32k for items such as painting, fencing at the rear to cover the container and videoconferencing. Aita advised that videoconferencing would be a major advantage for the whole community particularly students at the local schools. Anita advised that they had over 2500 students go through Bendigo and would open up opportunities for the town and these facilities. Cr Ostarcevic said that this could be something similar to a Horsham LLEN event and a useful way of engaging youth which is really needed in our community. Bendigo Stadium have applied for a sports science grant for Bendigo so tapping into anything education related would be a great opportunity. Tony Dark mentioned that this could cost \$10/20k and all in attendance were positive towards this type on equipment due to its whole community benefit. Peter Knights asked about the licensing and the sign in to the venue given the gaming/alcohol on site and Anita advised this could all be managed within the rules.</p> <p>Discussed the Bendigo Stadium liquor license/redline and all appears to be in line with other clubs boundaries and no crossovers so seems to be working well. Police are really happy with the collaboration between clubs.</p> <p>Sporting Club's permit has been approved by Liquor Licensing however there is an issue with Council's requirements to amend the lease agreement which would then need DEECA's approval. Cr Ostarcevic asked if there was anything that Councilors could assist with and Anita advised she is working with NGSC agreement officer Kylie to resolve.</p> <p>Sharlene asked if the old bar stools were available but Anita advised they were unfortunately being used elsewhere.</p>	<p>2. Peter Knights to follow up storage with Anita</p>
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Project update for the following items was discussed from last meeting and any new items:

1. Fryers - Sharlene and Kim advised that the fryers are now working well.
2. 4 new bin enclosures ordered for general public waste and will be emptied by council's contractors. Sites are to be identified and the group advised that there was a home game this week so Mark, Sharlene and Kim will work out the best locations and let Tony know for installation when they arrive.
3. Contract cleaner for clubs has now been sorted out. Questions around public use and who cleans after externally booked events? North Park Stawell was an example and it was mentioned that a cleaning surcharge is added to bookings so is this an option for LNP? Window cleaning was also raised and recent events required hirers or clubs to clean so could this be done by NGSC staff and do they do inspections?
4. Telstra/NBN line is now completed to the new building but is not live. The group advised that the WIFI is currently insufficient so would be keen to see if/how NBN could be used. Additionally, the line runs past the Sporting club so they could link in if required. The group asked if this could be investigated.
5. Demolition of the old football rooms is currently underway and to be completed this week. The footprint of the building space will be fenced until July so it can be made safe for access in the new financial year. Cr Ostarcevic advised there is nothing specifically planned in the budget and the masterplan has the space as an open area and the clubs will provide feedback at the next meeting about what they may want to see there. Peter Knights had the idea of a drop off or pick up area as an example.
6. Tony Dark advised the current cost overrun for the new Clubrooms is \$27k over. Key cost increases were players race \$36k and handrail \$9k (outside scope) and demo was up by \$5k. All agreed that in the scheme of things of a \$3.9M build this is a minimal overrun and the project has achieved great outcomes for the community.
7. The proposed opening date is with the Ministers Office and Council have proposed dates 15/6, 20/6 and 22/6 to coincide with training at LNP.

Action:

1. Tony to follow bin locations with Mark, Sharlene and Kim
2. Tony to obtain details of cleaning responsibilities (facilities and windows), charges and inspections by staff.
3. Tony to follow up on NBN connections and costs.
4. Tony to follow up the GST for the contribution with Graham in Finance.

The Budget Community Contribution \$150k was discussed and from the \$150k committed the community has purchased items listed below at a cost of \$25,964. Council are about to issue an invoice for \$100k plus \$10k GST and peter questioned the GST content and that services had not been provided so the GST content is in questions. The group asked Tony to follow up this with Finance to get a ruling.

