



**MINUTES:   SPORT AND RECREATION REFERENCE GROUP MEETING HELD IN THE SUPPER ROOM, NORTH SYDNEY, ON MONDAY, 15 MARCH 2021 AT 6.00PM.**

**PRESENT**

Councillor Keen in the Chair and Councillors Gibson and Brodie were present in the Supper Room.

**Staff:**                     Robert Emerson, Director Open Space & Environmental Services  
David Manson, Manager Parks & Reserves  
Peita Rose, Governance Officer (Minutes)  
Josh Jongma, Governance Co-ordinator

**Citizen Members:**    In the Supper Room,  
Christine Cannon, North Sydney and Mosman Hockey  
Simon Cox, North Sydney United Football Club

Attending remotely,  
Toni Field, Northern Suburbs Netball Association  
Rob Lavery, North Sydney District Cricket Club  
Cameron Herbert, North Sydney Junior Cricket  
Layton Gould, Cammeray Golf Club  
Anne Simmons, Sydney University Hockey Club (Juniors)  
Matt Dawson, North Sydney Parkrun  
Daniel Martinez, North Sydney Indoor Sports Centre

**Visitors:**                 Nil.

**Apologies** were received from, Councillor Drummond, Mark Ohlsson Cammeray Golf Club, John Hirst Resident and Duncan Bendall Mosman/North Sydney Hockey.

**1.           Minutes**

The Minutes of the previous meeting held on 10 November 2020, copies of which had been previously circulated, were taken as read and confirmed.

The Motion was moved by Toni Field and seconded by Cameron Herbert.

Lleyton Gould requested that during General Business that an update be provided on Item 14 from the previous minutes.

**2. SR01: Tunks Park Sports Turf Update**

Report of David Manson, Manager Parks and Reserves

This report presents an update on the sports turf standards on fields 2, 3 and 4 at Tunks Park.

**Recommending:**

**1. THAT** the report be received.

A Motion was moved by Councillor Gibson and seconded by Christine Cannon,

**1. THAT** the report be received.

**2. THAT** a report be bought back to the committee on the compliance of the no studs policy at the appropriate time.

Voting was unanimous.

**Resolved to recommend:**

**1. THAT** the report be received.

**2. THAT** a report be bought back to the committee on the compliance of the no studs policy at the appropriate time.

**3. SR02: Primrose Park Car Park Lighting**

Report of David Manson, Manager Parks and Reserves

This report presents information on a proposal to install lighting within the Car Park at Primrose Park.

Funding for the installation of the lights will come from Councils current minor access works budget at a cost of \$10,470.00 Ex GST.

**Recommending:**

**1. THAT** the report be received.

A Motion was moved by Daniel Martinez and seconded by Simon Cox,

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**2. THAT** Council investigate having the Primrose Park Car Park resurfaced in the 2022/23 budget.

**3. THAT** Council consider a budget allocation to undertake preliminary studies for traffic and noise in the 2022/23 budget, in order to progress the proposal for a fourth sports field at Primrose Park.

Voting was unanimous.

**Resolved to recommend:**

**1. THAT** the report be received.

**2. THAT** Council investigate having the Primrose Park Car Park resurfaced in the 2022/23 budget.

**3. THAT** Council consider a budget allocation to undertake preliminary studies for traffic and noise in the 2022/23 budget, in order to progress the proposal for a fourth sports field at Primrose Park.

**4. SR03: Primrose Park - Additional Dual Cricket Practice Net**

Report of David Manson, Manager Parks and Reserves

This report presents information and a preliminary concept design for an additional dual Cricket practice net in Primrose Park.

There is no current funding allocation for the construction of additional Cricket practice nets within North Sydney. The estimated cost of construction of the proposed Primrose Park two additional practice nets is \$145,000.

**Recommending:**

1. **THAT** the report be received.

A Motion was moved by Cameron Herbert and seconded by Rob Lavery,

1. **THAT** the report be received.
2. **THAT** Council aim to have the new facility open by the 2022/23 financial year.
3. **THAT** the cricket nets in Forsyth Park remain as a standing item on the agenda.

Voting was unanimous.

