

**Report to General Manager**

Attachments:

1. Minutes 19 August 2019

SUBJECT: Sport and Recreation Reference Group – 19 August 2019**AUTHOR:** Peita Rose, Governance Officer**ENDORSED BY:** Rob Emerson, Director Open Space and Environmental Services**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

This report presents the recommendations of the last meeting of the Sport and Recreation Reference Group held on 19 August 2019, for Council endorsement. The Minutes are attached for consideration should Council wish to adopt any of the recommendations made at the meeting.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

Nil.

RECOMMENDATION:

1. THAT the Minutes of the Sport and Recreation Reference Group meeting of 19 August 2019 be noted and further, Council resolve:

i. THAT the Sport & Recreation Reference Group recommend that Council proceed with a trial of hybrid turf in Primrose Park within the goalmouth (a 100m² area). (SR04)

ii. THAT the Sport & Recreation Reference Group recommend that Council proceed with the (5%) hybrid turf and (95%) natural grass as soon as possible, and that the hybrid turf be “ready for use” to play on. (SR04)

LINK TO COMMUNITY STRATEGIC PLAN

The relationship with the Community Strategic Plan is as follows:

Direction: 5. Our Civic Leadership

Outcome: 5.3 Council is ethical, open, accountable and transparent in its decision making

BACKGROUND

In accordance with Council's Code of Meeting Practice:

20.24 The minutes of meetings of each Committee of the Council must be confirmed at a subsequent meeting of the committee.

The Charter of the Sport and Recreation Reference Group states:

10.4 A report on the proceedings of Reference Group meetings are to be submitted to the next available meeting of Council for endorsement, including all recommendations. Any Councillor, irrespective of whether that Councillor is a member that Reference Group, may be the mover or seconder of a motion to confirm the proceedings of a Reference Group meeting.

CONSULTATION REQUIREMENTS

Community engagement is not required.

SUSTAINABILITY STATEMENT

The sustainability implications are of a minor nature and as such did not warrant a detailed assessment.

DETAIL

Section 7.2 of the Reference Group Charter states that:

"The Reference Group does not have the power to bind the Council."

Therefore the recommendations of the meeting are included in the attached Minutes for formal adoption by Council, either in part or full, should it wish to do so.

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MINUTES: SPORT AND RECREATION REFERENCE GROUP MEETING HELD IN THE ROS CRICHTON PAVILION, NORTH SYDNEY, ON MONDAY, 19 AUGUST 2019 AT 6.00PM.

PRESENT

Councillor Keen in the Chair, Councillor Brodie

Staff: Rob Emerson, Director Open Space and Environmental Services
Margaret Palmer, Director Corporate Services
David Manson, Manager Parks and Reserves
Peita Rose, Governance Officer (Minutes)

Citizen Members: Sarah Berman, North Sydney District Cricket Club
Ashleigh Campbell, Australian Catholic University
Simon Cox, North Sydney United Football Club
Tony Field, Northern Suburbs Netball Association
Cameron Herbert, North Sydney Junior Cricket
Anne Simmons, Sydney Uni Hockey
Duncan Bendall, Mosman/North Sydney Hockey
John Hirst, Resident

Visitors: Dominique Wolfe, Resident
Mark Wolfe, Resident

Councillor Gibson and Mutton arrived at 6.04pm.

Apologies were received from Councillors Baker, Beregi and Drummond, Rob Lavey - North Sydney District Cricket Club, Matt Dawson - North Sydney parkrun, Paul Orgad, Northern Suburbs Football

7. Minutes

The Minutes of the previous meeting held on 20 May 2019, 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.

Voting was unanimous.

8. SR01: Ex Waverton Bowling Club Site

Report of Robert Emerson, Director Open Space & Environmental Services

When the Waverton Bowling Club went into liquidation, Council staff contacted the NSW Department of Industry – Crown Reserves strongly advocating that this parcel of land should revert on a permanent basis to North Sydney Council's care and control as per the remainder of the parkland surrounding the Club.

As of 1 May 2019, Council has gained a six-month lease (copy attached) that fundamentally allows Council to carry out the initial due diligence on the site i.e. undertake a condition assessment report of the building, preliminary contamination review and a risk assessment of the grounds.

It is intended to concurrently complete a due diligence review of the site and commence community engagement to determine the specific use of the site (within the sport and recreation reserve category), concurrently with advancing the re-amalgamation of the site into the surrounding Crown Lands.

The maintenance of the grounds of the Ex Waverton Bowling Club are and will continue to be maintained by Council's staff within the existing operating budget for the six-month period of the lease.

The site contamination report can be funded from savings in the Hayes Street Land & Beach Improvements project which has been completed under budget by \$17,500.

A preliminary Risk Assessment and the Community Engagement will be undertaken by Council staff.

Recommending:

1. THAT Council complete the proposed community engagement for the Ex Waverton Bowling Club Site.

2. THAT on completion of the community engagement a report on the outcomes of the consultation are reported to Council for consideration.

