



## MINUTES

The Minutes of the **Sport and Recreation Reference Group** meeting held in the Ros Crichton Pavilion, 200 Miller Street, North Sydney on Tuesday 12 March 2024.



## PRESENT

Councillor Beregi in the Chair, Councillor Baker

**Staff:** Gary Parsons Director Open Space and Infrastructure  
Marcelo Occhiuzzi, Director Community Planning and Environment  
David Manson, Manager Parks & Reserves  
Kieran Meurant, Turf Manager Parks and Reserves  
Megan White, Landscape Planner/Architect  
Peita Rose, Governance Officer (Minutes)

**Citizen Members:** Layton Gould, Cammeray Golf Club  
David Chapman, Primrose Park Tennis  
Rick Miller, Norths Rugby  
Simon Cox, North Sydney United Football Club  
Tom Radovanic, Resident  
Cameron Herbert, North Sydney Junior Cricket (remote)  
Anne Simmons, Sydney University Hockey Club (Juniors). (remote)

**Visitors:** Scott Walker, Managing Director, Ross Planning.

**Apologies:** Toni Field, Northern Suburbs Netball and Ted Wziontek, Resident

### 1. Confirmation of Minutes

The Minutes of the previous meeting held on the 21 November 2023, copies of which had been previously circulated, were taken as read and confirmed.

Moved by Simon Cox and seconded by Rick Miller.

### 2. Disclosures of Interest

Nil.

Scott Walker, Managing Director Ross Planning presented to the group an update on the progress of the Open Space and Recreation Needs Study.

### 3. Committee Reports

#### 3.1. Open Space & Recreation Needs Study

<b>AUTHOR</b>	David Manson, Manager Parks & Reserves
<b>ENDORSED BY</b>	Gary Parsons, Director Open Space, and Infrastructure
<b>ATTACHMENTS</b>	Nil
<b>CSP LINK</b>	1. Our Living Environment 1.4 Well utilised open space and recreational facilities

#### **PURPOSE:**

The purpose of this report is to provide information on the progress of the Open Space & Recreation Needs Study (Needs Study).

#### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

The new Needs Study will assess current supply of and demand for open space and recreation facilities.

It will provide Council with a strong, evidence-based framework and strategic direction for the ongoing provision, use and management of our open space and recreation facilities for at least the next 10 years, helping to create a connected network of high-quality and diverse open spaces and recreation facilities.

#### **RECOMMENDATION:**

**1. THAT** the Sport and Recreation Reference Group receive this report.

A Motion was moved by Anne Simmons and seconded by Simon Cox

**1. THAT** the Sport and Recreation Reference Group receive this report.

**2. THAT** the reference group would like to thank Scott Walker from Ross Planning on presenting on the progress of the Open Space and Recreation Needs Study.

Voting was unanimous.

#### **Resolved to recommend:**

**1. THAT** the Sport and Recreation Reference Group receive this report.

**2. THAT** the reference group would like to thank Scott Walker from Ross Planning for presenting on the progress of the Open Space and Recreation Needs Study.

Council's Director Open Space and Infrastructure presented to the group an update on the North Sydney Olympic Pool.

#### **4. General Business**

1. The following items from Tom Radovanic were discussed during the meeting.
  - What are current plans or considerations for any Commercialization and or privatization of the new pool assets?
  - How is the increased debt to be funded?
  - When will a hard completion date be announced?
  
2. The following item from Rick Miller was discussed during the meeting.
  - Upgrading the facilities at North Sydney Oval for the benefit of North Sydney men and women's cricket, AFL, Rugby and Soccer.

The general business item on the use of defibrillators has been deferred to the next meeting.

#### **5. Closure**

The meeting closed at 7.05pm

