

Minutes

Date & Time:	17 November 2008, 6.30pm
Location:	Council Chambers
Chairperson:	Councillor Daniel Myles
Meeting Purpose:	Sports Council
Present:	Councillor Daniel Myles, Councillor Janet Mays, Councillor Chris Van der Kley, Councillor Mark Greenhill, Sharron Gillies, Stephen Poole, David Brown, Estelle Godkin, Kim Sewell, Walter Hitchell, John Tremble, Tony Moore (BMCC), Gerry Hayes (BMCC), Adrian Birkbeck (BMCC), Anne Nadarajah (BMCC Minutes)
Apologies:	Rob Voura, Brett Sowerby, Ian Monaghan, Andrew Bell, Dave Gaddes,
Confirmation of Previous Minutes:	Confirmed
TRIM reference:	F01200 – 08/338454

Items for discussion

	Item	Comments
1	Key System Replacement Program	Council's Program Leader, Facilities & Properties gave a presentation on Council's proposed new Key & Lock replacement Program. <i>Presentation attached.</i>
2	Citywide Situation for Sport/ Smoking Restriction	<p>Council's Sport & Recreation Officer, Adrian Birkbeck gave a presentation on the "Citywide Situation" in regards to Sports Grounds. Briefly outlining key activities and various Capital Works needs at each sports ground:</p> <p><u>Browntown Oval, Mt Victoria</u> <i>Use for:</i> Cricket, Archery, Schools, Soccer wants to use this facility as well. <i>Issues:</i> Isolation, No Irrigation, Poor surface during dry periods, No floodlights, Poor road entrance.</p> <p><u>Blackheath Oval, Blackheath</u> <i>Use for:</i> Cricket, Soccer training, Rugby League, Tennis, Basketball and Dog training. <i>Issues:</i> Poor cricket nets, poor irrigation system/ground surface poor condition, car park drainage issues, aging amenities block.</p> <p><u>Melrose Park, Katoomba</u> <i>Use for:</i> Cricket, Emergency Helicopter Landing. <i>Issues:</i> Cricket wicket alignment, Carparking, No floodlights, No practice nets for Cricket.</p> <p><u>Bereau Park, Katoomba</u> <i>Use for:</i> Cricket, Trial Dog Off Leash. <i>Issues:</i> Parking, No Fencing around Oval, Small in size.</p> <p><u>Katoomba Falls Reserve</u> <i>Use for:</i> Cricket, Touch Football, Frisbee, Schools, Trial Dog Off Leash (Lower Level), Soccer/Casual. <i>Issues:</i> Poor Floodlighting, Unsealed carparking.</p> <p><u>Katoomba Showground</u> <i>Use for:</i> Rugby League. <i>Issues:</i> Road works at GWH, RTA Retaining wall, Parking, Ageing</p>

Infrastructure, Old trotting track no longer used.

Peter Carroll Field, Katoomba

Use for: Cricket.

Issues: Amenities Block under construction.

Leura Oval

Use for: Cricket, Trial Dog Off Leash.

Issues: Unsealed car park.

Murray Park, Wentworth Falls

Use for: Cricket.

Issues: No toilets.

Pitt Park, Wentworth Falls

Use for: Soccer, Athletics, Dog Training, Schools, Trial Dog Off Leash (Lower Oval).

Issues: Over use of Upper Oval, Soccer played year around, Poor Irrigation System in Lower Oval, Poor drainage in Athletics Sand Pits, Sand loss.

Lawson Oval

Use for: Soccer, Cricket, BMX, Dog Training.

Issues: Lack of Car parking, Poor Surface/Irrigation, BMX Track next to bushcare site, Vandalism

Gloria Park Hazelbrook

Use for: Soccer, Cricket, Netball Training, Casual Tennis.

Issues: Poor Surface, Silting of Drains, Unsealed car park, Lack of Parking, Vandalism, Ageing Infrastructure.

Tom Hunter park, Faulconbridge

Use for: Athletics, AFL, Cricket, School Sports, Trial Dog Off Leash.

Issues: Retaining Walls/Steps need replacement, Unsealed car park, Vandalism, No Floodlights – to be installed this financial year, Lack of Fencing.

