



## RECREATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

# MINUTES

SECTION 5.9(2)(a) LGA 1995

### Committee Brief

*The duties of the committee shall be:*

- a) *Oversee and make recommendation to the Council regarding the implementation of special projects that align with the Shire of Plantagenet Strategic Community Plan;*
- b) *Liaise as necessary with community groups Recreation Centre Advisory Group, the Department of Sport and Recreation and other bodies; and*
- c) *To advise the Council on the strategic direction of recreation throughout Plantagenet.*

A meeting of the Recreation Advisory Committee was held in the  
Committee Room, Lowood Road, Mount Barker WA 6324  
3:30pm on Tuesday 29 June 2021

**Cameron Woods**  
**CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER**

### Committee Members:

*Cr C Pavlovich, Cr B Bell, Cr Moir, and Cr K Woltering, (Deputy Cr S Etherington) - (Resolution NO. 207/19)*

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**Chairperson: Cr C Pavlovich**

**Membership: Quorum (4)**

Cr C Pavlovich	Council Representative
Cr B Bell	Council Representative
Cr C Moir	Council Representative
Cr K Woltering	Council Representative
Cr S Etherington	Deputy Council Representative

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## 1 DECLARATION OF OPENING / ANNOUNCEMENT OF VISITORS

3.37 pm The Presiding Member declared the meeting open.

## 2 RECORD OF ATTENDANCE / APOLOGIES / LEAVE OF ABSENCE (PREVIOUSLY APPROVED)

### Members Present

Cr C Pavlovich – Presiding Member  
Cr S Etherington  
Cr J Moir  
Cr K Woltering

### Staff

Mr C Woods, Chief Executive Officer  
Mr A Budrikis, Executive Manager Strategic Development  
Ms S Parker, Community Development Officer

### Apologies

Cr B Bell

### Observer

Cr L Handasyde

## 3 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Moved Cr K Woltering, seconded Cr J Moir

That the Minutes of the meeting of the Recreation Advisory Committee, held 4 March 2021 as circulated, be taken as read and adopted as a correct record.

CARRIED

## 4 DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

Nil

## 5 REPORTS OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS AND OFFICERS

### 5.1 MOUNT BARKER MEMORIAL SWIMMING POOL

#### Stage 1A Construction (Wauters Enterprises)

The Executive Manager Strategic Development (EMSD) updated the Committee on progress of construction of Stage 1A of the Mount Barker Pool. A combination

of rain/wet days and COVID supply and labour shortages was delaying progress. Currently the retaining walls and in-ground services were underway.

### Mead Street

Engineering design underway (Civil & Structural Engineering)

### Stage 1A Construction Grant Funding

A variation to adjust the completion milestone of the Drought Communities Program grant from 30 June 2021 to 31 December 2021 has been lodged.

### Stage 1B

The EMSD advised that the original Stage 1B scope cost estimate should be adjusted in line with current tender results throughout the region where quotes 30% over the cost estimates are now the norm. The adjusted cost estimate on this basis is \$4.9m + GST.

The CEO has requested Wetdeck Pools to provide advice on what would be the pros and cons of breaking up Stage 1B into smaller stages. Wetdeck Pools has recently completed a design/construct pool project at Collie.

A further discussion was held on various strategies to complete Stage 1B. Broadly they could be categorised as:

1. Defer the project to wait for the 'COVID' premium to decline.
2. Break Stage 1B into smaller stages (e.g. Toddler Pool/50m Pool Refurbishment).
3. Progress with Stage 1B as a whole.

The EMSD also advised that the next CSRFF Forward Planning Grant round (up to \$2m grant) was open and will close on 30 September 2021. Projects had to be over \$500,000.00 in value.

The Committee supported the expenditure of funds (up to \$5,000.00) for the CEO to seek independent advice from Wetdeck Pools to review the current project and provide an in-person presentation to the Recreation Advisory Committee with the findings.

## **5.2 MOUNT BARKER HILL**

### Boardwalk & Walkway Construction

The EMSD advised that fabrication of the boardwalk was complete and waiting on galvanising. The walkway was booked for a bitumen seal in July but the current wet weather would most likely delay the construction of the path.

