

# Blue Mountains Sports Council

January 2005



A Better Sporting Future

## Improved sporting facilities for a better sporting future

*Council needs your help to assess sports facilities throughout the mountains and set priorities for upgrade and development in the future.*

Council is currently working on a Sports Facility Research Project which will develop practical solutions and policies to maximise the use of existing ovals and your comments are vital to the project.

The project will also explore potential new sporting locations, including partnerships with non Council land, the development of a Sportsground classification system and will also guide a long term Capital Works Program for the upgrade and development of sporting facilities across the Mountains.

Existing sports ovals and their supporting infrastructure are the key focus of the project with a thorough assessment to be carried out across all sites. All ovals will be evaluated on a number of criteria including compliance to code specific standards, amenities and car park provision, together with their ability to sustain current user numbers. An understanding of user group expectations is crucial and your comments, together with recreation issues already on file, will guide the planning of individual sporting ovals.

Upon completion, this document will become an important tool in guiding upgrades and developments at sporting facilities across the Blue Mountains and



with this in mind Council invites all Club representatives to arrange an on site meeting with Council's Sports Project Officer, Ms Patricia Gonzalez to discuss issues that concern your Club at your home ground.

For further information on the Sports Facility Research Project or to arrange a site meeting please contact:

**Patricia Gonzalez**

*Sports Project Officer*

email: [pgonzalez@bmcc.nsw.gov.au](mailto:pgonzalez@bmcc.nsw.gov.au)

ph: 02 4780 5573

fax: 02 4780 5548

mail: Blue Mountains City Council

Locked Bag 5

Katoomba NSW 2780

Sports Facility Research Project	1
Former Lawson Golf Course Site	2
Blue Mountains Sports Council Sports Awards	2
Lapstone Sportsground Tunnel Gully Reserve	3
Water Restrictions	4
Contacts	4

### *In this edition ...*

- The Sports Facility Research Project will determine to a great extent, sporting Capital Works bids for the next 10 years.
- New sporting location opportunities are rare, having a say on the Lawson Golf Course site is your clubs opportunity to comment on its future.
- The Sports Council Sports Awards, do you know of a worthy nominee?
- Water restrictions are still in place and are likely to continue in the years to come.

# Former Lawson Golf Course Site

Sporting Groups encouraged to become involved in consultation process

The Sports Council is encouraging sporting groups to speak up regarding the future of the former Lawson Golf Course site. Land is desperately needed to meet the current and future needs of sporting groups in the Blue Mountains.

Opportunities like this do not come around very often in the Blue Mountains as much of the land is either environmentally protected or on a steep slope.

## How can the sporting community be involved in the future of this land?

Many of you may be aware that the former golf course site at Lawson has been handed back to Council as a result of the Central Blue Mountains Golf Club being wound up due to insolvency.

This land is not owned by Council. It is a Crown Land Reserve, with Blue Mountains City Council as the

Trustee of the land. It has a total area of just over 19 hectares centrally located in the Blue Mountains Local Government Area and is reserved for recreational purposes. This site is a large area of land and an opportunity exists for this land to be used for sporting purposes.



It is important to understand though that at this stage Council has no position regarding the use of the land. In looking at how this land can be best used, Blue Mountains City Council is keen to have the input of the community (this includes sporting groups). Council will be hiring an independent consultant to work with the community, Councillors and Council staff to develop a vision and concept for the site. **Sporting clubs can contact their Sports Council representatives to formulate a code based approach in submitting proposals for the use of the site. Or if preferred, clubs can simply submit their views on the brochure enclosed with this newsletter.**



## Blue Mountains Sports Council Sports Awards

Blue Mountains Sports Council is running its first ever annual awards program to recognise the achievements and contributions of the Blue Mountains Sporting community, and to promote sport across the Blue Mountains. Four Awards will be presented each year:

- Blue Mountains Sports Council Sports Person of the Year
- Blue Mountains Sports Council Junior Sports Person of the Year
- Blue Mountains Sports Council Sports Volunteer of the Year
- Blue Mountains Sports Council Sports Person with a Disability of the Year

### Eligibility Criteria

To be eligible for nomination for Senior Sports Person, Junior Sports Person and Sports Person with a Disability of the Year, nominees must:

- Be a resident of the Blue Mountains, or participate or be involved in a Blue Mountains sporting competition
- Play sport
- Be achieving/performing well
- The Sports Junior of the Year must be aged 17 or under on the 31<sup>st</sup> December

