

**Report to General Manager**

Attachments:

1. Minutes 16 March 2020

SUBJECT: Sport and Recreation Reference Group – Minutes 16 March 2020**AUTHOR:** Melissa Dunlop, Governance Co-ordinator**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 16 March 2020. 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 16 March 2020 be noted.

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 ROS CRICHTON PAVILION, NORTH SYDNEY, ON MONDAY, 16 MARCH 2020 AT 6.00PM.

PRESENT

Councillor Brodie in the Chair, Councillor Keen and the Mayor, Councillor Gibson.

Staff: Robert Emerson, Director Open Space & Environmental Services
David Manson, Manager Parks & Reserves
Melissa Dunlop, Governance Co-ordinator (Minutes)

Citizen Members: Mark Ohlsson, Cammeray Golf Club
Layton Gould, Cammeray Golf Club
Christine Cannon, North Sydney Women's Hockey/
Mosman Hockey
Ted Wziontek, Resident
Cameron Herbert, North Sydney District Junior Cricket Club
Simon Cox, North Sydney United Football Club
Matt Dawson, North Sydney Parkrun

Apologies were received from Paul Orgad, Northern Suburbs Football Association; Ashleigh Campbell, ACU; Duncan Bendall, Mosman/North Sydney Hockey; Toni Field, Northern Suburbs Netball Association; John Hirst; Brian Emanuel, Resident; and Anne Simmons, Sydney University Hockey Club (Juniors).

1. Minutes

The Minutes of the previous meeting held on 18 November 2019, copies of which had been previously circulated, were taken as read and confirmed.

The Motion was moved by Councillor Keen and seconded by Councillor Gibson.

2. SR01: Hybrid Turf Trial Update

Report of David Manson, Manager Parks & Reserves
This report provides updated information on the trial of Hybrid Turf.

Recommending:

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

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

Voting was unanimous.

Resolved to recommend:

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

Matt Dawson arrived at 6.20pm.

3. **SR02: Winter Season 2020 Sportsfields Allocation**

Report of Rob Emerson, Director Open Space & Environmental Services

This report provides information regarding usage of Council's sportsfields for the Winter season 2020.

Recommending:

1. **THAT** the Winter Season 2020 Sportsfields Allocation report be received.

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

1. **THAT** the Winter Season 2020 Sportsfields Allocation report be received.
2. **THAT** Council investigate parking and traffic options for Cammeray Oval to deal with illegally parked vehicles on the grounds of Cammeray Golf Club and report back to the Reference Group.

Voting was unanimous.

Resolved to recommend:

1. **THAT** the Winter Season 2020 Sportsfields Allocation report be received.
2. **THAT** Council investigate parking and traffic options for Cammeray Oval to deal with illegally parked vehicles on the grounds of Cammeray Golf Club and report back to the Reference Group.

4. **SR03: Provision of Basketball and Netball Hoops**

Report of David Manson, Manager Parks & Reserves

This report presents information on potential locations for the installation of new Basketball and Netball hoops within the North Sydney LGA.

There is no current funding allocated to implement the recommendations within this report and this issue will need to be considered in future budget considerations.

Recommending:

1. **THAT** Council consider funding for the installation of Netball and Basketball hoops in future capital works budget processes.
2. **THAT** Council consider installing Netball and/or Basketball hoops at the following locations:
 - Brightmore Reserve;
 - Bradfield Plaza;
 - Bradfield Park Central (synthetic surface);
 - St Leonards Park; and
 - Waverton Bowling Club.

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

1. **THAT** Council allocate funding for the installation of Netball and Basketball hoops in future capital works budget processes.
2. **THAT** Council install Netball and Basketball hoops at the following locations:
 - Brightmore Reserve;

- Bradfield Plaza;
- Bradfield Park Central (synthetic surface);
- St Leonards Park;
- Forsyth Park;
- Anderson Park; and
- Waverton Bowling Club.

Voting was unanimous.

Resolved to recommend:

1. THAT Council allocate funding for the installation of Netball and Basketball hoops in future capital works budget processes.

2. THAT Council install Netball and Basketball hoops at the following locations:

- Brightmore Reserve;
- Bradfield Plaza;
- Bradfield Park Central (synthetic surface);
- St Leonards Park;
- Forsyth Park;
- Anderson Park; and
- Waverton Bowling Club.

5. SR04: Tunks Park Sports Turf

Report of David Manson, Manager Parks & Reserves

This report presents information on the current difficulties that Council's grounds staff are having maintaining a good grass cover on fields 2, 3 and 4 at Tunks Park and provides a recommendation for changing the use of this facility to improve the condition of the fields.

The exclusion of high impact sport at Tunks Park through the period of October to January would result in an income loss of approximately \$20,000.

Recommending:

1. THAT Council excludes the use of high impact sports at Tunks Park during the October to January period, in line with all other North Sydney sportsfields in order to recover a reasonable coverage of turf through the spring/summer renovation period.

A Motion was moved by Ted Wziontek and seconded by Cameron Herbert,

1. THAT Council reduce the use of high impact sports at Tunks Park during the October to January period in order to recover a reasonable coverage of turf through the spring/summer renovation period.

2. THAT Council enforce the banning of studded boots as per Council's Booking Policy.

Voting was unanimous.

Resolved to recommend:

1. THAT Council reduce the use of high impact sports at Tunks Park during the October to January period in order to recover a reasonable coverage of turf through the spring/summer renovation period.

2. THAT Council enforce the banning of studded boots as per Council's Booking Policy.

6. General BusinessCOVID-19

Christine Cannon advised that a number of sports associations met today (16 March 2020) in relation to the current COVID-19 issue. It has been recommended that all Rugby, Netball, Hockey and Basketball matches be suspended until early May 2020. A determination is expected on 17 March 2020.

The Director Open Space & Environmental Services advised that Council is currently reviewing its operations and use of its facilities in relation to this issue.

Junior Hockey for 4-12 Year Old Children

Christine Cannon advised that North Sydney Hockey had initiated a new program to encourage 4 to 12 year old children to try hockey by undertaking small-sided games and offering the first four weeks for free. A modified game will also be offered for children with disabilities. There has been some interest from local schools and a marketing campaign will be undertaken.

Practice Cricket Nets at Forsyth Park

Cameron Herbert requested an update in relation to the proposal to construct practice cricket nets at Forsyth Park (reported to the Sport & Recreation Reference Group on 20 May 2019).

The Director Open Space & Environmental Services advised that the proposal would be unlikely to proceed due to noise concerns in the community surrounding the park.

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

1. THAT Council investigate locations for additional practice cricket nets and provide a further report to the Sport and Recreation Reference Group.

Voting was unanimous.

Resolved to recommend:

1. THAT Council investigate locations for additional practice cricket nets and provide a further report to the Sport and Recreation Reference Group.

The Meeting concluded at 7.10pm.

CHAIRPERSON

GENERAL MANAGER