



18 APRIL 2016

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**Works and Community Committee Meeting No. 3/16
TUESDAY 19 APRIL 2016.**

**Committee Room 2, Level 5, Civic Centre
1 Devlin Street, Ryde - 5.00pm**

Meeting Date: Tuesday 19 April 2016
Location: Committee Room 2, Level 5, Civic Centre, 1 Devlin Street, Ryde
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3 SPORTSGROUNDS PROGRAM - STATUS REPORT

Report prepared by: Senior Coordinator - Sportsgrounds and Recreation
File No.: GRP/09/3/13 - BP16/350

REPORT SUMMARY

As a result of the recent interest in the City of Ryde's sporting grounds programs an update is provided for the information of Councillors. Council has increased the funding and reviewed its management practices for the sportsground maintenance program to provide good quality sportsfields in line with community expectations. As a result, at the recent Sport & Recreation (including Wheeled Sports) Advisory Committee comments were received from Committee members indicating that overall the City of Ryde grounds were considered to be in the best condition they have been for years and that they compare very favorably with those in other Local Government Areas.

Due to the large membership of the Committee and range of user groups represented, it provides an excellent forum to discuss the progress of the sporting ground programs. The Committee also had the opportunity to comment on minor amendments made to Council's Sportsground Allocation Policy following a review. These are detailed in the body of this report.

The 2015/16 Sportsgrounds Capital Works Program is substantially completed and detailed in the Project Status Report also on the agenda for this Works and Community Committee meeting. A significant increase in funding has been included in the 2016/17 draft Delivery Plan, compared to the current financial year as outlined in the body of this report. In summary it is proposed in 2016/17 to increase the funding for the Sportsground Capital Works Program by a total of \$2.725 million.

Part of this additional funding is required to complete a re-scoped project for Meadowbank Park Fields 7 and 8. Field drainage works had been planned to be completed this year, however as a result of the existence of contaminated material the project has been deferred. To achieve the best outcome for Council and the sporting community it has been re-scoped to cap and build up the area, install irrigation and field drainage, improve the stormwater infrastructure and turf the fields. The additional funds required for this project can be sourced from Section 94 Contributions.

Additionally Council's Sport & Recreation Strategy, currently being finalised, will identify further Capital Work priorities to assist Council in meeting the existing and future demands for sporting facilities.

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RECOMMENDATION:

- (a) That Council note the funding and resources allocated to the sportsground maintenance and capital works programs.
- (b) That Council note the condition of the sporting fields at the commencement of the 2016 winter season.
- (c) That Council allocate the amount of \$660,000 from (Section 94 Reserve) for the purpose of providing additional funding for the Sportsfield Renewal and Upgrade Program and that the amount be included in Councils draft 2016/17 One Year Operational Plan.

ATTACHMENTS

- 1 Draft Sport and Recreation meeting minutes - 6th April 2016
- 2 Attachment - Sportsfields Photos

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Report Approved By:

Barry Hodge
Manager - Operations

George Dedes
Director - City Works and Infrastructure

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There has been significant interest in Councils sporting grounds programs this year from the community, user groups and the media. An update on these programs is detailed in this report for Council's information.

Sportsground Maintenance Program

Council has an annual budget of \$3.2 million for the ongoing maintenance of its sporting fields and a team of 20 dedicated grounds staff to implement these works. These resources are necessary to maintain the sports fields in line with community expectations and as at the end of the 3rd quarter expenditure for sport fields maintenance is tracking on budget. The funding for these maintenance works has been increased in 2015/16 following the Special Rate Variation and has allowed for additional field remediation works to be undertaken and sportsfield infrastructure improvements to occur.

Staff regularly monitor the condition of the sporting fields to ensure they are safe for play and undertake remedial works when required. However it should be noted that it is ultimately the responsibility of the ground hirer of the fields, as the activity organiser, to ensure that the fields are safe for play prior to use. The condition of a field can change with use and due to weather conditions. Council assists users with this by providing soil at many of the sporting fields to fill in holes and depressions as required. Any other matters should be reported to Council Officers for their attention.

