



RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

MINUTES

Committee Brief

The duties of the committee shall be:

- *prepare a draft Shire of Plantagenet Recreation Strategic Plan for the consideration of the Council;*
- *utilise the July 2008 Plantagenet Sport and Recreation Needs Assessment and any other report considered pertinent by the Committee; and*
- *liaise as necessary with community groups Recreation Centre Advisory Group, the Department of Sport and Recreation and other bodies.*

A meeting of the Recreation Advisory Committee
held in the Council Committee Room, Lowood Road, Mount Barker
at 11.30am on Tuesday 11 August 2009

Rob Stewart
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Committee Members:

*Cr B Hollingworth, Cr D Nye-Chart, Cr A Budrikis and Cr K Clements – 228/08, 232/08,
Section 5.9 (2)(a)*

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1 DECLARATION OF OPENING / ANNOUNCEMENT OF VISITORS

11.35am The Presiding Member declared the meeting open

2 RECORD OF ATTENDANCE / APOLOGIESPresent

Cr Bill Hollingworth (Chair)
Cr Ken Clements
Cr Andrus Budrikis
Cr Deb Nye Chart
Mr Rob Stewart
Mr Peter Duncan
Mrs Nicole Selesnew

Special Guests

Cr Jeff Moir
Cr Michael Skinner

3 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Moved Cr K Clements, seconded Cr B Hollingworth:

That the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Recreation Advisory Committee, held on 28 July 2009, be accepted.

CARRIED

4 PROPOSED ROYALTIES FOR REGIONS FUNDING REALLOCATION

The Committee endorsed the following draft report and recommended it be raised as late business at the Ordinary Meeting of the Council to be held on Tuesday 11 August 2009.

ROYALTIES FOR REGIONS - COUNTRY LOCAL GOVERNMENT FUND - AMENDMENT TO ALLOCATION

File No: O17531
Responsible Officer: Rob Stewart
Chief Executive Officer
Author: Nicole Selesnew
Manager Community Services
Proposed Meeting Date: 11 August 2009

PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to seek approval to amend the adopted budget relating to the allocation of Royalties for Regions Country Local Government Funding, specifically relating to skate park funding and the development of Frost and Sounness Parks.

BACKGROUND

At its meeting held on 23 June 2009 the Council resolved:

'That notwithstanding the decisions of the Council at its meetings held on 20 January 2009 and 12 May 2009, the allocation of Royalties for Regions funding be amended such that:

- 1. The \$100,000.00 identified to be transferred to a Reserve Fund for Skate Parks in Mount Barker and Kendenup be allocated to the following:*
 - a. \$50,000.00 for the upgrade/refurbishment of Frost Pavilion; and*
 - b. \$50,000.00 for the construction of a skate park in either Mount Barker or Kendenup.*
- 2. \$20,000.00 of the original \$80,000.00 identified for the implementation of the signs policy be allocated to the provision of sanitary and lighting facilities in Council attended waste facilities.'*

The reason for the funding reallocation was due to advice from the Department of Local Government that future Royalties for Regions Country Local Government Funding (RFR) will only be received when all previous year's funds had been committed or spent.

At the time of the report only one skate park site had been confirmed placing doubt on the capacity to construct two skate parks (one in Mount Barker and one in Kendenup) within the 2009 / 2010 financial year.

Funds were also reallocated from the Sounness Park Sport and Recreation Facility Master Planning project to refurbish / upgrade Frost Park as the Department had advised Master Planning was not eligible within the RFR criteria.

At the Recreation Advisory Committee meeting held on 28 July 2009 the Committee members debated the effectiveness of spending funds at Frost Park when plans for future facility upgrades were not available. The Sport and Recreation Precinct Plan prepared by Gerard Healy, presently in draft form, indicates changes to both the Frost Pavilion and Skinner Pavilion buildings. Detailed architectural plans are required to determine the scope and scale of these changes.

The Committee agreed that the RFR funding allocated for Frost Park would be more appropriately spent at Sounness Park to initiate the redevelopment program, namely the oval refurbishments and improvements such as subsoil drainage, reticulation and turf improvements.

STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT

There are no statutory implications for this report.

EXTERNAL CONSULTATION

External consultation has occurred with Chris Thompson, Regional Manager (Great Southern) for the Department of Sport and Recreation.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no net financial implications for this report. However, this report will recommend budget reallocations.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

There are no policy implications for this report.

STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

The Shire's Strategic Plan, Key Result Area 3, Community Services, aims to 'Deliver, or facilitate the delivery of, a range of services which respond to, and reflect, the physical, social and cultural well-being of the community'.

OFFICER COMMENT

The construction of skate parks in Kendenup and Mount Barker has been community driven. The Mount Barker Skate Park Committee has surveyed local businesses, school children and the community about the preferred location for a skate park and the desired location.

