



MINUTES: SPORT AND RECREATION REFERENCE GROUP MEETING HELD IN THE ROS CRICHTON PAVILION, NORTH SYDNEY, ON MONDAY, 16 MAY 2022 AT 6.00PM.

PRESENT

Councillor Beregi in the Chair, The Mayor Councillor Baker, Councillor Bourke, Councillor Gibson, Councillor Lamb and Councillor Welch

Staff: Robert Emerson, Director Open Space & Environmental Services
David Manson, Manager Parks & Reserves
Kieran Meurant, Turf Manager Parks and Reserves
Peita Rose, Governance Officer (Minutes)

Citizen Members: Layton Gould, Cammeray Golf Club
Kim Ryan, Northside Running
Toni Field, Northern Suburbs Netball Association
Sarah Dawes, Manager, National Programs (Sport, Health & Wellbeing) Australian Catholic University
Anne Simmons, Sydney University Hockey Club (Juniors)
Christine Cannon, North Sydney Women’s Hockey/ Mosman Hockey
Cameron Herbert, North Sydney Junior Cricket
Simon Cox, North Sydney United Football Club
Rick Miller, Resident
Diana Brown, Northern Sydney & Beaches Hockey (online)

Apologies were received from Matt Dawson, North Sydney Parkrun, Councillor Drummond and Councillor Santer.

1. Minutes

The Minutes of the previous meeting held on 16 August 2021, copies of which had been previously circulated, were taken as read and confirmed.

The Motion was moved by Councillor Gibson and seconded by Simon Cox.

2. **3.1 Outdoor Fitness Equipment**

Report of Alicja Batorowicz, Landscape Architect/Project Co-ordinator
The purpose of this report is to provide Council with a progress update on the implementation of outdoor fitness equipment across North Sydney.
Funds have been allocated in the 2021/22 budget for the installation of outdoor fitness equipment in Anderson Park. Funding is being sought for inclusion in the next Delivery Program to allow the installation of fitness equipment in Berry Island Reserve, Bradfield Park and Brennan Park.

Recommending:

1. **THAT** the outdoor fitness equipment report be received.

The Motion was moved by Councillor Welch and seconded by Councillor Baker.

Voting was unanimous.

Resolved to recommend:

1. **THAT** the outdoor fitness equipment report be received.

3. **3.2 Anderson Park Sportsfield Reconstruction and Lighting Upgrade**

Report of David Manson, Manager Parks & Reserves
To present information on the Anderson Park Sportsfield Reconstruction and Lighting Upgrade.
Grant funding of \$782,062.50 has been provided through a successful grant application.
North Sydney Council will provide the additional funding of \$260,687.50 through capital works reserves.

Recommending:

1. **THAT** Anderson Park Sportsfield Reconstruction and Lighting Upgrade report be received.

The Motion was moved by Councillor Gibson and seconded by Christine Cannon.

Voting was unanimous.

Resolved to recommend:

1. **THAT** Anderson Park Sportsfield Reconstruction and Lighting Upgrade report be received.

4. **3.3 Sport & Recreation Draft Future Capital Works Projects**

Report of Rob Emerson, Director Open Space & Environmental Services
The purpose of this report is to provide the Sport & Recreation reference group with information regarding sport and recreation projects that are proposed for Councils consideration for funding within the organisations forward Delivery Program.

The Council's Capital Works Program is developed based on Council's Resourcing Strategy, consideration and priority of competing programs and projects across Council and after the community has the opportunity to provide feedback to the elected Council for their deliberation.

Recommending:

1. **THAT** the Draft Future Capital Works Projects report be received.

The Motion was moved by Toni Field and seconded by Councillor Bourke.

Voting was unanimous.

Resolved to recommend:

1. **THAT** the Draft Future Capital Works Projects report be received.

5. 3.4. Capital Works Program update

Report of David Manson, Parks Manager

This report provides an update on sport and recreation Capital Works projects for the current financial year 2021/22

Funding for these projects is included in the adopted 2021/22 capital works budget.

Recommending:

1. **THAT** the Capital Works Program update report be received.

The Motion was moved by Anne Simmonds and seconded by Councillor Lamb.

