

Minutes

Date & Time:	28 April 2008, 6.30-9.00pm
Location:	Council HQ, Katoomba
Chairperson:	Councillor Daniel Myles
Meeting Purpose:	Sports Council
Present:	Phil Pinyon, Martin Bullock (WSAS), Brett Sowerby, Steven Poole, Paul Watson, Dave Gaddes, John Tremble, Ian Monaghan, Estelle Godkin, David Brown, Walter Hitchell, Adrian Birkbeck, Lisa Macqueen (Minutes)
Apologies:	Councillor Terri Hamilton, Councillor Pippa McInnes, Councillor Kevin Frappell, John Beasley, Chris Moloney, Rob Voura
Confirmation of Previous Minutes:	Confirmed
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Items for discussion

	Item	Comments
1	Western Sydney Academy of Sport (WSAS) presentation by Martin Bullock	<p>Martin Bullock presented to the Sports Council on the activities and structure of the WSAS. The Blue Mountains have several youth in the White Water Rafting program. Martin explained that the WSAS was seeking funding from BMCC as a “partner”. Adrian advised he will forward future WSAS newsletters to the Sports Council so everyone can be kept up to date with its activities. Then followed a general discuss regarding the WSAS. The Sports Council will be advising via a “recommendation to Council” in its 2007/8 end of year report regarding the BMCC funding of the WSAS for the 2008/9 financial year.</p> <p>Action: Adrian to establish if funding has been sought for WSAS in the 2008/9 budget.</p>
3	Sports ground Over Use Revisited	<p>As John Beasley and Rob Voura were apologies at this meeting it was decided to defer this item until the next meeting.</p> <p>Action: Revisit issue at next meeting</p>
4	Fees Operational Plan/Projects	<p>At the 24 March 2008 meeting Adrian tabled a 1-5 Year Sports Fees Project Plan “Discussion Paper”. Sports Council representatives were subsequently asked to review the document and identify their priorities projects for today’s meeting. Adrian thanked those who had returned their completed priority projects and advised that because everyone hadn’t submitted their priorities it meant there would be a delay in obtaining the final results.</p> <p>Action: Those Sports Council representatives who have yet to submit their priority projects have until 9/5/2008 to do so.</p>

5	Sports Fees Draft Commercial Fee	A discussion was held regarding the introduction of commercial fees for commercial organisations, e.g. paid coaches, and, who should get preference when the sports grounds are being booked. It was decided that the non commercial user should get first preference. It was agreed that commercial users should pay a fee similar to the “casual booking” fee.
6	Conflict Resolution	<p>At the 24 March 2008 Sports Council meeting Adrian raised the issue of Conflict Resolution and the Sports Council having a role in settling disputes. Adrian presented a clause with a view of inserting it into the Sports Ground Hire & Use Handbook. The Sports Council representatives were generally in agreement with the proposed wording, however, it was felt that it was important to include the fact that the Conflict Resolution Committee would only be prepared to liaise with club officials and not with any type of legal representation or advocacy. It was proposed that wording such as <i>“Only Official Club Executive members may attend such meetings on behalf of their club”</i> should be included in the wording. Ian Monaghan stated he would forward Adrian some wording used by FIFA that may be useful in this regard.</p> <p>Action: Adrian to include new wording.</p> <p>Action: Ian Monaghan to email Adrian some wording used by FIFA in this regard.</p>
7	Current Capital Works Projects Status	<p>Adrian advised on the status of the following projects:</p> <p>Lomatia Park: Multi-Use Court/Floodlight Project. The dual purpose netball/basketball goal posts are to be installed in May. The floodlighting contract will be awarded in May also. It is hoped the floodlight will be installed by June 2008.</p> <p>Peter Carroll Field: Clubhouse/Amenities Block. Steven Poole advised that the builder is reasonably certain that the majority of the funds will be expended this financial year. Council will roll over unspent funds to next financial year should the project still be unfinished by the end of June 2008.</p> <p>Summerhayes Park: Dog Off-Leash Area Project complete.</p> <p>Warrimoo Oval: Amenities/Clubhouse Progress is steady and the building is almost complete. The occupancy “Deed of Agreement” is</p>

		<p>currently with the Lower Mountains Junior Rugby League Club's lawyers. Demolition of the old amenity block and toilet will likely occur in the 2008/9 financial year.</p> <p>Lapstone Oval: Floodlights upgrade Project complete.</p> <p>Glenbrook Oval: Cricket Pitch Project completed.</p> <p>Blackheath Tennis Court Retaining wall project completed.</p> <p>Blue Mountains BMX Club Works to be undertaken in May</p> <p>Blackheath Oval Goalposts Project completed.</p> <p>Sun Valley Pony Club Fencing Project held up due to Land Use Application issues.</p>
8	Discussion Items	<p>Brett Sowerby raised the issue of having alternate Sports Council delegates stand in when regulars were unable to attend. The idea had merit and discussion centred around the ability of a stand in delegate to understand the background of topics and not slow down proceedings by having to have everything explained. It was agreed that any alternative delegate would have to be briefed prior to meetings. Action: Adrian to review Sports Council Constitution.</p> <p>Adrian explained that there had been some progress regarding the Katoomba Tennis Courts tree issue. A independent tree report had been obtained recommending the removal of the trees and an engineers report stated the trees were breaking up the retaining wall between the resident's property and the tennis courts.</p>

Next Meeting

Date & Time:	Proposed for 2 June 2008, 6.30pm at the Ori Café Springwood
Chairperson:	Councillor Daniel Myles

Meeting Closed 9.10pm