Additionally during the 2015 winter season Council engaged Labosport to complete an assessment of the sportsfield conditions and evaluation of the management practices undertaken at Ryde. Recommendations of this report have been implemented by Council's maintenance staff.

As a result of this additional funding and a review of the management practices, it was noted at the Sport & Recreation (including Wheeled Sports) Advisory Committee meeting conducted on 6 of April 2016, Draft Minutes is provided in **ATTACHMENT 1**, under item 6 Meadowbank Park Matters.

'Three comments were made by Committee Representatives that overall the City of Ryde grounds are considered to be in their best condition for years. The ground conditions also compare very favorably with those in other Council areas.'

Photos detailing the current condition of the sporting fields are provided in **ATTACHMENT 2**.

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This committee has a membership of 20 sporting community members who represent 8 different sports and the majority of users of Council facilities within the City of Ryde. These members have been nominated to the committee to act as representatives of the wider sporting group users within the Ryde Local Government area. The Committee meets on 4 occasions during the year and members are able to identify issues they would like discussed at the meetings. It provides a forum for feedback to be provided to Councillors and Staff on the service provision by Council to the sporting community.

Sportsground Allocation Policy - Review

Due to the high demand for Council's sportsgrounds, there was a need identified to review Council's Allocation Policy. At the Advisory Committee meeting the review of Council's Sports Field Allocation Policy was also discussed. Minor amendments were made to the Priority Matrix that is an attachment to the policy. These changes have been undertaken so the matrix now indicates that any change in the membership numbers of clubs will be a major consideration in the allocation of fields. It was reaffirmed that the policy prioritizes allocation to those clubs named or based in the City of Ryde within the scoring detailed in the Priority Matrix. For new clubs seeking field allocations, they will be asked to provide previous tenancy references from facility providers to support their application.

Sportsgrounds Season Change Overworks

The works involved with the change over from Summer to Winter sports has recently been completed and was undertaken within a compressed timeframe due to Easter long weekend falling between the seasons.

Capital Works Program

The 2016 Sportsground Capital Works program is substantially completed as detailed in the Project Status Report item also on the agenda of this Works and Community Committee meeting. It should also be noted that Council Officers annually determine the priorities for Capital Works projects through the Council endorsed process for assessing the condition of the sporting fields and consulting with the user groups.

Below is a table providing a comparison of the current years funding to the draft 2016/17 funding levels, including SRV funding, yet to be adopted by Council.

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Program	2015/16 Council Funding	2016/17 Funding (draft)	\$ increase / decrease
Sportsfield Floodlighting Improvement and Renewal	\$260,000	\$325,000	\$65,000
Sportsfield Floodlighting Expansion	\$260,000	\$50,000	(\$210,000)
Sportsfield Renewal and Upgrade	\$630,000	\$1,310,000 (proposed)	\$680,000
Sportsground Amenities Upgrades and Renewals	\$350,000	\$220,000	(\$130,000)
Synthetic Sports Surfaces Action Plan Implementation	\$1,000,000	\$3,320,000	\$2,320,000
Total	\$2,500,000	\$5,225,000	\$2,725,000

Please note that passive parks program spending has also been recommended to increase by \$550K in 2016/17.

During the pre-season period feedback was received on the condition and works undertaken in Meadowbank Park over the summer period. As part of Councils 2015/16 Delivery Plan, funding for the installation of surface drainage at Meadowbank Park Fields 7 and 8 was identified. These works had been scheduled to improve the performance of the field drainage and assist in returning them to play following rainfall.

Works on the Meadowbank Park Drainage project commenced in January 2016 with geotech and trenching works during which contaminated material (as it was an old fill site) was discovered. Following further testing confirming the extent of the contamination, it was decided to defer the project and review its scope of works in order to achieve the best outcome for Council and the sporting community. The scope change includes the following:-

- The capping of the contaminated material to reduce the impact of landfill contaminants on groundcover. The raised level is to match the nearby sporting grounds.
- Provision of irrigation, surface drainage and improvements to storm water infrastructure.
- Provision of a new turf surface.

The long term benefits of these works will provide a safe expanded and more effective playing surface that is well drained and easier to maintain.

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Due to the significant construction it will be necessary to take the field out of play for between 9 and 12 months. This will have an impact on the sporting groups within Ryde, noting the current high utilization of fields.

