

Council

**MOUNT BARKER HOCKEY CLUB - MANAGEMENT
OF HOCKEY FACILITY - MEMORANDUM OF
UNDERSTANDING 2021**

**Mount Barker Hockey Club Management of Hockey
Facility Memorandum of Understanding**

Meeting Date: 25 May 2021

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Memorandum of Understanding

between

The Shire of Plantagenet and the Mount Barker Hockey Club, Inc.

Introduction

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This Memorandum of Understanding (the Agreement) is between the Shire of Plantagenet (the Council) and the Mount Barker Hockey Club, Inc.(MBHC).

It reflects the desire of both parties to allow community access to the hockey facility (hockey field) within the fenced area, as shown on Plan One attached. The facility is located at the Sounness Park Community Recreation Facility, 150 McDonald Avenue, Mount Barker, 6324.

It is acknowledged that the MBHC have made a commitment to contribute to ~~the~~ replacement of the synthetic surface and have a vested interest in the management of the hockey field.

Purpose

This Agreement creates a framework for the roles and responsibilities in the management of the hockey field.

Key commitments

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1. The MBHC aims to contributes 50% of the cost of replacement of the synthetic playing surface when the existing turf is no longer serviceable. The Council continues to contribute annually to the Shire of Plantagenet Hockey Ground Carpet Replacement Reserve Fund for the specific purpose of replacing the hockey carpet to ensure that, when replacement of the hockey carpet is required, sufficient funds are available for this purpose. The timeframe of the replacement turf installation will be at the agreement of both parties.
2. The Council recognises that the commitment of the MBHC to contribute to the replacement of the surface requires the ability of the MBHC to raise such funds.
3. The MBHC agrees to manage bookings and collection of any fees payable for usage of the hockey field.
4. The Council agrees that any funds raised through hire of the hockey field are the income of the MBHC and the MBHC is responsible for the appropriate management of such funds, including the contribution towards the MBHC playing surface replacement. The MBHC will report to the Council after each Club AGM the balance of the playing surface replacement reserve funds.
5. The MBHC acknowledges that the hockey field is a facility constructed for community use and will not limit the usage of the facility to MBHC members only. The Council encourages use of the hockey field by other ball sports such as soccer and touch rugby. Pending availability and negotiations with the MBHC and payment of a hire fee prior to usage, other ball sports may use the hockey field providing all users wear approved footwear and abide by Club guidelines. All non MBHC users are to be insured.

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6. The MBHC agrees to maintain the synthetic turf as identified in the maintenance Schedule One, attached.
7. The Council agrees to provide the specialist turf grooming equipment required to maintain the playing surface and training ~~for the required operators on its use to key volunteers~~. Only trained ~~operators~~volunteers, authorised by the Manager Works and Services, are to use the grooming equipment. Fuel required to operate the equipment will be the responsibility of the ~~Council~~MBHC. Maintenance and servicing of the grooming equipment will be at the cost of the Council.
8. All hockey field infrastructure remains the property of the Council. Any damage to the hockey facility, including lights, fencing, dugouts, safety netting and playing surface is to be reported to the Shire as soon as practicable. Unless damage is caused by negligence of the MBHC, the Council will arrange for repair or replacement of the infrastructure at its own cost subject to funds available in its annual budget. Damage caused through negligence of the MBHC will be paid for by the negligent party. An annual inspection of the premises will be carried out by the Shire at a time agreed between the parties.
9. This Memorandum of Understanding will expire three years after the date of signing. However, it is expected that a similar arrangement will be in place for the life of the facility subject to regular review.

EXECUTION

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Signed by the parties hereto as a Deed this _____ day of _____ 2020

President
Shire of Plantagenet

Chief Executive Officer
Shire of Plantagenet

Chairperson
Mount Barker Hockey Club, Inc.

Secretary
Mount Barker Hockey Club, Inc.

Indicative Maintenance Schedule (During Hockey Season)

Frequency	Maintenance Item	Responsible Party
Daily Activities/Before Play	Remove loose debris, sharp objects, etc Remove organic matter and clean with vinegar solution as per Maintenance Guidelines	Mt Barker Hockey Club
Weekly Activities	Check Fences, gates, seams and lines. Check high wear areas and manage usage accordingly. Report any damage to the Shire.	Mt Barker Hockey Club
Every 2-3 Months	Pitch Grooming (<u>frequency dependent on usage and incidents such as weather events</u>)	Shire of Plantagenet
As required	Weed spraying	Mt Barker Hockey Club/Shire of Plantagenet

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Indicative Maintenance Schedule (Outside Hockey Season)

Frequency	Maintenance Item	Responsible Party
Weekly Activities	Remove loose debris, sharp objects, etc Remove organic waste and clean with vinegar solution as per Maintenance Guidelines Check Fences, gates, seams and lines. Check high wear areas and manage usage accordingly Report any damage to the Shire.	Mt Barker Hockey Club Mt Barker Hockey Club
Annual Activities Annually	Annual major service grooming Algicide Treatment	Shire of Plantagenet Shire of Plantagenet

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PLAN - SOUNNESS PARK HOCKEY FACILITY, MOUNT BARKER