Those being nominated for Sports Volunteer must:

- Be a resident of the Blue Mountains, or participate or be

*involved in a Blue Mountains sporting competition*

- Volunteer their time in a sporting role
- Be making a significant contribution to sport
- A Volunteer is anyone involved with a sport in a way other than playing (includes officials and other volunteers)

### Judging Criteria

The Senior Sports Person, Junior Sports Person and Sports Person with a Disability Award will be presented to the nominee that best demonstrates:

- They have demonstrated commitment to their sport
- They have demonstrated excellence in their sport
- They are an inspirational role model

The Sports Volunteer Award will be presented to the nominee that best demonstrates:

- They have made a significant contribution to the Blue Mountains community in the field of sport.
- They have demonstrated commitment to sport in the Blue Mountains.
- They are an inspirational role model.

The winners will be announced at a special Awards Presentation in April 2005. Please complete the enclosed forms and mail them to: Blue Mountains City Council, Sports Awards, Attention: Adrian Birkbeck, Locked Bag 5, Katoomba, NSW 2780

# Lapstone Sportsground Tunnel Gully Reserve: Development of a Plan of Management

Tunnel Gully Reserve, Lapstone, includes Lapstone Sportsground, which contains the district netball venue and the only rugby union oval in the city as well as cricket and tennis facilities. The reserve has a significant recreational value as a major sporting venue.

Due to issues involving recreational usage and residential amenity, a Plan of Management is being prepared under the *Crown Lands Act* that will be consistent with the requirements of the *Local Government Act*.

The Plan of Management is being developed by Council with the Department of Lands.

A Plan of Management is being prepared for Lapstone Sportsground Tunnel Gully Reserve

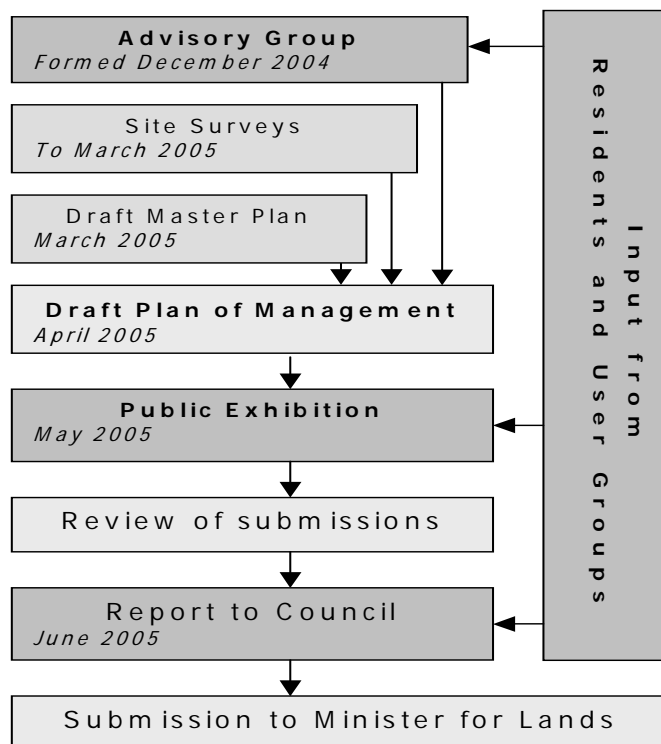
## Have your say!

Community consultation is an important part in the development of a Plan of Management. Sporting Clubs have the opportunity to have input via an Advisory Group, through submissions during public exhibition and in person at the time the report is

presented to Council. For more information please call Council Officer Adrian Birkbeck 4780 5709.

## Where to from here

The next steps in this project are to undertake site surveys along with community research and master planning to develop a draft Plan of Management:



Reserve Map

## Reserve Map

The bold white line shows the boundary of the lands comprising Tunnel Gully Reserve. Lapstone Sportsground is shown in the lower right hand corner of the reserve.





A Better Sporting Future

Attn: Adrian Birkbeck  
Blue Mountains Sports Council  
Locked Bag 5  
Katoomba NSW 2780

Phone: 4780 5709  
Fax: 4780 5562  
Email: [abirkbeck@bmcc.nsw.gov.au](mailto:abirkbeck@bmcc.nsw.gov.au)

We're on the Web  
[www.bmcc.nsw.gov.au](http://www.bmcc.nsw.gov.au)

## Stage 2 Water Restrictions Still in Place



Council's irrigation of sporting fields is currently limited to operation of sprinklers and watering systems from 6.00 am to 9.00 am and 5.00 pm to 8.00 pm on **Mondays only**.

