

Meeting Minutes

5 September 2005, Grose Meeting Room, Katoomba

Meeting commenced 7:12pm

Attendance

Councillors

Councillor Myles (Chair), Councillor Frappell, Councillor McInnes,

Sports Council Representatives

Bob Bartlett, Mick Hayes, Stephen Poole, Chris Maloney, John Tremble, Susan Kondek, Estelle Godkin, David Brown, Greg Dickson, Walter Hitchel, John Beazley, Paul Thompson

Council Officers

Alan Cattermole, Adrian Birkbeck, Andrew Pattison (visitor), Lydia Kolar (Minutes)

Apologies

Councillor Creed, Councillor Brown, Councillor Hamilton, Martin Parmenter

1. Confirmation of Previous Minutes

Previous minutes adopted.

Matters arising from these minutes:

- Action:** Council to send a link to all members to allow them to review courses available from NSW Sports & Recreation.
- Action:** Sports ground Hire/Use Handbook to be included on next agenda
- Action:** Investigate the 'Powers of Delegation' the Council may have with regards to the watering of ovals.
- Action:** Lawson Golf Course: Plan to be made available on the Web and the Sports Council advised when plan will be going on Exhibition.
- Action:** The positive feedback from the District Swimming Carnival to be forwarded to Kirrillee Twomey
- Action:** An audit to be carried out on the Katoomba basketball courts, findings to be raised at the next SLA meeting.
- Action:** "Safe Club" seminar to be put on the agenda for the next meeting.
- Action:** BMCC Lighting report to be sent to Rugby/Chris
- Action:** BMCC to follow up request for use of Frank Walford Park for the State Athletics Championships
- Action:** CSR to be raised to repair the damaged nets at Peter Carroll Field
- Action:** Review to be carried out of current NSW Sport & Rec Grant guidelines
- Action:** Invitation to be sent to the Department of Sport & Recreation to give a presentation on grants
- Action:** Touch to be advised about the POM for Summerhayes Park

2. Sports Council welcomes new Basketball Representative Paul Thompson

Councillor Myles welcomed Paul and invited him to provide a brief biography of himself and his sport. The upper mountains basketball association is a voluntary organisation run by volunteers. Basketball is played 38 weeks of the year and covers the area from Hazelbrook to Mt Victoria.

3. Items for General Discussion

Councillor Myles called for open discussion giving Sports Councillors an opportunity to raise any agenda items / issues for discussion.

Discussion included:

- Removal of tap at Warrimoo Oval prior to semi-finals – Players could not fill water bottles. Alan expressed his deepest apologies for the breakdown in communication. Investigations into the incident found that the tap was disconnected for health reasons as it was linked to the irrigation pipes.
- Report on carnival held at the Springwood Aquatic Centre
- Sports Council support and congratulations given to Susan Kondek for article in the Telegraph regarding the recent attempted abductions at playgrounds/ovals
- Sports Facility Research Project
- “Safe Club” seminar to be an item on the next meetings agenda
- Wentworth Falls Tennis Club Grant received
- Available NSW Sport and Recreation Courses eg Child protection course, Running your club.
- The sewer has been connected at Lapstone Oval/Rugby clubrooms
- Asset Management Plans

Action: Council to send a link to all members to allow them to review courses available from NSW Sports & Recreation.

Action: Bubbler to be returned to the Ruby Club that was removed from Warrimoo Oval

Action: “Safe Club” seminar to be put on the agenda for the next meeting

4. Key Priorities for 2005/06

Council staff have two key priorities for 2005/06.

1. The production of the “Hire Use Handbook” – The Handbook will be a living document. The draft handbook to be sent to the Sport Council members for feedback within 3 to 4 weeks and will be discussed at the November meeting. This meeting identified that Communication and internal linkages also need to be addressed in the Handbook.
2. The exploration into the introduction of user fees.

Action: “Hire Handbook” to be included on next agenda

5. Current Sporting Issues

- There have been a spate of break-ins – Estelle Godkin expressed thanks to BMCC staff for their assistance during the break-in at the Lapstone Netball Club Canteen.