Lomatia Park, Springwood

Use for: Cricket – Turf wicket, Baseball/Softball, Dog Training, Netball Training, Basketball Casual.

Issues: Poor Floodlights, Lack of Parking, Close proximity of Neighbours, High Use, Vandalism.

Summerhayes Park, Winmalee

Use for: Soccer, Touch Football, Netball, Tennis, Formal Fenced Dog Off Leash Area.

Issues: New Tennis Courts, High Use, User Conflict, High Vandalism, Unsealed Car park, Pending Skate Park, Ageing Amenities Block, Cricket, Sensitive Bushland interface.

Warrimoo Oval

Use for: Rugby League, Touch Football, Schools, Tennis.

Issues: Lack of Car parking, Unsealed Car parking, High Use/Wear, Irrigation/Surface Upgrade, Old Amenity demolition, No full fenced.

Blaxland Oval

Use for: Soccer, Cricket, Casual Netball/Basket Ball, Schools.

Issues: High Use, Poor Surface - requires upgrade, Poor Floodlighting, Vandalism.

		<p><u>Glenbrook Oval/Glenbrook Park</u> <i>Use for:</i> Soccer, Cricket, Athletics, Skateboarding, School Sports. <i>Issues:</i> Athletics/soccer conflict, High vandalism, Lack of adequate fencing, Balls on GWH, Poor floodlighting, Location of cricket wicket, Car park un sealed, Aging amenities block, High Use, Poor Surface - requires upgrade, Poor Floodlighting, Vandalism.</p> <p><u>Knapsack Park, Glenbrook</u> <i>Use for:</i> Soccer. <i>Issues:</i> Poor Floodlights, Unsealed car park that has poor drainage, Clubhouse needs replacement, Plan of Management.</p> <p><u>Lapstone Oval</u> <i>Use for:</i> Netball, Rugby, Cricket, Tennis, Trial Dog Off Leash. <i>Issues:</i> Sealing of netball courts, Poor car parking opportunities/unsealed car park, High use.</p> <p><u>Smoking Restriction:</u> The Sports Council was advised that the Council adopted the Smoking Restriction Policy. Signage will be implemented when funding is available. All Sports Grounds are now no smoking areas.</p>																		
3	Capital Works/Renewals 2008/09 Update	Adrian Birkbeck tabled Councils Capital Work and Renewal projects planned for the 2008/9 financial year. The two big projects for sport were the new 100 lux floodlighting for Tom Hunter Park and the new automated irrigation system for Warrimoo Ovals upper sports ground.																		
4	\$20,000 Minor Capital Works Submissions	<p>The Sports Council finalised the projects for funding for this financial years \$20,000 Minor Capital Works projects. Code representatives scored the project nominations with the final projects/rankings as follows:</p> <table border="0"> <thead> <tr> <th>Projects:</th> <th>Total Points</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td><i>Katoomba Showground</i> Shelter for BBQ Area</td> <td>41</td> </tr> <tr> <td><i>Tom Hunter Park</i> Throwing Cages, Running Tracks, Long Jump Pits and Equipment Shed</td> <td>34</td> </tr> <tr> <td><i>Lomatia Park</i> Court Line Marking</td> <td>32</td> </tr> <tr> <td><i>Warrimoo Oval</i> Tennis Courts Resurfacing</td> <td>39</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Blackheath Oval Practice cricket Nets Drainage Upgrade</td> <td>42</td> </tr> <tr> <td><i>Summerhayes Park</i> Retractable Safety Fencing</td> <td>25</td> </tr> <tr> <td><i>Megalong Valley Pony Club</i> Dressage Ring</td> <td>23</td> </tr> <tr> <td><i>Lawson Oval</i> BMX Track</td> <td>23</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>Action; Clubs to be notified by Adrian Birkbeck in regards to the actual funding allocations.</p>	Projects:	Total Points	<i>Katoomba Showground</i> Shelter for BBQ Area	41	<i>Tom Hunter Park</i> Throwing Cages, Running Tracks, Long Jump Pits and Equipment Shed	34	<i>Lomatia Park</i> Court Line Marking	32	<i>Warrimoo Oval</i> Tennis Courts Resurfacing	39	Blackheath Oval Practice cricket Nets Drainage Upgrade	42	<i>Summerhayes Park</i> Retractable Safety Fencing	25	<i>Megalong Valley Pony Club</i> Dressage Ring	23	<i>Lawson Oval</i> BMX Track	23
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5	General Discussion Items	<p><u>Katoomba Tennis Courts</u> Sports Council Tennis Representative, John Tremble asked if there had been any progress in regards to the removal of pine trees damaging the retaining wall at the Katoomba Tennis Courts. Adrian Birkbeck advised that Council was working through the issue with the adjoining landowner</p>																		

