



Sport & Recreation Advisory Group Meeting

Shire of Dardanup Council Chambers
Wednesday, 14 July 2021 | 5.00pm - 7.00pm

Meeting Notes

Attendance

Cathy Mills	-	Southwest Slammers
Megan Buswell	-	Bunbury & Districts Softball Association
Roslyn Ruland	-	Dardanup Royals Soccer Club
Phillip Downes	-	Eaton Bowling & Social Club

Observers

Cr Michael Bennett	-	Shire President (Chairperson)
Cr Tyrrell Gardiner	-	Elected Member
Andre Schönfeldt	-	Chief Executive Officer
Susan Oosthuizen	-	Director Sustainable Development
Lucy Owen-Conway	-	Manager Place and Community Engagement
Gary Thompson	-	Manager Sport & Recreation
Kathleen Hoult	-	Personal Assistant, Sustainable Development

Apologies

Di Bennett	-	Eaton Tennis Club
Cr Patricia Perks	-	Elected Member
Toni O'Dea	-	Eaton Netball Association

Welcome

Meeting Open at 5:02pm

Cr Michael Bennett, Chairperson, welcomed those in attendance and referred to the Acknowledgement of Country:

Acknowledgement of Country

The Shire of Dardanup wishes to acknowledge that this meeting is being held on the traditional lands of the Noongar people. In doing this, we recognise and respect their continuing culture and the contribution they make to the life of this region and pay our respects to their elders, past, present and emerging.

Opening – André Schönfeldt

Mr André Schönfeldt, CEO advised that during the Ordinary Council Meeting 31 March 2021, Council passed (RES 93-21) the publication of the Advisory group agendas, notes and membership names to the Shire of Dardanup website. If any member of the group had concerns with this, they are able to raise this with the staff.

In addition, he raised that due to a new member to the group Ms Cathy Mills that if any particular items were raised during the meeting and she or any member had any financial interests in that these would need to be declared.

No declarations were made on the night.

10 Year Building Asset Plan – Ms Lucy Owen-Conway - Presentation

Ms Lucy Owen-Conway presented to the group on the 10 Year Building Asset Management Plan with a focus on the Sport and Recreation Building and Facilities to be implemented over the coming years. However, though all these building facilities have been identified in the Asset Management Plan most are subject to funding.

You can access the presentation by clicking on the image:



Some of the key notes from the presentation include the following:

- 2021/22 – Planning - Detailed design for R&J Fishwick Pavilion and change rooms & Wells Recreation Reserve shared use pavilion and change rooms are due to go to council at the July Council Meeting.
- Wells Recreation will be a staged approach with Stage 1 the completion of the change rooms and Stage 2 the Pavilion.
- Skate Park and Pump Track in Eaton are due for Completion by October 2021.
- Eaton Recreation Centre – Stage 1 – renovation and expansion (Subject to grant funding)
- 2022/23 Projects – CRSFF funding applications are closing in September 2021 to apply. February 2022 is when we would hear an outcome on the applications and receiving of the money would be by July 2022.
- Additional specific grant application would be logged for the lighting at Glen Huon Oval for the Softball and Football clubs.
- The Shire have advised that they will engage an electrical consultant to assess Wells Recreation, Glen Huon Oval lighting to come up with the best solution that will suit the clubs. Consultation will be sort between the clubs to get their feedback and their requirements so we can ensure all everyone’s needs are met.
- Some of the grant funds may be able to be allocated towards lighting (hence the option to undertake a specific grant application just for lighting. Depending on the funds required the option to still look at 1/3 1/3 1/3 contribution between the clubs and council.
- Investigation of Smart Technology for the recording of lighting usage at Glen Huon Oval will be investigated. Current technology is already in place at other sporting fields (Hay Park and Hands Oval) This allows numerous clubs to use a facility and only be charged for the lighting when they are using the facility. This is conducted via a Swipe and Log in system which also allows you to control it from a mobile devise.

Request –

Lucy has requested that if the clubs were able to send through any plans or statistics on their clubs memberships, activities and future plans this would be able to support the grant funding applications as it would show that the clubs are active, retaining members and growing which will ultimately benefit from grant funding for the upgrade of the sporting facilities.