**Resolved to recommend:**

1. **THAT** the report be received.
2. **THAT** Council aim to have the new facility open by the 2022/23 financial year.
3. **THAT** the cricket nets in Forsyth Park remain as a standing item on the agenda.

**5. SR04: Hybrid Turf Trial Update - November 2020**

Report of David Manson, Manager Parks and Reserves

This report provides updated information on the trial of Hybrid Turf.

**Recommending:**

1. **THAT** the Hybrid Turf Trial Update - November 2020 report be received.
2. **THAT** Council continue to monitor the performance of the Hybrid Turf over the growing season.

The Motion was moved by Daniel Martinez and seconded by Christine Cannon.

Voting was unanimous.

**Resolved to recommend:**

1. **THAT** the Hybrid Turf Trial Update - November 2020 report be received.
2. **THAT** Council continue to monitor the performance of the Hybrid Turf over the growing season.

**6. SR05: Tunks Park Eastern Amenities Block**

Report of David Manson, Manger Parks and Reserves

This report presents information on the current condition and repairs undertaken on the main amenities building in Tunks Park.

The cost of the remedial works was \$85,000 and was funded through the existing Parks Asset Management Plan budget 2020/21.

**Recommending:**

1. **THAT** the report be received.

The Motion was moved by Rob Lavery and seconded by Toni Field.

Voting was unanimous.

**Resolved to recommend:**

1. **THAT** the report be received.

**7. SR06: Western Amenities Building, Tunks Park**

Report of Alicja Batorowicz, Landscape Architect/Project Co-ordinator

This report provides information on a proposal to refurbish the existing western amenities building in Tunks Park.

This project proposal is unfunded however the project has been progressed to design in order to capitalise on future external funding opportunities. The cost of refurbishing the building would be in order of \$250,000.

**Recommending:**

1. **THAT** the report be received.
2. **THAT** Council consider the replacement of the Tunks Park Amenities Block in future capital works plans.

A Motion was moved by Simon Cox and seconded by Matt Dawson,

1. **THAT** the report be received.
2. **THAT** the Director of Open Space and Environmental Services consult with Bay Precinct Committee, Local Community and park user groups regarding the proposal and the need to undertake a refurbishment of this facility.
3. **THAT** the committees preferred position is the refurbishment of the western facility to more effectively accommodate woman's sport.

Voting was unanimous.

**Resolved to recommend:**

1. **THAT** the report be received.
2. **THAT** the Director of Open Space and Environmental Services consult with Bay Precinct Committee, Local Community and park user groups regarding the proposal and the need to undertake a refurbishment of this facility.
3. **THAT** the committees preferred position is that we refurbish the western facility to more effectively accommodate woman's sport.

**8. General Business**

Councillor Keen noted she has a non-pecuniary/non-significant interest in the Northern Suburbs Netball discussion.

**Northern Suburbs Netball**

Toni Field suggested Council find at least a minimum of four hard surface netball courts.

A Motion was moved by Toni Field and seconded by Councillor Gibson,

1. **THAT** a site meeting be organised by Council staff inviting interested parties.
2. **THAT** council urgently reconsider the Ward Street Car Park for a venue of a minimum of four netball/basketball courts.

**Changerooms**

A discussion point was raised by Simon Cox on changerroom use under COVID-19 restrictions.

It was advised that Council's change room facilities would be available if hirers can comply with current health orders and had an appropriate Covid Plan in place. It was also discussed that it was considered the different sporting code associations may take the lead on requirements for the coming season.

**Parking at Cammeray Golf Club**

A discussion point was raised by Leyton Gould on the potential for an improvement in the management of parking at Cammeray Golf Club. The Chair requested that this be discussed at the traffic committee.

**Cammeray Oval**

A discussion point was raised by Simon Cox on exploring additional use of Cammeray Oval for an extra game on Sunday afternoon.

It was advised that this would require a change to the condition of development consent and as there had been one adjustment to extend hours previously and the hours of operation currently are extensive, it was considered that the community would object to further increases in hours of operation.

**St Leonards Park**

A discussion point was raised by Matt Dawson regarding the status of the St Leonards Park development.

A brief update on stage 2 works of the implementation of the St Leonards Park Masterplan was provided.

The Meeting concluded at 7.49pm.

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**CHAIRPERSON**

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**GENERAL MANAGER**