

PRESENT

Councillors and Staff:

Councillor Nik Lipovac (Chairperson)
Councillor Lisa Intemann (Alternate)
Director Community Planning and Environment (Melissa Watkins)
Group Manager Liveable Communities (Lucilla Marshall)
Coordinator Recreation and Community Strategy (Katrina Boulet)
Spaces and Places Manager (Joe Heise)
Kirsty Speelman (Secretariat Service)

Community and Business Representatives:

Football Mid North Coast (Gregg McDonald)
Cricket NSW (Kate Jackson)
Port Macquarie Little Athletics (Trudi Wilmot)
Hastings Valley Netball Association (Linda Dewbery)

The meeting opened at 4.02pm

01 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

The Acknowledgement of Country was delivered.

02 APOLOGIES

CONSENSUS:

That apologies received from the following be accepted:

- Simon Thresher
- Barry Spencer
- Brad Greenshields
- Tim Gumbleton

Noted absences:

- NSW Touch Football
 - NSW Office of Sport
 - Basketball NSW
 - Tennis NSW
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03 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

CONSENSUS:

That the Minutes of the Port Macquarie-Hastings Sports Council Meeting held on 12 November 2024 be confirmed.

04 DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

There were no disclosures of interest presented.

05 BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

Nil

06 PROPOSED SPORTING FEES AND CHARGES 2025/2026

CONSENSUS:

That the Port Macquarie-Hastings Sports Council:

1. Discuss the proposed fees and charges structures with affiliate sport clubs and provide feedback at future meeting of Port Macquarie-Hastings Sports Council.
2. Further consider the inclusion of a Draft Ground Use – General Use Fee and associated Field Preparation Fee in the Draft Operational Plan 2025-2026 for the purpose of stakeholder engagement.
3. Schedule an additional online meeting for the Port Macquarie-Hastings Sports Council to discuss stakeholder engagement feedback and the Draft Ground Use Fee and an associated Field Preparation Fee. These fees are proposed for inclusion in the 2025-2026 Draft Operational Plan for Council's consideration and further community consultation.

07 STANDING ITEM: REQUEST FOR PROJECT UPGRADES

CONSENSUS:

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

- Football Mid North Coast enquired about installation of a storage container in the middle of the fields at Rainbow Beach Sports Fields. It was noted that Football Mid North Coast considered this a better permanent position, staff discussed the fact that the planned amenities location was already set with the appropriate services.

Football Mid North Coast could consider rethinking location for games and line marking to be more accessible to amenities.

- Cricket NSW enquired about the dryness of the wickets at Wayne Richards Park. Council were advised that the club believe high calcium levels in the soil is due to recycled water. Council is seeking a second opinion on what is impacting the pitch.
- Cricket NSW requested information on what sports grounds have a defibrillator on site. A list of locations on where defibrillators are located on our sporting fields throughout the LGA to be distributed to committee members.
- Councillor Lipovac enquired when Sancrox Reserve was proposed to be reopened. Recovery time has taken longer than expected with the reserve due to be available for the next summer season sports allocation in September 2025.
- Port Macquarie Little Athletics advised on white edging damage on the long jump at Stuart Park due to mowing. Council to look at alternative more resistant line marking options.
- Port Macquarie Little Athletics again requested the consideration of a canteen at Stuart Park. Staff have ask them to liaise with other clubs on the site about a location of a canteen or sharing existing facilities.

08 STANDING ITEM: OPPORTUNITIES FOR OPTIMISING ACTIVATION OF RECREATION SPACES

CONSENSUS

That the Port Macquarie-Hastings Sports Council note the discussion on opportunities for optimising activation of recreation spaces.

09 LOCAL SPORTS CLUBS - COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

CONSENSUS

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

A reminder to be sent via Council's Sports Newsletter, inviting local sporting clubs to attend the upcoming online engagement session on the 26 March 2025.

10 SPORTING EVENTS CALENDAR

CONSENSUS:

That the Port Macquarie-Hastings Sports Council note the Sporting Calendar for upcoming events from 1 February to 30 April 2025.

11 GENERAL BUSINESS

CONSENSUS

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

- Council to provide a [website link](#) to the location of the Port Macquarie-Hastings Sports Council agenda and minutes on its website.
- Council to finalise the line marking process and determine the legality of clubs conducting line marking on its behalf. The current service level provides line marking every two weeks.
- Enquiries were made regarding the local mountain bike club at Wayne Richards Park

Council advised that Athletics Clubs and affiliates have been invited to an engagement meeting next week to discuss the design at Wayne Richards Park. A report on the proposed design will be presented at the April 2025 Ordinary Council meeting.

The meeting closed at 5.28pm.