



## COMMUNITY RECREATION CENTRE ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

# MINUTES

### Committee Brief

*The role of the Committee is to provide advice to the Parties:*

- *As to how disputes in connection with the Facilities could be dealt with;*
- *As to how this Agreement can be improved or varied; and*
- *On the day-to-day operations of the facilities.*

A meeting of the Community Recreation Centre Advisory Committee  
held in the Community Recreation Centre, Mount Barker  
at 7.00pm on Tuesday 29 November 2011

**Rob Stewart**  
**CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER**

### Committee Members:

*Cr A Budrikis, Cr S Etherington (Deputy), CEO Rob Stewart, Manager Community Services Nicole Selesnew (Chair), Ronnie Smith, Karen Webb, Jennie Berliner, Greg Sounness, Andrew Fraser and Shirley Reynolds.*

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**1 DECLARATION OF OPENING / ANNOUNCEMENT OF VISITORS**

7:00 pm The meeting was declared open.

**2 RECORD OF ATTENDANCE / APOLOGIES**

Present

Cr Sue Etherington  
Jennie Berliner  
Andrew Fraser  
Greg Sounness  
Karen Webb  
Ronnie Smith  
Rob Stewart, CEO  
Nicole Selesnew, Manager Community Services

Apologies

Shirley Reynolds  
Cr Andrus Budrikis

**3 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

**Moved Andrew Fraser, seconded Karen Webb:**

**That the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Community Recreation Centre Advisory Committee held on 13 September 2011 be accepted.**

**CARRIED**

**4 RECREATION CENTRE MANAGER'S REPORT**

**4.1 CENTRE UPDATE**

Education Department came to centre and had another look at the roof in the hall and over toilets and squash courts. They are looking at getting in a consultant to assess the best way to fix the roof. The roof in the gym and insulation has been replaced.

The new equipment for the gym has arrived and is being used by community members and visitors. Crash mats have also been arrived for the gymnastics and have been greatly appreciated by both the children and the coaches.

Investigations into how to make the curtains in the hall area more stable and to avoid children spilling through them during sports are continuing.

Barkers Biggest Losers program is winding up and has been a great success with most of the participants joining the centre.

Ronnie to make some enquiries about a promotion sign for the Albany Highway to increase awareness of the Centre.

The Shire is looking to establish a half page in the Plantagenet News to advertise activities at the Recreation Centre, Pool and Library. Advertising on the radio is ongoing. Greg Sounness suggested an open day at co-op to increase awareness of centre.

The need for a Group Fitness Room was discussed due to the growing demand for court space and conflicting activities occurring on the court spaces. Ronnie to get prices on wall for squash courts. Andrew to see if the College has copies of the original building plans which identified a group fitness room on the northern wall of the Centre.

A new air conditioner has been installed in the gym which is making a big difference. Shade cloth will also be installed outside the gym to reduce the sun exposure on the building windows.

#### **4.2 EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE**

Equipment all in good working order. Albany Fitness due to come and do a service in the next week or so.

#### **4.3 BUILDING AND GARDEN MAINTENANCE**

Outside area discussed. Pardelup Prison is working on some seats and a tree will be planted by the seats. This is scheduled to occur this financial year.

#### **4.4 YMCA AFTER SCHOOL AND HOLIDAY PROGRAM**

The YMCA has approached the Shire about keeping their After School and Holiday Program service at the Recreation Centre. The YMCA is concerned about their ability to afford a tenancy at the Community Resource Centre and have indicated that they would have to withdraw the service if there was no affordable site for them to conduct the service from. Further discussions to occur between the Shire, Community College, Community Resource Centre and YMCA regarding this proposal however, the Recreation Centre Advisory Committee was supportive of the service being retained at the Recreation Centre.

2011/2012 Summer Holiday Program has been distributed. Minimum activities due to the number of holiday programs now on offer.

#### **4.5 FINANCE AND ATTENDANCE**

Attendance is looking good. Most income is being generated by Memberships for Group Fitness and Gym.

### **5 GENERAL BUSINESS**

#### **5.1 SWOT ANALYSIS SESSION**

A Recreation Centre SWOT Analysis session was held to prioritise strategies for a Recreation Centre Business Plan. Results from the session are attached.

## 5.2 KIDSPORT

Greg and Nicole gave an overview of the Kidsport program. Kidsport has been initiated by the Department of Sport and Recreation to assist eligible families to receive up to \$200 annually for each of their children aged between 5 – 18 years, to subsidise fees to join a not-for-profit sport or recreation club.

Eligible families include those with health care cards or pension concession card. They can also include those referred by other community groups such as schools, juvenile justice teams, government agencies and health practitioners.

Shire Councils need to be an active partner in the process and they apply for the \$200 'vouchers' from the Department and distribute these to the relevant sporting groups.

The Shire of Plantagenet has forwarded an application to the Department of Sport and Recreation for 120 vouchers which will be available for the winter sporting season registration period. An information evening will also be held in early January for all local sporting groups.

## 5.3 NOONGAR SPORTS OFFICER

A new Noongar Sports Officer has been appointed and will be starting basketball and cricket sessions in the Mount Barker area in the New Year.

## 6 NEXT MEETING

Tuesday 13 March 2012, 7:00pm

## 7 MEETING CLOSURE

The meeting was declared closed at 9:00pm

CONFIRMED: CHAIRPERSON \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_