- Arson at St Johns Road Blaxland Oval – Adrian reminded everyone to be vigilant and re-assess his or her procedures with regards to wheelie-bins.
- Pitt Park oval redevelopment well underway
- Warrimoo Oval Masterplan in draft stage
- Knapsack Park POM being developed, starting October 2006.
- Lomatia Park fence report going to Council 13 September 2005 Sydney Water has advised that BMCC are the only people that can water ovals. Request was made that an investigation is made on the “powers of delegation” members of the Sports Council have.
- Lawson Golf Course – Concept drawings to go on exhibition leading to the development of a master plan for the project. The Plan to be available on the web. The Sports Council to be advised of the date it will go to the Council and when it will be going on exhibition.
- Lapstone Oval POM – currently on exhibition
- Peter Carroll Field portable toilets to be installed 17 September 2005
- Reminder the Sports Council members that there is funding available for minor capital works projects, start nominating now.

Action: Investigate if sporting clubs can be delegated responsibility in regards to watering of ovals (within the restriction times oval /irrigation only).

Action: Lawson Golf Course: Plan to be made available on the Web and the Sports Council advised when plan will be going on Exhibition

6. Councillor McInnes' Notice of Motion regarding restricting smoking at sporting ovals

- Adrian briefed the Sports Council on the results of his investigation into other Councils' policies and research from the Cancer Council.
- Suggestion: that smoking be restricted within 10m of the playing field and during games
- Athletics have a policy that restricts smoking on the entire competition area
- Netball have restricted smoking from courts and spectator areas but have created smoking areas
- Touch Football have restricted smoking and alcohol consumption in all areas within the fenced boundaries and have included this in their Code of Conduct
- Suggestion: Council can support the final determined policy by erecting signs at parks and ovals
- Suggestion: The final policy be included in the Hire/Users Handbook
- Suggestion: The final policy be communicated through a media campaign
- Note: Financial resources required
- Policing is difficult, some codes have voluntary enforcement of the current policies
- The cigarette butts are also an issue
- Suggestion: the installation of designated cigarette bins
- Education process required for anything that is adopted
- May need to be done on a case by case determination
- Penrith Council did a trial which included 5 playgrounds this may be an option for BMCC
- A progressive introduction may be a possible approach

- A smoking policy will add depth to the current policies of codes
- Playgrounds and sportsgrounds to be addressed in the report
- Best level of enforcement is at the code level through voluntary enforcement
- The “restrict” component will be a challenge to define
- Question asked as to whether the restrictions will be enforced at all times or only during events
- Note: No report back to Council has been scheduled to date

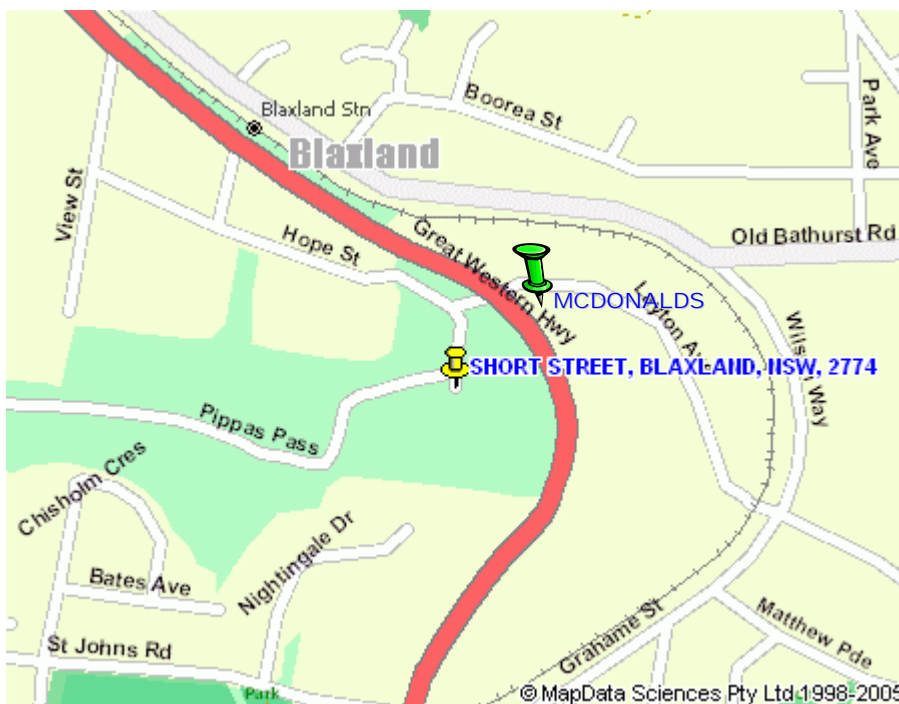
Utilising the input and suggestions from the sports council a draft discussion paper will be developed.

