

## **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)  
Samantha Thoroughgood (Secretariat Service)

### **Community and Business Representatives:**

AFL North Coast (Brad Greenshields)  
Basketball NSW (Cristi Juffermans)  
NSW Touch Football (David Stone)  
Football Mid North Coast (Gregg McDonald)  
NSW Office Of Sport (James Turton)  
Cricket NSW (Kate Jackson)  
Tennis NSW (Sonia Close)  
Port Macquarie Hockey Association (Simon Thresher)  
Group 3 Rugby League Referees Association (Tim Gumbleton attended remotely)  
Port Macquarie Little Athletics (Trudi Wilmot)

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The meeting opened at 4.00pm.

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## **01 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY**

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The Acknowledgement of Country was delivered.

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## **02 APOLOGIES**

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### **CONSENSUS:**

That the Port Macquarie-Hastings Sports Council:

1. Accepts the apologies from Barry Spencer and Simon Thresher.
  2. Notes the absence of the following codes:
    - Basketball NSW
    - Touch Football
    - NSW Office of Sport
    - Tennis NSW
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Brad Greenshields arrived 4.05pm

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**03 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

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CONSENSUS:

That the Minutes of the Port Macquarie-Hastings Sports Council Meeting held on 23 April 2024 be confirmed.

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**04 DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST**

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There were no disclosures of interest presented.

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**05 BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES**

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Nil

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**06 POST EXHIBITION - PROPOSED SPORTING FEES AND CHARGES  
2024/2025**

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CONSENSUS:

That the Port Macquarie-Hastings Sports Council:

1. Note the information contained in the Community Engagement Report - Draft Operational Plan 2024-2025.
2. Propose that the option of assigning a specific charge to each separate sport facility be investigated by Council and presented in more detail at a future meeting.
3. Recommend that the options of a per-member charge and a fee applicable only to clubs with more than 100 members be investigated to determine the administrative requirements of these fee structures.
4. Request that the Council provide information on the varying levels of maintenance and associated costs for each facility.

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**07 POST EXHIBITION - RECREATION AND OPEN SPACE ACTION PLAN**

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CONSENSUS:

That the Port Macquarie-Hastings Sports Council:

1. Note the information contained in this report.
2. Agree with the two additional projects to be included in the revised Recreation and Open Space Action Plan

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**08 SPORTING EVENTS CALENDAR**

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CONSENSUS:

That the Port Macquarie-Hastings Sports Council note the Sporting Calendar for upcoming events from 23 July to 29 October 2024.

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**09 STANDING ITEM: REQUEST FOR PROJECT UPGRADES**

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Nil

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**10 GENERAL BUSINESS**

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**10.01 STANDING ITEM TO BE INCLUDED IN PORT MACQUARIE-HASTINGS COUNCIL AGENDA**

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CONSENSUS:

That the Port Macquarie-Hastings Sports Council acknowledges that the proposal to formally discuss options for optimizing existing and future recreational spaces will be addressed in the October 2024 meeting. An invitation will be extended to the Council's Utilisation Officer to attend this meeting.

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**10.02 COMMUNICATION WITH SPORTING CLUBS**

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CONSENSUS:

That the Port Macquarie-Hastings Sports Council notes that a new communication strategy is being developed for the sporting clubs. This strategy will include a dedicated

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website for local sports clubs and communication through the Sports Council. Once finalised, the Council will conduct an educational session with each club.

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**10.03 CLUBS APPLYING FOR GRANTS FOR PROJECT UPGRADES**

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CONSENSUS:

That the Port Macquarie-Hastings Sports Council notes that a new guideline, the Community Initiated Capital Works Guidelines, will be developed to support sporting clubs in seeking grant funding.

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**10.04 ASSOCIATION COVERAGE**

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CONSENSUS:

That the Port Macquarie-Hastings Sports Council notes that there may be further discussions in the future regarding the Expression of Interest (EOI) process and the inclusion of associations in the Sports Council.

Melissa Watkins left the meeting, the time being 5.10pm

Tim Gumbleton left the meeting, the time being 5.31pm

Brad Greenshields left the meeting, the time being 5.31pm

Brad Greenshields returned to the meeting, the time being 5.33pm

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The meeting closed at 5.36pm