3. THAT an additional \$17,500 be made available from the Hayes Street Land & Beach Improvements project to undertake the preliminary contamination site investigation.

A Motion was moved by Toni Field and seconded by Simon Cox,

1. THAT Council complete the proposed community engagement for the Ex Waverton Bowling Club Site.

2. THAT on completion of the community engagement a report on the outcomes of the consultation are reported to Council for consideration.

Voting was unanimous.

Resolved to Recommend:

1. THAT Council complete the proposed community engagement for the Ex Waverton Bowling Club Site.

2. THAT on completion of the community engagement a report on the outcomes of the consultation are reported to Council for consideration.

9. SR02: Implementation of the St Leonards Park Landscape Masterplan - Stage One

Report of Rob Emerson, Director Open Space and Environmental Services

Prepared with extensive community and stakeholder involvement, the low-intervention Masterplan for St Leonards Park imagines how the park could look and function in the future.

Public exhibition of the draft Landscape Masterplan commenced on 24 October 2017 and concluded on 2 February 2018. The public exhibition was widely advertised and known stakeholders and the general community were informed and encouraged to

comment. Feedback received indicated a very high level of satisfaction with the project process as well as the guiding principles and design ideas.

This report describes the key features of the new Landscape Masterplan and an update on Stage One implementation of the works.

Stage One is fully funded through the approved Special Rate Variation.

Recommending:

1. THAT the information in relation to the Implementation of the St Leonards Park Landscape Masterplan - Stage One be received.

The Motion was moved by John Hirst and seconded by Councillor Brodie.

Voting was unanimous.

Resolved to Recommend:

1. THAT the information in relation to the Implementation of the St Leonards Park Landscape Masterplan - Stage One be received.

10. SR03: Synthetic Surfaces

Report of David Manson, Manager Parks and Reserves

This report outlines information on synthetic sports surfaces including past experiences and community feedback.

Nil.

Recommending:

1. THAT the report in relation to Synthetic Surfaces be received.

The Motion was moved by Simon Cox and seconded by Cameron Herbert.

Voting was unanimous.

Resolved to Recommend:

1. THAT the report in relation to Synthetic Surfaces be received.

11. SR04: Synthetic Surfaces - New Technologies

Report of David Manson, Manager Parks and Reserves

This report outlines information on synthetic sports surfaces in particular new technologies that are emerging in the industry.

Nil.

Recommending:

1. THAT the report in relation to Synthetic Surfaces - New Technologies be received.

2. THAT funding for a trial of hybrid turf be considered.

3. THAT the committee trial hybrid turf in Primrose Park within the goalmouth.

A Motion was moved by Councillor Gibson and seconded by Councillor Mutton,

1. THAT the report in relation to Synthetic Surfaces - New Technologies be received.

2. THAT the Sport & Recreation Reference Group recommend that Council proceed with a trial of hybrid turf in Primrose Park within the goalmouth (a 100m² area).

3. THAT the Sport & Recreation Reference Group recommend that Council proceed with the (5%) hybrid turf and (95%) natural grass as soon as possible, and that the hybrid turf be “ready for use” to play on.

4. THAT Council conduct community consultation.

5. THAT Council share results with the NSROC Committee.

Voting was unanimous, except for Councillor Brodie, who voted against the item.

Resolved to Recommend:

1. **THAT** the report in relation to Synthetic Surfaces - New Technologies be received.
2. **THAT** the Sport & Recreation Reference Group recommend that Council proceed with a trial of hybrid turf in Primrose Park within the goalmouth (a 100m² area).
3. **THAT** the Sport & Recreation Reference Group recommend that Council proceed with the (5%) hybrid turf and (95%) natural grass as soon as possible, and that the hybrid turf be “ready for use” to play on.
4. **THAT** Council conduct community consultation.
5. **THAT** Council share results with the NSROC Committee.

12. SR05: Sportsfield Condition Report

Report of David Manson, Manager Parks and Reserves

This report provides a photographic report on the current condition of North Sydney Council’s sportsfields.

Nil.

Recommending:

1. **THAT** the Sportsfield Condition Report be received.

The Motion was moved by Simon Cox and seconded by John Hirst.

Voting was unanimous.

Resolved to Recommend:

1. **THAT** the Sportsfield Condition Report be received.

13. SR06: Sporting Facilities Booking Policy

Report of David Manson, Manager Parks and Reserves

This report outlines information on North Sydney Council’s Sporting Facilities Booking Policy.

Nil.

Recommending:

1. **THAT** the Sporting Facilities Booking Policy report be received.

The Motion was moved by Councillor Brodie and seconded by Duncan Bendall.

Voting was unanimous.

Resolved to Recommend:

1. **THAT** the Sporting Facilities Booking Policy report be received.

14. General Business

Future of Cammeray Golf Course

Councillor Mutton asked about the future of the Cammeray Golf Course.

Director Open Space and Environmental Services stated that there is to be a Councillor briefing on 9 September 2019 to discuss this item.

The Meeting concluded at 7.10pm.

CHAIRPERSON

GENERAL MANAGER