Voting was unanimous.

Resolved to recommend:

1. **THAT** the Capital Works Program update report be received.

6. General Business

3.5. The Return of Hockey to North Sydney - Response to Notice of Motion

Report of Robert Emerson, Director Open Space & Environmental Services

The purpose of this report is to provide the Reference Group with advice on potential options for supporting the sport of Hockey in the North Sydney Local Government area.

Recommending:

1. **THAT** the update on Return of Hockey to North Sydney - Response to Notice of Motion report be received.

A Motion was moved by Anne Simmonds and seconded by Toni Field,

1. **THAT** the update on Return of Hockey to North Sydney - Response to Notice of Motion report be received.

2. **THAT** a further report come back to the next meeting regarding the availability of Hockey being played in Primrose Park.

Voting was unanimous.

Resolved to recommend:

1. **THAT** the update on Return of Hockey to North Sydney - Response to Notice of Motion report be received.

2. **THAT** a further report come back to the next meeting regarding the availability of Hockey being played in Primrose Park.

6. **3.6. North Sydney Olympic Pool Redevelopment Progress Report Update**

Report of John Thomson, Corporate Contracts Manager

The purpose of this report is to provide the Reference Group with advice on the progress of the redevelopment of the North Sydney Olympic Pool.

The financial position of the project is reported through the Quarterly Governance report which will be reported up to the Governance and Finance Committee on 9 May 2022.

Recommending:

1. **THAT** the update on the North Sydney Olympic Pool Redevelopment Progress report be received.

The Motion was moved by Councillor Gibson and seconded by Rick Miller.

Voting was unanimous.

Resolved to recommend:

1. **THAT** the update on the North Sydney Olympic Pool Redevelopment Progress report be received.

Mr Simon Cox would like to discuss the Lights at Cammeray Park

I would like to discuss again the use of Cammeray lights from 4.45-6.45pm in the winter season only and ideally from June until end of August this year.

With so much rain we are already way behind on the schedule after only 1 month of the season. On Sunday we had 2 North Sydney Womens teams playing on grounds in Hornsby Council area as there was only access to 1 grass field.

North Sydney is expanding in female/womens football and this is a key focus area for us. We have 6 teams who play every Sunday between 1pm and 5pm. If we can access Cammeray until 7pm we can alternate and have 3 teams playing guaranteed games each Sunday or we can include the U16 and U18 girls teams in a lunchtime game and play 2 adult games at 2.50pm and 4.45pm A late Sunday game would be finished by 6.30pm with lights needed until 6.45pm to clear the field.

We had 2 experiments with this during our Female Football week in 2021 and am keen to know if there was any adverse feedback around noise? The women tend not to hang around after games compared to men, especially late on a Sunday.

Following on from the above this season has proven the worth of synthetic fields with some weeks games only proceeding on the 7 artificial surfaces across the Association. With no proven adverse effects to the environment and more eco friendly "infill" available each year do the Council have any plans moving forward to re visit a second artificial surface.

There are always Federal Grants available to upgrade facilities, especially where the sporting growth is primarily for females. With the Womens World Cup coming to Australia in 2023 Football NSW has already announced \$5 million in "legacy funding" to assist with improving facilities for females. An existing ground such as Primrose would be an ideal venue with no new development needed.

A Motion was moved by Simon Cox and seconded by Councillor Gibson,

1. THAT a report come back to the next meeting advising of the requirements of the changes to the DA and the time frame for allowing floodlights at Cammeray Park until 6.45pm on a Sunday night between 1 April and 31 August each year, to allow for an extra Senior Women's Competition Football fixture.

Voting was unanimous.

Resolved to recommend:

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Mr Duncan Bendall would like an update on the Primrose Park Sports Precinct

I would ideally like to revisit the Primrose Park sports precinct planning and the need for multiuse water Astro turfs for Hockey.

This item was not discussed at the meeting due to Mr Bendall not being present.

Kieran Meurant – North Sydney Council's Turf Manager

The Director Open Space and Environmental Services introduced Kieran Meurant, Council's new turf Manager to the Reference Group.

The Meeting concluded at 7.10pm.

CHAIRPERSON

GENERAL MANAGER