



MINUTES OF MEETING

SPORTS & RECREATIONAL FACILITIES ADVISORY COMMITTEE

HELD FRIDAY 2nd October 2015

NOTE: All minutes are subject to confirmation at a subsequent Council or Planning and Strategy Committee meetings.

PRESENT:

Councillors

Cllr Jean Hay Mayor AM
Cllr Steve Pickering

Manly Council (Chair)
Manly Council

Other Representatives

Louise Simmons

Manly Oztag

Cathy Clark

Manly Oztag

Steve Beatty

Manly Warringah District Cricket Association

David Morrissey

Northern Sydney Local Health District

William Tricker

Manly Savers Rugby

Mario Mesite

Brookvale Football Club

Sean rout

Manly Rugby Club

Chris Goodmanson

Seaforth Football Club

Tony Pecar

Manly Warringah Junior Cricket Association

Stewart Davis

Manly Roos Junior Rugby

Josh Dowse

President Manly Roos Rugby

Council Staff

Fenton Beatty

Manager, Parks and Reserves

TO THE MAYOR AND COUNCILLORS OF THE COUNCIL

The **Sports Facilities Committee** met on **2nd October 2015**, to consider the matters referred to it and provides the following advice to Council.

OPEN	The meeting commenced at 8.00am.	ACTION
ITEM 1	APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE Guy Rees Allen, Stuart Davis The Chair Welcomed Mr Josh Dowse President of the Roos Rugby	
ITEM 2	DECLARATION OF INTEREST	ACTION

N/A.

ITEM 3 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

The minutes of the Sports & Recreational Facilities Advisory Committee meeting 7th August 2015 are confirmed.

Recommendation:

The Committee recommends to the General Manager that the Minutes are confirmed.

ITEM 4 REPORT: Items from Previous Meeting / Grounds Report

Manly Oval	Ball nets Sydney Road and Raglan Street frontages. The nets have been re installed and rectified.
LM Grahams Reserve	• Path works at LM Graham Reserve have been completed. • The practice cricket nets were officially opened by the Mayor, General Manager and "The Premier Mike Baird. • Change of season renovation works carried out week ending the 25/10/15 • Major works upgrade for 'A' Grade Cricket to start in December.
Season Change over	30 th August 2015 to 14 th September 2015 15 th December 2015 to 17 th January 2016 • Re turfing of goal mouth areas and topdressing works currently being carried out. • A re assessment of the areas will be carried out in November. • Major areas for rectification Seaforth Oval , LM Grahams Reserve, Keirle Park all other ovals have general renovation works.
Sports fields tender	Members are requested to nominate any issue relating to previous maintenance to the Parks Manager so this can be check listed in the new tender
Next window of opportunity dates for renovation works	15 th December 2015 to 17 th January 2016

Updates from committee

- Seaforth Football Club advised that they have had no response from Tony Abbott's office regarding the federal grants program.

- In the Agenda the Parks Manager has requested a site meeting with sporting user groups and the Facilities Manager to ascertain storage needs at Keirle Park. The Roos, The Savers and The Marlins to be allocated space. Possibly Wednesday next week.
- LM Graham Reserve change rooms will be painted and other minor works carried out to improve the internal areas for usage by Cricket and soccer.
- LM Graham Reserve will have a playing surface renovation of the 70m cricket circle around the 19th December. There will be construction fencing installed in order to carry out this works a requirement of work Health & Safety. A separation of the renovated surface is recommended because of the known damage that will occur to the new A' Grade surface.
- Oztag raised the issue of the playing surface at Seaforth oval and the fact the ground was not ready for use when the season began. The contractor commenced and completed re turfing works. The contractor had emitted the Oztag starting date in error. Apology is tendered in this regard.
- Oztag – and Seaforth Football Club– advised lights at Seaforth are not adequate for training and are dangerous. Seaforth Soccer will email the Parks Manager with details on maintenance issues at Seaforth Oval.
- The Parks manager outlined the lights at Seaforth oval have been assessed some adjustment and maintenance can be carried out, but to fix the 100 LUX deficiency the two poles on the eastern side behind the building would need to be relocated or a new taller pole installed to house 8 lights closer to the southern side of building, there is no funds available at present for this work, which has been previously stated.

Recommendation:

The Committee recommend to the General Manager and Council that:

1. The committee received and noted the Grounds report.
2. A site meeting be arranged next week with The Roos, The Savers and The Marlins to ascertain what is required, and that:
3. Possible funding of improvement to lighting situation at Seaforth oval be sourced estimated cost \$70,000 subject to external body funding: and that:
4. A separation type barrier / fence be installed at LM Graham Reserve outside the 70 Cricket outfield field area to prevent damage to surface.

ITEM 6 **General Business.**

- Committee would like to have a maintenance program for the lights on all grounds be worked out and tabled at the next meeting. New idea and technologies have changed the parameters.
- The Manager Parks & Reserves outlined there is currently a pre- season audit and maintenance and repairs process prior to season and then on call repairs as required.
- Dog walking issue at Seaforth Oval and Graham Reserve was highlighted. Mayor Hay confirmed private business cannot use public facilities to run their business.
- Manly Warringah Junior Cricket advised Kierle Park #2 oval was not ready for cricket's season opener. However #1 field was ready, the Manager Parks & Reserves advised that this contractor error.

The committee proposed the season change over process needs to be tightened up and documented.

The Parks Manager advised that sportsfields contract has been reviewed and is going to tender shortly these items have been addressed in that tender, along with other items raised by sporting groups during the previous contract. Closing of grounds for wet weather was discussed. The Roos Rugby requested Keirle Park has an exemption from closing Fridays.

- Committee would like to see a review process for the wet weather line and procedures for closing grounds, because if grounds are called closed on Friday fields like Keirle Park could be dry for play the next day. Council employee to be involved in decision making over the weekend.

The Parks Manager outlined that fields are called as closed based on the proposed weather conditions and where damage could be caused to fields. Where Grounds have been closed and the conditions change clubs have always in the past contacted the Manager Parks and Reserve for a clarification if the field could be re- opened.

In relation to a recent issue this was not related to the Parks Manager but directly to the Mayor, Partly because the process was unknown the party concerned. The Parks Manager advised that there should be a handover process in relation to internal club changes of office bearers, coaches etc. So that they know what current processes in place.

- The Manly Roos raised an issue in terms of the current 4 hr parking on the corner of Kenneth Road and Balgowlah road up to the Senior citizens centre because there has been several trailers parked there for more than the allocated 4 hr period. The Manager Parks & Reserves outlined that this would be referred to Compliance.
- Seaforth Football club reported that; in relation to low usage of Tania Park previously raised. There has been an increase in paying numbers at Seaforth by 25%.and that Tania Park hosted over 240 games last season.
- The chair updated the committee about Manly Oval saying a

final decision would be made in January by Council. Other members relayed that there had been no decisions made on this item and the Cahir relayed all stake holders would be consulted in any transition.

Recommendation:

The Committee Recommend to the General Manager and Council that:

1. An outline of the current process for ground closures be reported to the committee and any possible improvements to the process. and
2. That a reviewed schedule be formulated for Sports field lighting maintenance. and
3. That the new sportsfield contract address any season change over issues.

ITEM 7 NEXT MEETING DATE:

Date: 4 December 2015

Time: 8.00am – 9:30am

Venue: Councillors' Room, Manly Council Chambers

Meeting closed at 9:30 am