Mr Schönfeldt made further comment that any financial contribution that sporting clubs could make whether this be small or large would be very much appreciated by Council. This would also demonstrate that the clubs are sustainable and would strengthen the application further. Not only would this assist the application process but would free up funds from the reserve allowing those funds to be further utilised on other projects within the Shire.

Update on the ERC Masterplan – Mr Gary Thompson - Presentation

Mr Gary Thompson, Manager Sport & Recreation at the Eaton Recreation Centre (ERC), gave a presentation on the proposed upgrade to the ERC and highlighted that vision for the ERC would become a high performance sporting facility that would benefit all members of the community ranging from people who are new on their fitness journey to those who are professional athletes.

You can view the presentation by clicking on image below: (Slide 10)



Some of the key notes from the presentation include the following:

- Stage 1 of the upgrade at ERC will be conducted on 2021/22 subject to grant funding. February these applications will be open with the project to start in 2022. Stage 1 will allow the modernisation of the change rooms and toilet facilities. The current facilities are still the original facilities since the building was constructed. Also the removing of the foyer screen wall, which will open up the entrance to the facility and the change rooms.
- Stage 2 – the increase size of the gym and relocation of the cycle studio will allow more space and facilities to cater for a wide range of members.
- The Crèche facilities at the ERC are already operating at full capacity with the holiday programs popular within the community. During Stage 3 the modification and enlarging the Crèche area will allow more services to be delivered to the community for families as well as the addition of a new crèche court yard, with the potential to add on extra space for a facility similar to Crocs for other members of the community to enjoy.
- Stage 4 – Construction of two new multi-use courts will be accessible to a variety of clubs not just the Basketball or Netball clubs. The potential for sports like indoor soccer, volleyball etc have the potential to be hosted at the ERC.
- ERC are looking at options to include corporate membership rates to cater for sporting clubs. Also the option to provide specialised coaching and training for sporting clubs during the pre and post-game season.
- New adverts have been created for the ERC and an example (60sec advert) can be viewed in the above presentation (Slide 16)

Some questions were raised in relation to the ERC:

- Car parking Capacity Concerns – The car park at the ERC would be redeveloped and extended (Pictures - Slide 13) and shows that we would actually be gaining additional parking with the redevelopment of the car park.
- Shot Clock Upgrade – The ERC is currently waiting on the grant agreement to come through to receive the money. Once this has been received, the work will be arranged to be carried out.
- Retractable Grandstand development works are on schedule to begin works on 26 July 2021 for a period of 10 days. These works will also expand the life of the grandstands for approx. another 10 years.
- Investigation into the sponsorship with NBL1 West which will be factored into the future projects.

Every Club Calendar and Workshops – Ms Lucy Owen-Conway - Presentation

Ms Lucy Owen-Conway presented on the Every Club Calendar of Workshops. Based on the previous meetings it was highlight areas that groups would benefit from. This has been a collaborative project with the Shire of Dardanup, City of Bunbury and the Shire of Capel. All workshops are free to attend and clubs are encouraged to participate. Dates and times of these workshops can be found on Slide 20 on the below presentation.

You can view the presentation by clicking on the image below: (Slide 18)



Development of a new online tool – “Game Plan”. Sport Australia’s Game Plan is a digital platform designed to provide sporting clubs of all sizes with insights into their current capability and connect them with specific tools and resources to build and support ongoing development.”

You can view the You Tube video which explains the Game Plan tool which can be viewed on Slide 21.

The Shire’s representatives have been given an overview of the tool and aware of the capabilities of the tool. However we have not experienced this from a club perspective to get “hands on experience” and full exposure of the tools capabilities. Ms Owen-Conway explained that it would be a great opportunity for the Shire to assist those clubs who may be interested in undertaking this assessment of their club.

It was raised that this tool may also be a great way to also demonstrate clubs current plans, goals and priorities and how they are doing which will also support and enhance a grant application as a form of “evidence”.

For further information on this tool or if you would like to discuss further and need assistance, please contact Melanie Ring on Melanie.Ring@dardanup.wa.gov.au or 9724 0354.

Next Meeting

The next meeting is to be advised.

Meeting closed at 6:20pm.