**Council oval grassed playing surfaces will not be made available for bookings during these times.**

For more information on all water restrictions: [www.sydneywater.com.au](http://www.sydneywater.com.au)



## Sports Council Contact Details

*Please contact your representative if you would like a matter raised with the Sports Council.*

### Councillor Representation

Ward 1  
Councillor Terri Hamilton  
Ph 4787 6549  
[thamilton@bmcc.nsw.gov.au](mailto:thamilton@bmcc.nsw.gov.au)

Ward 2  
Councillor Pipa McInnes  
Ph/fax 4751 6359  
[pmcInnes@bmcc.nsw.gov.au](mailto:pmcInnes@bmcc.nsw.gov.au)

Ward 3  
Councillor Daniel Myles  
Chairman of Sports Council  
Ph 4751 4928  
[dmyles@bmcc.nsw.gov.au](mailto:dmyles@bmcc.nsw.gov.au)

Ward 4  
Councillor Fiona Creed  
Ph 4739 6261  
[fcreed@bmcc.nsw.gov.au](mailto:fcreed@bmcc.nsw.gov.au)

Ward 4  
Councillor Anna Brown  
Ph/fax 4739 5860  
[abrown@bmcc.nsw.gov.au](mailto:abrown@bmcc.nsw.gov.au)

Ward 4  
Councillor Kevin Frappell  
Ph/fax 4739 3529  
[kfrappell@bmcc.nsw.gov.au](mailto:kfrappell@bmcc.nsw.gov.au)

### Code Representation

Athletics  
Greg Dickson  
Ph 4722 2652  
[gdickson@hotmail.net.au](mailto:gdickson@hotmail.net.au)

Cricket  
Stephen Poole  
Ph 4739 9438  
[spoole@pnc.com.au](mailto:spoole@pnc.com.au)

Dog Training  
David Brown  
Ph 4754 2754  
[maleebears@yahoo.com.au](mailto:maleebears@yahoo.com.au)

Netball  
Estelle Godkin  
4739 3919  
[godkin@bigpond.com](mailto:godkin@bigpond.com)

Rugby League  
Rita Sandford  
Ph 4759 3827  
[gsandfor@bigpond.net.au](mailto:gsandfor@bigpond.net.au)

Rugby Union  
Chris Moloney  
Ph 4739 2341  
[chris\\_moloney@vero.com.au](mailto:chris_moloney@vero.com.au)

Baseball / Softball  
Bob Bartlett  
Ph 4753 1042

Basketball  
Cheryl Fitz  
4757 1608

Soccer  
Susan Kondek  
Ph 4759 1959  
[kondek@hermes.net.au](mailto:kondek@hermes.net.au)

Swimming  
Walter Hitchell  
Ph 4782 2929  
[hitchell@pnc.com.au](mailto:hitchell@pnc.com.au)

Tennis  
John Tremble  
Ph 4782 2926  
[jtrembo@optusnet.com.au](mailto:jtrembo@optusnet.com.au)

Touch Football  
Mick Hayes  
Ph 4751 4441

Australian Football  
Shane Whitelaw  
Ph 4751 8007  
[shane.whitelaw@imagination.com.au](mailto:shane.whitelaw@imagination.com.au)

Sports Council Convenor  
Adrian Birkbeck  
Ph 4780 5709  
[abirkbeck@bmcc.nsw.gov.au](mailto:abirkbeck@bmcc.nsw.gov.au)

Oval Maintenance Issues  
William Manners  
Ph 4780 5576  
[wmanners@bmcc.nsw.gov.au](mailto:wmanners@bmcc.nsw.gov.au)

### Goal Posts



Does your soccer club use portable goalposts? Does your club follow the Australian Standards "Portable soccer goalposts—Manufacture, use and storage guidelines"?

It is important that all soccer clubs follow the current Australian Standards HB227-2003 when using portable goal posts.

Soccer clubs please contact your soccer Sport Council representative Susan Kondek ph 4759 1959 for more information.

In 2005 Council will be engaging a structural engineer to assist in the development of a work method statement for erecting, dismantling and storage of all portable, semi-permanent and permanent goal posts based around this Australian Standard. If you require further information please contact Council's Place Development Officer Adrian Birkbeck ph 4780 5709.