

# Minutes

<b>Date &amp; Time:</b>	4 May 2009, 6.30pm
<b>Location:</b>	Grose Meeting Room, Council HQ
<b>Chairperson:</b>	Councillor Daniel Myles
<b>Meeting Purpose:</b>	<b>Sports Council</b>
<b>Present:</b>	Councillor Daniel Myles, Councillor Mark Greenhill, Councillor Chris Van Der Kley, Brett Sowerby (Athletics), Estelle Godkin (Netball), Kim Sewell (Rugby League), Chris Moloney (Rugby Union), Ian Monaghan (Soccer), Walter Hitchell (Swimming), John Tremble (Tennis), Rob Voura (Touch Football), Tony Moore (BMCC), Adrian Birkbeck (BMCC), Lisa Macqueen (BMCC) – Minutes.
<b>Apologies:</b>	Paul Watson (AFL), Stephen Poole (Cricket), Chris Moloney (Rugby Union), Andrew Bell (Baseball & Softball).
<b>Confirmation of Previous Minutes:</b>	Confirmed
<b>TRIM reference:</b>	F01200 – 09/090778

## Items for discussion

	<b>Item</b>	<b>Comments</b>
1	Follow up from previous minutes	<p>Personal Trainers on Council Ovals – New fee has been included in the 2009/10 Draft Management Plan. Hopefully to be adopted by the Council July 2009.</p> <p>Dog Off Leash – Surveys available from BMCC website.</p> <p>Unauthorised Banners on Glenbrook Oval/GWH fence – All unauthorised banners have now been removed. All groups who had unauthorised banners up have been spoken to and advised that BMCC permission is required and of the procedure for approval.</p> <p>Tom Hunter Floodlights – This Capital Works project is proceeding however delays mean that it is unlikely that works will commence until September 2009.</p> <p>Warrimoo Oval Resurfacing/Irrigation – This Capital Works project has been completed. Touch Football to start using the oval in June.</p> <p>Blaxland Netball/Basketball Dual Purpose Courts – This Capital Works project now completed. Media release pending.</p> <p>Warrimoo Oval Amenities Block – Adrian to meet with Touch Football and Rugby League representatives in regards to the demolition of the old amenities block and use of new amenities block next week.</p>
2	NSW Sport & Recreation Sport Development Programs	<p>Adrian has received a call from the Department of Sport and Recreation offering funding for the development of sporting clubs. A host of things can be funded including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sports training;</li> <li>• Nutrition and hydration;</li> <li>• Child protection;</li> <li>• How to run your club;</li> <li>• Risk management;</li> <li>• Managing injuries;</li> </ul>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Warm ups and warm downs;</li> <li>•Core strength and flexibility;</li> <li>•Business Planning for Clubs; and</li> <li>•St John’s Ambulance (Need to check courses available, compare to Royal Life Courses.).</li> </ul> <p>Contact Adrian or “Rose” from Department of Sport and Recreation for more information.</p> <p>ACTION: Adrian to email information to all clubs once funding has been secured. Adrian also to find out details of courses/fees.</p>
3	Concrete Security Enclosures - Storage	<p>Adrian Birkbeck tabled information on concrete security enclosures. These encloses could be used for equipment storage at sports grounds. Benefits/Features include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Don’t require a slab – a base of crushed material can be used to place the enclosures;</li> <li>•Can be removed/relocated;</li> <li>•Termite proof;</li> <li>•Modular Design – interchangeable;</li> <li>•Can have electricity supply installed if required;</li> <li>•Can be ventilated or heated if required;</li> <li>•The basic size is approximately three quarters that of a shipping container and costs approximately \$40,000 to \$45,000; and</li> <li>•These encloses would likely be permitted by BMCC.</li> </ul> <p>Please note: Shipping containers are not permissible.</p> <p>There are various similar enclosure systems on the market that may also be suitable for storage use at sports grounds.</p>
4	Sport Facility Electricity Project	<p>Council’s Recreation Team is undertaking an assessment of all Council sports grounds to determine electricity use and payment methodology. As there are anomalies Council wants to ensure all user groups are paying for their electricity use and that it is done so in a fair and transparent manner. Recently a new system was installed at the Summerhayes Parks netball courts to control the floodlights. It is mobile phone operate (via text messaging). The system allows Council to monitor use and hours used. It may be that locations with similar “multi use” have the same or similar system installed.</p>
5	Sports Fees – 5 Year Plan Review	<p>Adrian Birkbeck tabled the document entitled, ‘2<sup>nd</sup> Sports Fee projects 1-5 Year Plan. This document includes changes and considerations for the 5 year plan and the new projects coming on line.</p>
6	Summerhayes Park Use	<p>Rob Voura (Touch Football representative) addressed the meeting regarding the problem of gaining access to Summerhayes Park at the end of the summer competition. Touch Football has a 30 year history of use at Summerhayes Park. Touch Football requires use for two hours on a Monday night. Springwood United Soccer also wants to use during this time. Due to issues surround use, in the future, Rob Voura would like to have the Sports Council involved should a dispute arise regarding use. Tony Moore advised that for the summer season, touch football and soccer should both put their bookings in and Council will take it from there. The bookings policy takes into consideration historic use and the offering of alternative locations. Rob Voura advised that Touch Football do not have enough officials to play at more than one location at a time. Discussion followed around the potential to assist touch football, for example at Knapsack Park. The conversation change to a Mountains wide discussion</p>

