

# Minutes

30 October 2025

## Port Macquarie-Hastings Sports Council

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### **Present**

#### **Councillors and Staff:**

Councillor Nik Lipovac (Chairperson)  
Director Community Planning and Environment (Melissa Watkins)  
Group Manager Liveable Communities (Lucilla Marshall)  
Recreation and Community Strategy Manager (Katrina Boulet)  
Spaces and Places Manager (Joel Heise)  
Emma Goodwin (Secretariat Service)

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

AFL North Coast, Brad Greenshields  
Basketball NSW, Narelle Blair  
Cricket NSW, Kate Jackson  
Port Macquarie Little Athletics, Michael Duxbury  
Hastings Valley Netball Association, Linda Dewbery  
Bonny Hills Lake Cathie Cricket Club, Barry Spencer

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**The meeting opened at 4.05pm.**

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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 apologies received from the following be accepted:

- Football Mid North Coast, Gregg McDonald
  - Port Macquarie Little Athletics, Trudi Wilmont
  - Group 3 Rugby League Referees Association, Tim Gumbleton
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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 22 July 2025 be confirmed.

It was noted that David Stone and Cristi Juffermans were incorrectly recorded as present at the previous meeting, despite not being in attendance.

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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 - Recreation and Open Space Action Plan

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### Consensus:

The Port Macquarie-Hastings Sports Council:

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1. Noted the information contained in this report
  2. Recommend the Draft Recreation and Open Space Action Plan 2025–2030, to be presented for final endorsement at the November 2025 Ordinary Meeting of Council.
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## **07 Sporting Venue Sponsorship Policy Update**

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### **Consensus:**

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

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## **08 Port Macquarie Hastings Sports Council EOI Process**

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### **Consensus:**

The Port Macquarie-Hastings Sports Council:

1. Note the Information the report.
  2. Promote this information to the broader sporting community.
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## **09 Post exhibition - Proposed Sporting Fees and Charges**

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### **Discussion:**

The Port Macquarie-Hastings Sports Council noted the information presented in the report. The majority of the committee expressed their support for no fees for sports fields into the future. It was also noted that the model is still under review by Council staff.

This reported was noted. The Staff will present a report to the November 2025 Ordinary Council Meeting for a determination of future direction.

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## **10 Port Macquarie Sports Council - Future Dates**

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### **Consensus:**

That the Port Macquarie-Hastings Sports Council noted that the current Sports Council has come to the end of its current term and a report will be presented to the November 2025 Ordinary Council Meeting to undertake an Expression of Interest process for new members. Future members will be expected to attend future meeting and that the Port Macquarie-Hastings Sports Council adopt the following dates for future meetings:

Wednesday 25 March 2026 at 4:00pm  
Wednesday 24 June 2026 at 4:00pm

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## 11 General Business

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### Consensus:

That the Port Macquarie-Hastings Sports Council noted:

1. Council provided an overview of sports field maintenance standards and the associated budget requirements. The current budget shortfall was noted and the members discussed the need for adequate funding to maintain service levels.
2. Further discussion took place regarding Council rates, the percentage of rate increases, and the need to review how sports field maintenance funding has remained static since 2018. It was also suggested exploring opportunities for community benefit and engagement in relation to sports field maintenance.

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The meeting closed at 4.51pm.