Consultation will be undertaken with user groups in relation to the co-ordination and timing of these works to minimize their impact. Community consultation will also be undertaken in relation to a project of this scale.

Financial Implications

With the change in scope, the project at Meadowbank Park is now estimated to cost \$750,000. The balance of funds currently available in the 2015/16 delivery plan for the original drainage works for grounds 7 and 8 is \$90,000 which is proposed to be carried over to 2016/17. Additional funding of \$660,000 will need to be included under Sportsground Renewal and Upgrade Program in the 2016/17 draft delivery plan. Funds are available in the Section 94 reserve.

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Subject:	Sport and Recreation and Wheeled Sports Advisory Committee – Draft Minutes of Meeting	Page 7 of 6
File No:	COR2010/362	
Document Ref:	D16/43720	
Venue:	Room 3, Level 5, Civic Centre, 1 Devlin Street, Ryde	
Date:	Wednesday 6 th April 2016	
Time:	6.15pm Started at: 6.15pm Closed at: 7.25pm	
Chair:	Deputy Mayor, Councillor Roy Maggio	
Meeting Support (MS):	Linda Smith	
Staff Convenor:	Simon James, Section Manager – Sport and Recreation	
Circulation:		

Committee Role:
The primary role of the Sport and Recreation and Wheeled Sports Advisory Committee is to:

- Act as a central point of communication and act as a forum between Council and the sporting and recreational groups in the City of Ryde.
- Foster the appreciation, development and maintenance of sporting and recreational facilities, clubs and opportunities in the City of Ryde.
- Assist clubs where possible, in the application process for grants/sponsorships.
- Make recommendations to Council in respect to both the operation of sporting and recreational facilities and Capital Works Program through the Management Plan.
- Assist in the promotion of sport and recreation in the City of Ryde.
- Provide a link to bond and strengthen the diverse background within the City of Ryde through the utilisation of our parks and sport and recreation facilities.
- Advise and make recommendations to Council on the potential options for developing a skate park.
- Advise Council on the need for wheeled sports' facilities in the City of Ryde.

Committee Members as per the Terms of Reference

Present	Apology	Name	Position Title	Organisation
✓		Councillor Roy Maggio	Chairperson	City of Ryde
	✓	Councillor Terry Perram	Delegate	City of Ryde
	✓	Elizabeth Lawrence		Macquarie Dragons Football Club
✓		Chris Harvey		Ryde Rugby Club
✓		Sandra Donovan		Ryde Concord Sailing Club
	✓	David Fletcher		Ryde Community Sports Centre (ELS Hall Park)
✓		Anne Doring		Eastwood Ryde Netball Association
✓		Christie Rudge		Ravens Sports Club
✓		Craig Menzies		Northern District Cricket Association
✓		Geordie McRae		Ryde Hornsby Baseball League
✓		Buck Findley		Gladesville Hornsby Football Association and North West Sydney Women's Football Association
✓		Judy Watt		Eastwood Ryde Netball Association
✓		Chris Rutter		Putney Rangers Football Club
✓		Lindsay Donald		West Ryde Rovers Sports Club
		Karen Waud		West Ryde Rovers Sports Club
✓		Michael Masulans		Eastwood St Andrews AFC
	✓	Kim Clifton		Ryde Panthers Football Club
	✓	Lina Candy		Putney Rangers Football Club
	✓	Jason Cowland		Community Representative

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Additional Attendees

Name	Position Title	Organisation
George Dedes	Director City Works and Infrastructure	City of Ryde
Simon James	Senior Coordinator Sportsgrounds and Infrastructure	City of Ryde
Ritchie Griffiths	Senior Coordinator Sportsgrounds Parks and Gardens	City of Ryde
Linda Smith	EA to the Mayor and Councillors	City of Ryde

