

Minutes

Date & Time:	28 September 2009, 6.30pm
Location:	Ori Café, Springwood
Chairperson:	Councillor Daniel Myles
Meeting Purpose:	Sports Council
Present:	Councillor Daniel Myles, Councillor Mark Greenhill, Councillor Chris Van Der Kley, Councillor Janet Mays, Glen Taylor (Athletics), Kim Sewell (Rugby League), Chris Moloney (Rugby Union), Ian Monaghan (Soccer), Walter Hitchell (Swimming), John Tremble (Tennis), Rob Voura (Touch Football), Karen Reveco (Baseball & Softball), Steven Poole (Cricket), David Brown (Dog Club), Paul Watson (AFL), Myles Jackson (BMX), Bob Bentley (BMCC), John Odgers (BMCC), Elizabeth Dudley-Bestow (BMCC), Adrian Birkbeck (BMCC), Lisa Macqueen (BMCC) – Minutes.
Apologies:	Estelle Godkin (Netball)
Confirmation of Previous Minutes:	Confirmed
TRIM reference:	F01200 – 09/169840

Items for discussion

	Item	Comments
1	Active After-school Communities Programs – Kirk Carroll Action: Clubs to contact Kirk to offer activities if they want to get involved	Kirk Carroll from the Active After-school Communities Program (AASC) addressed the meeting. The AASC is a national initiative that provides primary school children with access to free sport and other structured physical activity programs in the after-school time slot of 3.00pm to 5.30pm. The Australian Sports commission manages the AASC nationally through a network of locally based regional coordinators. The coordinators assist schools and after-school care centres to facilitate programs, recruit/train community coaches and work with local sporting clubs/organisations to increase junior membership. AASC is seeking clubs from the Blue Mountains to provide after school sport in partnership with the program. Kirk advised that this program could be used to reward or professionally develop sporting club coaches and a special initiative grant can be used to purchase new equipment. Literature on the AASC is available and Kirk Carroll can be contacted on 0428 200 032 or by email: Kirk.Carroll@ausport.gov.au
2	Western Sydney Academy of Sport Membership Action: Adrian to organise invoice payment for WSAS membership	The Western Sydney Academy of Sport is seeking Council renewal of its annual contribution towards the Academy's development programs for talented young athletes. Adrian Birkbeck tabled a document entitled 'Academy Athlete Programs Summary: July 2009' which detailed the number and type of athletes that have attended the Academy in the last year. The membership fee is \$12,100. It was asked how the fee is calculated - it is a standard "set fee" per Council. The question was also asked, 'how do we get more out of it'. It was suggested that peak performers in their given sport be brought to the Academy's attention. The Sports Council Representatives voted with eight votes in favour of supporting the renewal of the contribution to WSAS and two votes against. The motion was carried. It was noted that Councillor Fiona Creed is a representative on the Academy. The Sports Council representatives indicated that they would also like to meet some of the Blue Mountains athletes that have been through the Academy to find out what they got out of the Academy programs.

3	<p>Greater Involvement Between BMCC and Sports Associations</p> <p>Action: Adrian to invite the NDSFA to the next Sports Council meeting</p>	<p>Adrian Birkbeck recently attended the “Fields of Play Forum” held at the Rooty Hill RSA. This forum outlined the benefits of greater involvement between councils and district sporting associations amongst other things. There are advantages in aligning Capital Works projects with local sporting associations due to funding available to them. Recreation staff will be meeting with the Nepean District Football Association to explore potential opportunities. In providing funding for the development of Blue Mountains sporting facilities, associations will no doubt want some say in regards to project priorities and how facilities are used.</p> <p>The Sports Council decided that further discussion was needed on this subject. A meeting between NDFA and Council Officers, Tony Moore, Daniel Long and Adrian Birkbeck will take place in October.</p>
4	<p>\$30,000 Minor Capital Works Nominations</p> <p>Action: Adrian to notify successful applicants</p>	<p>The \$30,000 Minor Capital Works Nominations (Document 09/153076) was tabled and adopted by the Sports Council. All groups seeking funds were successful.</p>
5	<p>Sport Facility Electricity Project</p> <p>Action: Adrian to implement SFE.</p>	<p>Adrian Birkbeck tabled document 09/166172 entitled, ‘Sporting Facilities Electricity’. The Sports Council agreed to the approach outlined in the tabled document basically “user pays”.</p>
6	<p>No Smoking & Dog Off Leash Signage</p> <p>Action: All to please champion DOL/No Smoking initiative</p>	<p>‘No Smoking’ signs have been purchased for sporting fields and will be installed over the next six weeks. The number of signs installed will depend on the size of the ground. Council would like each club to champion ‘no smoking’ at their grounds. ‘Dog Off-leash’ signs are also being installed at certain location (as per Council resolution).</p>
7	<p>Options for Training (NSW Dept Sport & Rec funded)</p> <p>Action: Adrian to organising courses</p>	<p>A handout listing sports related training options was distributed to attendees. It was decided to nominate the following courses:</p> <p><u>Child Protection Seminar</u> - \$250 for seminar regardless of numbers. It was suggested that the seminar be run on a weekend (possibly one day time seminar and one night time seminar) at a venue at Springwood or Lawson.</p> <p><u>Running Your Club for Club Office Bearers</u> – It was also suggested that this training be run on a weekend (possibility one day time session and one night time session).</p> <p>Action: Adrian Birkbeck to seek info on dates/organise a day and time for both courses preferably weekends.</p>
8	<p>Sporting Club Insurance</p> <p>Action: Code representatives</p>	<p>Council Risk Management Coordinator, John Odgers and Council Manager, Corporate Human Resources, Bob Bentley addressed the Sports Council. As a result of recent incidents involving sporting equipment belonging to sporting clubs stored at BMCC facilities being damaged or destroyed by vandals, BMCC is exploring the option of BMCC insuring sporting club equipment stored at its facilities. John Odgers explained that</p>

