

BVSC S355 Sportsgrounds Meeting Notes

Date: 21 March 2018 Meeting Chair: Tony Allen Meeting Notes: Sue Findlay Present: Tony Allen (Councillor), Mitchell Nadin (Councillor), Russell Fitzpatrick (Councillor), Peter Fazey (Dickinson Oval), Mike Sheppard (Eden - George Brown Memorial Sportsground), Kim Martyn (Berrambool Sporting Complex), Glen Baker (Pambula Beach Sports Complex), Adrian Day (Bega Sporting Complex), Paddy McAlpin (Pambula Beach Sports Complex), Adam Donaldson (Eden - Barclay Street Sports Complex). John Turville (BVSC Leisure & Natural Assets Coordinator), Sue Findlay (BVSC Sport & Recreation Officer), John Grady (Leisure & Recreation Manager) Apologies:), Michael Trenerry (Dickinson Oval), John Dedman (Bega Sporting Complex)					
Agenda Item	Discussion Notes	Action (How)	Responsibility (Who)	Timeframe (When)	Status
Apologies	See above	N/A	N/A	N/A	Closed
Special Rate variation proposal – Pools.	Cllr Allen discussion of a proposal for a Special Rate Variation application for: a) Swimming Pools – SV request for 6% increase. b) If a) is successful extra funds could become available for sportsgrounds This proposal, if successful, would not be introduced until 2019-2020 fees and charges (at least).	Proposed Pools SRV to be considered by Council	Councillors	Late 2018	Open
Recreation Special Rate Variation	Cllr Allen Discussion and statement that the initial Recreation Special Rate Variation wording related specifically to sportsgrounds. The wording had been changed in the current SRV wording. Cllr Allen stated he would propose changing of the wording of the Recreation SRV to relate directly to sports fields. Staff comment (JG) The Recreation SRV wording relates to broad renewal and upgrades to Recreation Assets in the Recreation Asset Management Plan. This gives Council flexibility and it is currently able to allocate all Recreation SRV funds to sportsgrounds in the annual budget process if it chooses to.	For Information	S355 Committee	N/A	Open
Motion SRV Review / IPART Application	<i>The S355 Sportsground Committee support an application to IPART for modification of the SRV wording of the Recreation SRV to reinstate the original purpose of the Recreation SRV (to be sportsgrounds specific) and of that 20% be able to be allocated to operations and maintenance and 80% toward Asset Renewals and Upgrades and that BVSC submit an</i> Motion Raised: Mike Sheppard Seconded: Peter Fazey Unanimous Vote for support of submission	Motion to be considered by Council in SRV discussion on future SRV applications to IPART.	Councillors	Late 2018	Open

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Councillor Workshop	<p>Cllr Allan advised of upcoming Councillor Workshop giving an overview and history of the BVSC Recreation SRV.</p> <p>Suggestion of S355 committee members attending.</p>	<p>Cllr workshop 4 April 2018.</p> <p>Cllr Workshop summary to be provided to S355 committee</p>	Mgr. L&R	Scheduled S355 meeting	Open
Sportsground User Fees	<p>General discussion regarding fees.</p> <p>Some support for charging user contribution fees from some users and grounds committees, others were not supportive.</p> <p>Those that were supportive of fees spoke of gathering revenue to undertake capital works projects as opposed to operations and maintenance tasks.</p> <p>Discussion regarding sportsground being open to the public at all times e.g. walking dogs, families playing sport, don't/cant charge spectators watching sports, cant physically lock people out of most sportsgrounds.</p> <p>What action to take if user groups don't pay? Can't tell them that they cannot use the ground.</p> <p>Staff comment (JG)</p> <p>It is common for Councils to charge fees / user contributions for use of sportsgrounds. This is in acknowledgement that sporting clubs do have increased access and in some cases/times exclusive access to use of the public facilities. As well as limiting general access this level of increased access / use also incurs costs against some facilities that are generally controlled by sports clubs and not accessible for general public use. (I.e. flood lights, access to pavilion buildings etc.). In some instances clubs charge admission to the general public to access the public facility.</p> <p>There are limited examples of playgrounds, boat ramps, parks etc. being used exclusively by a particular user group and in turn limiting access to the general public.</p> <p>The current Sportsground user fees / contributions go toward operational costs. The main cost items currently are mowing, power, water, and annual ovals renovation. If income is reduced there will be less funds to deliver sportsground related operations and maintenance services.</p>	To note discussion	S355 Committee	N/A	N/A

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	Re outstanding user fees: Staff to draft a report for Council consideration.	Council Report	Mgr. L&R	End 2017/18 financial year	Open
Fees for 2018/2019	S355 Committee preference / direction: Local sports clubs using sports fields / grounds nil fees. Retain casual user fees for grounds and facilities to other users e.g. schools NRL, AFL gala days. Profit (commercial) and not for profit to be taken into consideration when establishing fees.	Fees and charges review to be included with 2018/19 fees and charges exhibition.	Mgr. L&R	March 2018	Open
General Business Grants	Overview: Stronger Country Communities – Sportsground Program Overview Anticipated amount \$940,000 to sportsgrounds. Advice from NSW State Government to look at a focus site / project. Also opportunity to utilise for asset renewals. Proposed projects: Eden Barclay Street Sporting Complex \$680,000 on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AFL/ Cricket pavilion • Shelter and seating front of AFL/ Cricket • Internal fitout of Soccer Pavilion • Public toilets • AFL/Cricket ground flood lights; and • Skate park upgrade Wolumla Recreation Ground - \$120,000 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Renewal work on building – roof Lawrence Park Tathra - \$140,000 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Floodlighting renewals • Seating and parking 	Projects noted by committee. SCC Sportsground application to be submitted	Coordinator R&NA	4 May 2018	Open

Meeting Closed: 7.45pm

Next Meeting: 28th May 2018