Item	Cost/Amount	Status
Fundraising Amount	\$150,000.00	
Equipment Purchased		
Vacuum	\$849.00	Paid
Floor Cleaner	\$7,998.00	Paid
TV	\$1,023.95	To be paid
Awning	\$7,693.40	To be paid
TV's x 2 and brackets	\$2,400.00	To be purchased
Freezer and vacuum	\$6,000.00	To be approved
Sub Total	\$25,964.35	
Net Balance	\$124,035.65	
Clubroom Contribution	\$100,000.00	
GST	\$10,000.00	
Balance remaining	\$14,035.65	
Other Items for consideration		

		Social space flooring and matts		Quote required	
		Honour Boards		Quote required	
		<p>8. Naming of rooms was discussed and at the last meeting clubs were asked to get feedback from the members. There was discussion around naming or not naming rooms as the facility Cr Ostarcevic mentioned to be mindful that this is multi-purpose and Council would support the community and what is recommended as a collective. Some suggestions include Tony Driscoll who's involvement over many years on Council and outside Council, from the football perspective the Goode family name has been mentioned and all clubs agreed that more thought would be required on names for rooms.</p>			
1.3	Football and Hockey Lighting	<p>The contractors were on site at the time of the meeting after aligning the fittings during the day and assessing the lux levels during the night. The group was impressed with the brightness of the lights and were excited about the first night of use. The next few weeks there will be testing and alignment to get the light right and the opening event is awaiting Minister approval on either 15/6, 20/6 and 22/6 when all stakeholders will be invited. Cr Emerson asked about the shading and Tony advised that there is shading as per the plans and it will be monitored particularly at the time of the year November/December for the race events.</p>			<p>Action:</p> <p>1. Tony to monitor shading and report outcomes</p>
1.4	User Fees and Agreements	<p>Sam provided an update in Zander's absence and following initial consultation the project is a work in progress with the methodology and formulae will be presented to Council in June. The group discussed fees incorporating all costs and ongoing needs of the facilities and affordability for clubs. There was need to understand and manage responsibilities for equipment maintenance and replacement which needs to be accounted for in this space/agreements.</p>			<p>Action:</p>
1.5	Sport and Recreation Strategy	<p>The project is well underway and will be an important guiding document for Council into the future. Consultants introduced themselves to Council recently and whilst no documents or reports presented all indications are the infrastructure supply has been delivered or being delivered so it is expected that the activation of facilities to increase participation will be a focus. Discussed the needs for clubs and individuals to provide input and the recreation advisory groups will be involved as their input will be current</p>			<p>Action: Follow up sessions to be scheduled.</p>

		and relevant to provide Council with up to date and accurate information. Cr Ostarcevic advised that the current investment in recreation had been substantial considering the \$4.9m spent on facilities and lighting and shire wide approx. \$15M which for a shire our size was large. The indications are that most infrastructure is built or being built so the focus will be on activation. There will be opportunities for clubs and individuals to provide further input shortly.	
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2. Other discussed:

Sharlene mentioned soap dispensers for the amenities and public toilets/ Also who supplies the soap so it could be a part of the lease agreements for all supplies where Council may bulk purchase and charge out to clubs. Sharlene advised that the dishwasher is not plumbed or working including soap connection/supply.

Action: 1. Tony to follow up with appropriate person to commission the dishwasher. 2. Sam to follow up lease agreements for supplies.

Kim mentioned the floor in the social space and whether it should be changed to carpet however not everyone is in agreement at this stage. The room echoes and this would be the floors and glass combined. Kim also mentioned the trip hazard when the bifold doors are open and this is an OH&S/risk issue.

Action: Tony to follow up the trip hazard with Heath.

Peter spoke about the storage which may be offered to the Sporting club for use and that the roller doors are not big enough for the Ag Society display cabinets. The Ag Society will need a lifting device to assist with moving the display cabinets and NGSC depot may have a pallet lifter for use. Also need some termite treatment for the outbuildings at LNP asap.

Action: 1. Tony to chase up a pallet truck from the depot. 2. Tony to chase up Termite Control

Nicole mentioned that when the bifold doors in the social space are open they don't stay completely open so a mechanism is required to do this and it may be as simple as a strap to hold them in place.

Cr Ostarcevic opened up the conversation about the new facility and how it was working overall with its multi use. Everyone was very positive and it seems to have unified the clubs more, many people of all ages attending meals together. All clubs are working together and the whole complex is working well.

3. Close: 7.30pm

4. Next Meeting: To be confirmed