The Kendenup Community Development Committee (formerly the Kendenup Skate Park Committee) has also surveyed the Kendenup community and Primary School regarding the preferred site for a skate park.

Advice has been received from the Public Transport Authority (PTA) that they would be willing to lease a section of land along the eastern side of the railway line in Kendenup subject to:

1. a fence of a minimum 1.8m height being constructed along the length of the leased area;
2. no pedestrian crossing being installed and the existing level vehicular crossings being the only access points to the eastern side of the railway precinct; and
3. no lighting being installed within the leased site.

Due to these requirements the Council decided, at its meeting held on 28 July 2009, that the skate park and passive recreation site be relocated to the western side of the railway line where the Shire has a pre-existing lease of

land in the rail precinct from Beverley Road / Hassell Road intersection through to north of Simons Street.

Shire officers met with Val Saggars and David Williamson from the Kendenup Community Development Association to discuss the relocation of the skate park and passive recreation site to the western side of the railway line, which received their support.

Given that sites for both skate parks are now confirmed it would be appropriate to reconsider a total \$100,000 of RFR funding towards skate park developments, rather than the \$50,000 for skate parks which is presently provided for in the budget. An increase in the skate park project budget to \$100,000 would place the Shire in a position to construct two skate parks in the 2009 / 2010 financial year, creating the opportunity to negotiate with skate park construction companies and concrete companies for a reasonable construction price. The reallocation would also provide more leverage to attract funding from other sources. Shire officers are confident the funds could be spent, or at the least, committed within the 2009 / 2010 financial year.

The reallocation of RFR funds from Frost Park to Sounness Park will enable the multi-sports development to get underway in line with the Sport and Recreation Precinct Plan prepared by Gerard Healy. The expenditure would be focussed on oval refurbishments including sub-soil drainage, reticulation and turf replacement.

The Recreation Advisory Committee discussed the funding reallocations at its meeting held on 11 August 2009.

VOTING REQUIREMENTS

Absolute Majority

OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

That it be a recommendation to the Council:

That notwithstanding the decisions of the Council at its meetings held on 20 January, 12 May and 23 June 2009, the allocation of Royalties for Regions funding as identified in the 2009 / 2010 adopted budget, be amended such that the \$150,000 identified for the upgrade / refurbishment of Frost Pavilion (Account Number 51105.0252) be reallocated to the following:

- 1. An additional \$50,000 for the construction of skate parks (Account Number 51141.0251); and**
- 2. \$100,000 for the construction of a multi-sports precinct at Sounness Park, Mount Barker (New Account).**

5 RECREATION PRECINCT DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY

Kendenup Public Meeting:

The Kendenup Community Recreation Centre Committee (KCRC) has arranged a public meeting in Kendenup on 31 August 2009, 7.30pm at the Kendenup Hall to discuss the proposed location for the Community Recreation Centre. All Recreation Advisory Committee members are encouraged to attend.

Public Comments – Sport and Recreation Precinct Plans:

One comment regarding the proposed plans has been received to date.

Action:

Nicole Selesnew to collate further comments regarding the Precinct Plans and distribute them for the next Committee Meeting.

6 GENERAL BUSINESS

Turf Specialist:

John Forest, Horticulturalist and Turf Specialist from Challenger Tafe, will be visiting the region to address the Great Southern Regional Recreation Advisory Committee.

Action:

Nicole Selesnew to contact John Forest regarding a visit to Mount Barker to review the Sounness Park surface regarding future refurbishments.

Sounness Park Title:

The Sounness Park title has been amended from the old title system to a new title. The issue of the Sounness Park boundary dissecting the Library is being addressed through a subdivision.

Negotiations regarding 'Demon Downs' land title:

Rob Stewart and Nicole Selesnew met with Grant Lubcke from the Mount Barker Football Club to discuss the ownership of 'Demon Downs' and a possible purchase by the Council.

Grant was very receptive to a potential purchase and stated that the football club has long since regarded the Shire as their first preference if the land was to be sold.

At the conclusion of the meeting Grant agreed to discuss a land sale with the Football Club and the Shire was to progress a land valuation.

Mount Barker Community Recreation Centre:

Rob Stewart and Nicole Selesnew met with Jonathan Hoskin from the Mount Barker Community College regarding the Management Agreement for the Recreation Centre.

Issues such as who was responsible for capital and maintenance activities and cleaning were discussed at length. The outcome was for the Shire to write to the Department of Education and Training, Facilities Branch, to seek clarification on a number of issues in the Management Agreement which are unclear.

7 NEXT MEETING

22 September 2009, 11.30am.

8 MEETING CLOSURE

12.45pm.

CONFIRMED:CHAIRPERSON_____ **DATE:**____/____/____