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**PRESENT**

**Councillors and Staff:**

Councillor Nik Lipovac (Chairperson)  
Director Community Planning and Environment (Melissa Watkins)  
Coordinator Recreation and Community Initiatives (Joel Heise)  
Recreation Planning and Projects Team Leader (Katrina Boulet)  
Utilisation Officer (Jackie Clayton)  
Kirsty Speelman (Secretariat Service)

**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)  
Tennis NSW (Sonia Close)  
Port Macquarie Little Athletics (Trudi Wilmot)  
Port Macquarie Hockey Association (Simon Thresher)  
Hastings Valley Netball Association (Linda Dewbery)

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The meeting opened at 4.02pm.

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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. That the apologies received from Tim Gumbleton and Barry Spencer be accepted
  2. Note the absence of Basketball NSW
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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 July 2024 be amended to reflect the attendance of Hastings Valley Netball Association (Linda Dewbery) at the last meeting.

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**04 DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST**

There were no disclosures of interest presented.

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**05 BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES**

Nil

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**06 PORT MACQUARIE-HASTINGS SPORTS COUNCIL - FUTURE DATES**

**CONSENSUS:**

The Port Macquarie-Hastings Sports Council adopted the following meetings dates for 2025 commencing at 4.00pm:

- Tuesday 25 February 2025
- Tuesday 27 May 2025
- Tuesday 26 August 2025
- Tuesday 25 November 2025

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**07 SPORTING EVENTS CALENDAR**

**CONSENSUS:**

The Port Macquarie-Hastings Sports Council noted the Sporting Calendar for upcoming events from 01 November to 31 January 2025.

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**08 SPORTING COMMUNICATION PLAN**

**CONSENSUS:**

The Port Macquarie-Hastings Sports Council noted the information in this report.

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**09 PROPOSED SPORTING FEES AND CHARGES 2025/2026**

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CONSENSUS:

The Port Macquarie-Hastings Sports Council discussed the proposed sporting fees for 2025/2026

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

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CONSENSUS:

The Port Macquarie-Hastings Sports Council noted the discussion below:

- Cricket NSW raised concerns about the proposed works and the impact on field availability.
  - AFL North Coast noted the need for additional storage space at Wayne Richards Park.
  - Council would provide support for sporting grounds to seek grant funding for perimeter fencing at Wayne Richards Park
  - Port Macquarie Little Athletics requested the consideration of a canteen at Stuart Park.
  - Port Macquarie Hockey Association advised that the top field of the hockey fields is nearing the end of its life and does not meet compliance standards..
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**11 STANDING ITEM: OPPORTUNITIES FOR OPTIMISING ACTIVATION OF RECREATION SPACES**

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CONSENSUS:

The Port Macquarie-Hastings Sports Council reviewed and discussed opportunities to enhance the use of recreational spaces, as outlined below:

- The Port Macquarie Hockey Association expressed interest in introducing beach volleyball within the Local Government Area.
  - The Netball Association indicated an interest to hold pre-season games in Port Macquarie.
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**12 GENERAL BUSINESS**

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Nil

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The meeting closed at 5.39pm

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