	to consider this initiative and complete/return distributed "Request for information" form	Council is currently investigating insurance coverage/options. This insurance could take the form of either a "Stand Alone" policy for individual clubs or a "Master Policy" under the umbrella of the Sports Council. A 'Request for Information' form is to be distributed to Sports Council Representatives to pass on to their clubs. Council is seeking information from Clubs regarding sports related equipment that they currently have stored in Council owned sports facilities.
9	<p>General Discussion</p> <p>Action: David to discuss with Council Recreational Assets Auditor Dan Long.</p>	<p><u>David Brown (Dog Training)</u> – Would like to negotiate the use of grounds for dogs in September. Also the potential to improve facilities at Lomatia Park.</p> <p><u>BMX</u> - Myles Jackson thanked Adrian Birkbeck for his ongoing efforts in regard to the glued locks on the amenities block at the BMX Track, Lawson.</p> <p><u>Personal Trainers</u> – Adrian Birkbeck advised that Council has had several personal trainer bookings since the introduction of special fees associated with the activity. Glenbrook Oval, Tom Hunter Park and Glenbrook Park to date are being used. Personal trainers will not be given precedence over historical users.</p> <p><u>Kim Sewell (Rugby League)</u> – requested an update on the provision of a cage for the bins at Warrimoo Oval. Adrian advised that Dan Long has put it on the 2009/2010 Capital Works Program. Adrian will keep Kim updated. Kim also advised that the bottom oval at Warrimoo is down to dirt. Adrian advised that turf repairs are planned for the oval.</p> <p><u>Ian Monaghan (Soccer)</u> – On behalf of Hazelbrook FC, requested the future development intentions of Council for the Lawson Tip site be raised. Adrian advised that Council could potentially develop this site for football field/s. Council was considering its future options but suggested that Councils Capital Works Program was limited in its ability to fund all projects that could be included. Ian raised the issue of recycling at ovals. Knapsack Park has nine Otto bins and that much of the material generated is recyclable. What recycling service could be offered at all sporting fields? This had previously been raised by Kim Sewell at a Sports Council meeting. Councillor Van Der Kley suggested that the Sports Council refer the issue to Council's Waste Committee (with a cc to him) to examine sporting field recycling issues and for a strategy to be considered. NDSFA Meeting - Ian identified the relative playing numbers of the clubs in the mountains and some of the issues that may arise with the future meetings that are proposed between Council staff, the NDSFA and clubs in relation to ground bookings. Councillors suggested that the NDSFA be invited to attend the next Sports Council meeting, following their meeting with staff.</p> <p><u>Stephen Poole (Cricket)</u> – Stephen thanked Council for resurfacing several cricket pitches in the Mountains. Stephen also advised that the pitch at Melrose Park has been realigned and surfaced, this was organised by the Katoomba Cricket Club. Peter Carroll Clubhouse is proceeding, the shutters have been installed, a grant application has been submitted by the BM Cricket Association seeking funding to complete the change rooms and toilets, and the vandalised glass has been replaced.</p> <p><u>Walter Hitchell (Swimming)</u> – Walter would like to raise the issue of Richmond Club using Glenbrook Pool at the next Sports Council meeting.</p>

Next Meeting Proposed for:

Date & Time:	30 November 2009
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Chairperson:	Councillor Daniel Myles
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Meeting Closed at 8:55pm.