

**Report to General Manager**

Attachments:

1. Minutes 18 November 2019

SUBJECT: Sport and Recreation Reference Group – Minutes 18 November 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 18 November 2019. 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 18 November 2019 be noted and no further action taken.

LINK TO COMMUNITY STRATEGIC PLAN

The relationship with the Community Strategic Plan is as follows:

Direction: 5. Our Civic Leadership

Outcome: 5.3 Community is informed and consulted

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 SUPPER ROOM, COUNCIL CHAMBERS, NORTH SYDNEY, ON MONDAY, 18 NOVEMBER 2019 AT 6.00PM.

PRESENT

Councillor Keen in the Chair and Councillors Barbour, Brodie, Gibson and Mutton.

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: Ashleigh Campbell, Australian Catholic University
Toni Field, Northern Suburbs Netball Association
Cameron Herbert, North Sydney Junior Cricket
Anne Simmons, Sydney Uni Hockey
Simon Cox, North Sydney United Football Club
John Hirst, Resident

Visitors Keith Lawrence, North Sydney District Cricket Club

Apologies were received from Brian Emmanuel - Resident, Duncan Bendall - Mosman/North Sydney Hockey, Paul Orgad - Northern Suburbs Football and Rob Lavery - North Sydney District Cricket Club.

15. Minutes

The Minutes of the previous meeting held on Monday 19 August 2019, copies of which had been previously circulated, were taken as read and confirmed.

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

16. SR01: Capital Works Program Update

Report of David Manson, Manager Parks and Reserves
This report presents an update on several capital works projects that are scheduled to be completed within this current financial year 2019/20.
Funding for these projects was included in the adopted 2019/20 capital works budget.

Recommending:

1. THAT the Capital Works Program Update report be received.

The Motion was moved by John Hirst and seconded by Cameron Herbert.

Voting was unanimous.

Resolved to Recommend:

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

Councillor Barbour arrived at the meeting at 6.10pm.

Simon Cox arrived at the meeting at 6.10pm.

17. SR02: Hybrid Turf Trial

Report of David Manson, Manager Parks and Reserves

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

Funding for the trial (\$16,000) will be provided through the Sportsfields Maintenance budget.

Recommending:

1. **THAT** the Hybrid Turf Trial report be received.

The Motion was moved by Simon Cox and seconded by Christine Cannon.

Voting was unanimous.

Resolved to Recommend:

1. **THAT** the Hybrid Turf Trial report be received.

18. SR03: Ex Waverton Bowling Club Site - Post Engagement

Report of Rob Emerson, Director Open Space and Environmental Services

As previously reported to the Sport and Recreation Reference Group, 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.

Council gained a six-month lease, executed on 7 May 2019, that fundamentally allowed Council to carry out the initial due diligence on the site including a building condition assessment, a preliminary contamination review and a risk assessment of the grounds. The reports assist in informing the consideration of the future uses for the site; as well as community engagement to determine the preferred specific use of the site (within the sport and recreation reserve category), concurrent with advancing the reintegration of the site into the surrounding Crown Lands.

Council at its meeting of 24 June 2019 resolved (Min. No. 183):

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.*

In accordance with the above-mentioned resolution, the engagement outcomes have been reported to Council, to inform the Council's decision on the proposed long-term future use of the site that will form the application to the NSW Department of Industry - Crown Reserves for tenure in perpetuity.

Further Council at its meeting of 28 October 2019 resolved (Min. No. 313):

1. *THAT Council write to the NSW Department of Industry - Crown Reserves strongly advocating the position that the Ex Waverton Bowling Club land must be reintegrated into the existing Waverton Park Reserve under Council's Care and Control for the*

purpose of providing parkland for public recreation.

2. *THAT Council request that the Local Member Felicity Wilson be advised of the community position and asked to advocate for the land to be returned as community parkland for the purpose of providing public recreation.*

There are no current financial implications in advocating that the Ex Waverton Bowling Club land be reintegrated into the existing Waverton Park Reserve under Council's Care and Control for the purpose of providing parkland for public recreation. However, in the event the State Government agrees to transfer the land to Council as parkland for public recreation then a cost estimate will need to be prepared and considered in subsequent financial years for ongoing grounds maintenance, the development of a masterplan and future demolition and desired construction works for the site.

Recommending:

1. **THAT** the Sport and Recreation Reference Group note the Ex Waverton Bowling Club report.

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

Voting was unanimous.

Resolved to Recommend:

1. **THAT** the Sport and Recreation Reference Group note the Ex Waverton Bowling Club report.

Councillor Mutton arrived at the meeting at 6.30pm.

19. General Business

Cammeray Golf Course

The Mayor advised that she is attending a meeting at Cammeray Golf Course in the week commencing 25 November 2019, with the Federal Member for North Sydney and the President of the Cammeray Golf Club.

The Director Open Space and Environmental Services conducted a presentation in relation to options for possible uses of the Cammeray Golf Club site once the lease has expired in 2026.

The Meeting concluded at 6.51pm.

CHAIRPERSON

GENERAL MANAGER