

PRESENT

Councillors and Staff:

Councillor Josh Slade (Chairperson)
Councillor Danielle Maltman
Director Community Planning and Environment (Melissa Watkins)
Group Manager Liveable Communities (Lucilla Marshall)
Recreation Planning and Projects Team Leader (Katrina Boulet)

Community and Business Representatives:

AFL North Coast, Brad Greenshields
NSW Touch Football, David Stone
Football Mid North Coast, Gregg McDonald
NSW Office Of Sport, James Turton
Cricket NSW, Kate Jackson
Group 3 Rugby League Referees Association, Tim Gumbleton
Port Macquarie Little Athletics, Trudi Wilmot
Hastings River District Junior Cricket Association, Barry Spencer

The meeting opened at 4.02pm.

01 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

The Acknowledgement of Country was delivered.

02 APOLOGIES

CONSENSUS:

That the apologies received from the following members be accepted:

- Simon Thresher
 - Cristi Juffermans
 - Sonia Close
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03 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

CONSENSUS:

That the Minutes of the Port Macquarie-Hastings Sports Council Meeting held on 13 February 2024 be confirmed.

04 DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

There were no disclosures of interest presented.

05 BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

CONSENSUS

That the Port Macquarie-Hastings Sports Council noted the update provided on the Recreation and Open Space Action Plan which was adopted by Council for public exhibition at the April 2024 Ordinary Council Meeting.

Members requested to encourage any further feedback from their groups via the Have Your Say platform on Council's website.

06 SPORTING EVENTS CALENDAR

CONSENSUS

That the Port Macquarie-Hastings Sports Council noted the Sporting Calendar for upcoming events from 23 April 2024 to 31 July 2024.

07 PRESENTATION: GOOD SPORTS PRESENTATIONS
CHRISTINE SPITERI - SENIOR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT OFFICER

CONSNESUS

That the Port Macquarie-Hastings Sports Council noted the presentation provided by Christine Spiteri of Good Sports.

08 STANDING ITEM
REQUESTS FOR PROJECT UPGRADES

CONSENSUS

That the Port Macquarie-Hastings Sports Council noted the following items were discussed:

- Rainbow Beach Sporting Fields- PMQ Junior AFL Training will not be able to be held on the field due to the lack of a GECKO Cover. This will be addressed for next season. AUSKICK and Juniors will be able on the field in the opposite direction (modified field)
- Rainbow Beach Sporting Fields - Confirmed soccer is able to play on the fields
- Rainbow Beach Sporting Fields - Goal posts are problematic when moving. Is there another option? Staff to review and report back.
- Rainbow Beach Sporting Field - Drainage issues particularly around containers and AFL posts - Staff to review and report back
- Findlay Park - Additional Change facilities discussed with the group. Southern end of field 2 is dropping away/slumping. Staff will review and report back.

09 GENERAL BUSINESS

- Is there a cleaning schedule/arrangement for the GECKO Cover?
Confirmation that Council will be responsible for this.
- Clarification sort on what maintenance responsibilities are between Clubs and Council. Staff provided response in the meeting
- Feedback received that the new drainage at Wayne Richards Park is working well.
- Proposed Fees and Charges:
Staff advised the Committee Members that the new proposed Fees and Charges for sporting fields was considered by Council at the April 2024 Ordinary Council Meeting and was adopted as a part of the Draft Operational Plan 2024-2025 and will now go on public exhibition to receive feedback.

Members were encouraged to review and consult with their groups and make a submission.

A copy of the report and links to the fees and charges was sent directly to all members and sporting groups.

Further discussion was had regarding the model used to come up with the draft. Fees including what revenue would be made, Staff suggested that \$2000/venue would potentially be raised.

The meeting closed at 5.25pm.