### Heritage Survey

The heritage survey of Mount Barker Hill was completed and has been provided to the Mount Barker Aboriginal Progress Association (MBAPA) for comment. The survey was completed by ArchaeAus working with the MBAPA.

### Mountain Bike Trails

The EMSD advised that Department of Biodiversity Conservation and Attractions WA COVID Recovery Program team was very supportive of the proposed mountain bike trails for Tower Hill (Mount Barker Hill).

### Carpark

The Executive Manager Works and Services has commenced survey work for the proposed carpark on Tower Hill. It was noted that current available funding was \$57,000.00 (LRCIP2).

## **5.3 FROST PARK**

### Murals

The committee members supported the fixing of the John Pitts mural on the Sheep Pavilion and advised that this proposal should be confirmed by the Frost Park User Group.

### Mount Barker Scouts

The committee members discussed the locating of the scouts at Frost Park. There were some concerns that this might not be compatible with scout activities. Suggestions were made that the Scouts should consider utilising the Speedway grounds. However, the group has noted this is not their preference. Further discussion supported Shire Officers facilitating discussions between the Scouts and Agricultural Society with potential for joint usage of the Agricultural Pavilion on site at Frost Park. The item to be discussed by the Frost Park User Group.

### Future Frost Development

The committee noted that the staged refurbishment of the Frost Pavilion was in the last stage. The CEO believed further thought should be given to the rationalisation of buildings at Frost Park and the development of a vision. The committee advised that the Frost Park User Group should be asked to list their development priorities.

## **5.4 SOUNNESS PARK**

### Change Room Block Earth Embankment

The committee discussed the issue of users running up and down the earth embankment outside the change rooms. The recent addition of a handrail was not preventing this from happening. Staff to look at possible solutions.

## 5.5 YOUTH PRECINCT

### 5.5.1 CONCEPT DESIGN

The committee noted that \$20,000.00 + GST was included in the proposed Shire of Plantagenet FY 2021-22 budget for development of the youth park concept plan.

### 5.5.2 YOUTH ADVISORY GROUP

The committee discussed the *Proposal to Establish a Youth Advisory Group* included in the agenda papers. As per the Briefing paper, it was agreed that membership should be open to young people aged 12 – 25 years old, with a two-year period for review for the Youth Advisory Group.

## COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION/COMMITTEE DECISION

**Moved Cr K Woltering, seconded Cr S Etherington:**

**That it be a recommendation to the Council:**

**That:**

- 1. A Youth Advisory Group be formed for a period of two years as per the terms of reference included in the Proposal to Establish a Youth Advisory Group briefing paper June 2021 with membership open to young people aged 12 – 25 years old.**
- 2. A report be presented to the Recreation Advisory Committee prior to the conclusion of the two-year period so that ongoing support can be considered.**

**CARRIED (3/1)**

## 5.6 PLAYGROUND STRATEGY

The committee agreed that the Playground Strategy Matrix prepared by the Community Development Officer should be discussed in detail at the next Recreation Advisory Committee meeting

## 5.7 WILSON PARK

Council at the 23 February meeting (resolution No. 050/21) referred the issue of installing a child-proof fence at Wilson Park for investigation and recommendation to the Recreation Advisory Committee.

The Community Development Officer advised that a quote had been received for a Sounness Park style post and rail and chain link fence for Wilson Park for \$12,600.00 + GST.

**COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION/COMMITTEE DECISION**

**Moved Cr S Etherington, seconded Cr K Woltering:**

**That it be a recommendation to the Council:**

**That a post and rail chain link fence, similar to the Sounness Park oval fence, be installed at Wilson Park at a cost of approximately \$13,000.00.**

**CARRIED (4/0)**

**5.8 REGIONAL TRAILS UPDATE**

**5.8.1 DBCA REFERENCE GROUP/GSCORE**

The update included in the agenda was noted.

**5.8.2 GREAT SOUTHERN TRAILS REFERENCE GROUP**

The update included in the agenda was noted.

**6 GENERAL BUSINESS**

None

**7 NEXT MEETING**

TBA

**8 CLOSURE OF MEETING**

5.20 pm      The Presiding Member declared the meeting closed.

**CONFIRMED: PRESIDING MEMBER \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_**