Action: Draft report to be emailed to Sports Council members prior to next meeting for feedback

7. Sports Council Meetings

It was adopted unanimously that alternate meetings of the Sports Council would be held at a venue in the lower mountains.

ALL TO NOTE: NEXT MEETING VENUE **BLAXLAND COMMUNITY CENTRE**
Meeting room B



Refer Item 11 of minutes for next meeting date.

8. Media Review / Correspondence received

2 additional Sports Council nominations were received.

Councillor Myles commented that the current members are highly committed and are working well together.

9. Sports Awards Committee 2006

The following members volunteered to be part of the 2006 Sports Award Committee

Clr Myles	Bob Bartlet
Clr McInnes	Susan Kondek
Clr Frappell	Wlater Hitchel
Estelle Godkin	Greg Dickson

There will be a broader scope this year and a request was made that all nominations have verification from the related code on the information supplied for each nominee.

10. General Business

- The District Swimming Carnival was just held at the Springwood Aquatic & Fitness Centre. 22 clubs attended and all commented on the great facility and the helpfulness of the staff.
- Basketball – Condensation leaking onto the courts and the floor is warping. Courts dirty and slippery. Games have had to be cancelled. The boiler recently exploded flooding the courts. The communication between BMCC and the code needs to be improved. Issue to be raised at the councillor working party 6 September 2005.
- Wentworth Falls Tennis Club having received a grant led discussion seeking grant experiences from other codes. The Sports Council will review current grant guidelines and invite the Department of Sport & recreation to provide an overview of the current policies and the next Sports Council meeting.
- POM for Summerhayes Park – Touch to be provided with information on the POM
- Netball requested the Sports Councillors take the time to view the Tunnel Gully POM and visit the grounds.
- BMCC Lighting report to be sent to Rugby
- Greg Dickson requested BMCC to follow-up on the letter sent requesting use of FRANK WALFORD for the State Athletics Championships
- CSR to be raised to repair the damaged nets at Peter Carroll Field
- Sustainable Asset Management (SAM) Plan: Alan provided a handout and a brief overview of Council SAM plans. The outcomes of the Sports Research project will feed into the SAM plans
- BMCC working on “water savings action plan” and the findings will be reported back to the Sports Council
- Hire Handbook to cover annual closure periods

Matters arising from previous minutes:

Action: Council to provide an update to Mick, on lighting upgrade at Warrimoo Oval. **COMPLETE**

Action: Council to investigate the changing of signs when ovals are closed. **COMPLETE**

Action: Council to prepare issues paper regarding 'oval closures' for further discussion with Sports Councillors **ON GOING**.

Action: Council to prepare response to Councillor McInnes' Notice of Motion regarding banning smoking at sporting ovals, and bring back to next Sports Council meeting for consideration.

Action: Include 'Sports Awards' as an agenda item for the next meeting. **COMPLETE**

Action: Sports Councillors can provide comment to Adrian on the Sports Council annual report by cob Thursday 7 July. **COMPLETE**

Action: Council to check signage at Warrimoo Oval and ask rangers to target the area (re: dog faeces issue). **COMPLETE**

Action: Sports Councillors to advise Councillor Myles if they would be interested in participating in a tour of a premier sports oval facility.

Action: Council to provide spreadsheet prior to this meeting listing the ovals with program of maintenance **COMPLETE**

Action: Council to advise Sports Council of type of line marking paint to be used on Council ovals and to investigate suppliers. Sports Councillors to provide Adrian with information on current products they are using.

Action: Council to organize new key for Mt Riverview Tennis Club. **COMPLETE**

Action: Council to follow-up on progress of lights being fixed at Katoomba Aquatic & Fitness Centre **COMPLETE**

11. Next Ordinary Meeting

Next meeting: **Monday 31st October 2005**, 7.00pm at Blaxland Community Centre, Meeting Room B, Short St Blaxland. Dinner will be provided. Please RSVP and provide agenda items to Adrian Birkbeck ph 4780 5709.

Meeting closed 9:30pm

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<http://www.bmcc.nsw.gov.au/index.cfm?L1=1&L2=557&L3=1034>