		<p>of grounds and that there was a greater demand for use in the mid-lower Mountains and it would be great if some school sports grounds could be accessed. There is a major problem with school grounds – not usually floodlit. It was suggested that BMCC seek some sort of agreement with schools so that sporting clubs could assess their playing fields. Councillor Myles suggested that this should be championed by the elected Councillors and a meeting would be convened with local school principals. With regard to the booking disputes involving sports grounds, it was advised that bookings would be received and sorted by Council staff, if there were further problems then matters may be referred to the Sports Council to facilitate a resolution.</p>
7	\$20,000 Minor Capital Works Submissions	<p>Three projects selected for funding were altered from their initial submission and will therefore not be proceeding. All unspent funds are to be rolled over into next years Sports Council Minor Works budget. It was suggested that project applications from 2009/10 onward should include at least one written quote to prove that the project has merit and is achievable. This was agreed.</p> <p>ACTION: Adrian Birkbeck to organise the roll over of all unspent Sports Council Minor Works money to the 2009/10 financial year.</p>
8	Croquet Request	<p>The Upper Mountains Croquet Club is looking for a home/new location. The club wanted to use Browntown Oval, however, Blackheath Soccer Club is now using Browntown Oval. It was acknowledged by the Sports Council that BMCC does not have the resources to maintain a croquet green. The Sydney Water site at Blackheath was put forward as a potential venue, however, Walter Hitchell suggested that it would be unsuitable. The Churchill Street Complex was also suggested as a potential venue however this was wanted by Netball.</p> <p>ACTION: Recreation staff to continue discussion with Upper Mountains Croquet Club about locations/resources.</p>
9	General Discussion Items	<p>Brett Sowerby (Athletics) raised the issue of not being able to get onto the athletics fields during the September maintenance time. Athletics need to be on the grounds in September. Council Officers advised that no one should be booking the fields during the month of September so that maintenance of the fields can be carried and grounds rested, this was Council policy. Athletics should try and negotiate access to grounds and depending on requirements of individual grounds, might be able to gain access for part of September, although there is no guarantee. Brett also raised the issue of white ants in the shed at Tom Hunter Park. Adrian advised that Paul Corson (Council's Buildings Facilities Administrator) was to inspect the shed in the following week.</p> <p>ACTION: Tony Moore, Adrian Birkbeck will discuss the maintenance program with BM City Services. Brett to provide Adrian and Tony with the dates that Athletics requires.</p> <p>John Tremble (Tennis) advised that cockatoos were getting onto the tennis courts and doing considerable damage to the courts.</p> <p>ACTION: Adrian to research possible solutions.</p> <p>John also discussed issues at Summerhayes Tennis Courts. He advised that the concrete embankment has been damaged, the surface of the court is uneven, and kids have been throwing pebbles onto the court from fill used in the surround.</p> <p>ACTION: Recreation Team investigate and seek to address issues.</p> <p>Kim Sewell (Rugby League) advised that she had received complaints from District Referees re the condition of Warrimoo Ovals bottom oval. 22 teams are using it at the moment. Access to the upper oval is required.</p>

	<p>Can Council please make plans to upgrade Warrimoo Ovals bottom ovals surface in the near future.</p> <p><b>ACTION:</b> Tony Moore to discuss maintenance with City Services. Kim to forward emails on the subject to Adrian Birkbeck.</p> <p>Estelle Godkin (Netball) would like to know what is happening with the proposed barrier fence to prevent soccer balls entering the netball courts at Summerhayes Park. Why were netball not allowed to use Summerhayes Parks netball courts on Friday evening, there have been no games or practice on Fridays? Adrian advised that one of the first projects to be undertaken in the new financial year would be the construction of a fence to stop soccer balls entering the courts. Although it might stop all balls, a majority should be stopped.</p> <p>Ian Monaghan (Soccer) raised the issue of the winter/summer changeover and the maintenance of fields. At Knapsack Park the grass has not been mown for a number of weeks. Council staff advised that there is a program for grass cutting and if the grass has not been cut then please ring council on 4780 5000 and raise a customer service request. Ian explained that general oval maintenance is also an issue. Hazelbrook Soccer complained that they did work on the oval because BMCC didn't have maintenance done in a timely manner. BMCC then didn't contribute fertiliser etc. There is definitely a timing issue with the maintenance.</p> <p><b>ACTION:</b> Adrian to raise the issue with BM City Services.</p> <p>Rob Voura (Touch Football) requested signage at sports grounds with users names on the sign.</p> <p><b>ACTION:</b> Rob Voura will get more information on sign proposal for next meeting.</p>
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**Next Meeting Proposed for:**

<b>Date &amp; Time:</b>	27 July 2009
<b>Chairperson:</b>	Councillor Daniel Myles

**Meeting Closed at 9:20pm.**