and the issue was progress albeit slowly.

Surface of Winmalee Tennis Courts

John Tremble advised the Sports Council that the surface of the newly constructed Winmalee Tennis Courts was considered by Winmalee Tennis Club as unsatisfactory and is Council planning to do anything about it. Adrian Birkbeck advised that Council was seeking an independent opinion on the issues via Tennis NSW, with an on site meeting planned later this month to discuss.

Summerhayes Park – Netball Courts Lease Issues

Sports Council Netball Representative, Estelle Godkin asked what was happening in regards to the allocation and usage of the Summerhayes Park netball courts. Apparently Springwood Soccer & Sports Club is seeking a lease? Council needs to be aware that three netball clubs use Summerhayes Parks netball courts and they need to be available to all users.

DA for Netball Courts at Lapstone

Estelle advised that the Land Use Application (DA) for sealing 3 more courts was progressing with Council. Blue Mountains Netball Association is doing its best to ensure it meets all its obligations in regards to the sealing of the three netball courts. Netball is happy to work with Council and residents in regards to this project.

OHS Issues – Old Catalina Park Pool

Sports Council Swimming Representative, Walter Hitchell advised that there was a dangerous incident at the Old Catalina Park Dog Off Leash area swimming pool. The area is steep and deep at one end and he was told of an incident in which a young child fell in and almost drowned. Fortunately someone from the Katoomba Aquatic Centre scaled the fence and jumped in fully clothed to rescue the child. This incident happened in October. Can Council please investigate options for fencing this area?

Action; Adrian Birkbeck to investigate this matter and possible actions arising.

General Maintenance and Cleaning issues at Katoomba Aquatic Centre

Sports Council Basketball Representative, Sharron Gillies advised that Katoomba's Aquatic Centre still has a problem with water lifting the surface of one of the Basketball Courts. There are also issues regarding the cleaning of the Courts/ area. Cleaning is apparently done twice a week but not done properly. The floor cleaning equipment isn't being used correctly. A list of concerns was given to Adrian Birkbeck prior to the Sports Council meeting.

Action; Adrian Birkbeck to organise an on site meeting with Kurrily Twomey, Manager Blue Mountains Leisure Centres to discuss these issues.

New Floodlights Lights Request/Gloria Park

Councillor Chris Van der Kley advised that he had been approached by the Hazelbrook Soccer Club in regards to new floodlighting at Gloria Park.

Blackheath Soccer Club

Adrian Birkbeck advised that Council would be organising a meeting with Ward 1 Councillors are users of Browntown Oval to discuss Blackheath Soccer Clubs request to use Browntown Oval for home soccer games during the 2009 winter season.

Warrimoo Oval Upgrades

Sports Council Rugby League Representative, Kim Sewell asked about

		<p>Warrimoo Ovals ongoing works. Adrian Birkbeck advised that Council will be knocking down the old amenities block sometime in the new year.</p> <p>Peter Carroll Field Hall, Key issue, access to toilet Sports Council Cricket Representative, Stephen Poole expressed his concern that the new amenities/clubhouse building at Peter Carroll Field was constantly being subjected to graffiti attacks. There has been spilled paint inside the building. The vandalism by locals has been appalling. Blue Mountains Cricket Club needs help from Council to get this building finished as soon as possible.</p> <p>Action: Blue Mountains Cricket Association to formally approach Council (in writing) for assistance.</p>
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Next Meeting

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Meeting Closed at 9:20pm.