Details	Action	Responsibility and Date
1. Present: As detailed above. Apologies: As detailed above	Noted. Noted.	
2. Review of Minutes from last Meeting – 3rd February 2016 The Minutes from the meeting held on 3 rd February 2016 were confirmed and endorsed. Live Action List update on actions to date: There was no update or comment with regard to the previously listed action items.	Noted. Noted	
3. Synthetic Surface Action Plan update Simon advised that the tenders for the construction of a synthetic turf field at ELS Hall Park #1 and Christie Park Fields #1 & #2 will close at the end of April. A report regarding the tenders received will be submitted to Council by June 2016	The information was noted.	
4. City of Ryde Allocation Policy – review No further input was received from committee members following the last meeting of this committee. There was some discussion at this meeting re the priority matrix. The Priority matrix now indicates that any change in the membership of clubs will be a major consideration in the allocation of fields. For new clubs seeking field allocations, they will be asked to provide references as evidence of compliance with facility managers requirements.	The information was noted.	

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<p>5. Capital Works</p> <p>Simon outlined the capital works both undertaken and planned.</p> <p><u>Lighting</u></p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Location / Status</th> <th>Project</th> <th>Cost</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Ryde Park Complete</td> <td>Renewal</td> <td>\$101,000</td> </tr> <tr> <td>ELS Hall Park Complete</td> <td>Renewal</td> <td>\$128,000</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Eastwood Park Due Mid / Late May</td> <td>Renewal</td> <td>\$116,000</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Morrison Bay Park Due Late April</td> <td>Expansion</td> <td>\$230,000</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Total</td> <td></td> <td>\$575,000</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p><u>Upgrade of fields</u></p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Location / Status</th> <th>Project</th> <th>Cost</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>ELS Hall Park Stage 1 Complete</td> <td>Baseball Facilities Upgrade</td> <td>\$175,000</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Marsfield Park Complete</td> <td>Drainage</td> <td>\$91,000</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Bremner Park Complete</td> <td>Field Renewal</td> <td>\$142,000</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Peel Park Complete</td> <td>Irrigation & Drainage</td> <td>\$38,000</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Christie Park Complete</td> <td>Irrigation</td> <td>\$36,000</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Magdala Park Complete</td> <td>Fencing</td> <td>\$21,000</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Waterloo Park Due May</td> <td>Basketball Court upgrade</td> <td>\$70,000 Budget</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Meadowbank Park Fields #7 & #8 Deferred</td> <td>Drainage</td> <td>\$115,000</td> </tr> <tr> <td>North Ryde Oval Complete</td> <td>Returfing</td> <td>\$70,000</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Eastwood Oval Complete</td> <td>Returfing</td> <td>\$74,000</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Total</td> <td></td> <td>\$832,000</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>An upgrade of lights will be undertaken at Meadowbank Park next financial year</p> <p>Investigations and preparation of the documentation required for the Lighting upgrade at Westminster Park will commence in July this year. It is expected that a Development Application will be needed for this project.</p>	Location / Status	Project	Cost	Ryde Park Complete	Renewal	\$101,000	ELS Hall Park Complete	Renewal	\$128,000	Eastwood Park Due Mid / Late May	Renewal	\$116,000	Morrison Bay Park Due Late April	Expansion	\$230,000	Total		\$575,000	Location / Status	Project	Cost	ELS Hall Park Stage 1 Complete	Baseball Facilities Upgrade	\$175,000	Marsfield Park Complete	Drainage	\$91,000	Bremner Park Complete	Field Renewal	\$142,000	Peel Park Complete	Irrigation & Drainage	\$38,000	Christie Park Complete	Irrigation	\$36,000	Magdala Park Complete	Fencing	\$21,000	Waterloo Park Due May	Basketball Court upgrade	\$70,000 Budget	Meadowbank Park Fields #7 & #8 Deferred	Drainage	\$115,000	North Ryde Oval Complete	Returfing	\$70,000	Eastwood Oval Complete	Returfing	\$74,000	Total		\$832,000	<p>The information was noted.</p> <p>Putney Rangers and Gladesville Sharks were thanked for their input and participation in the process of delivering new sportsfield lighting at Morrison Bay Park.</p>	
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<p>6. Meadowbank Park matters – weekend use</p> <p>It was reported that there are ongoing issues with unauthorised use at Meadowbank Park.</p> <p>Recently two teams and a referee were on the field when authorised players arrived at 7am. The attitude of the unauthorised users was rude. There was also confusion regarding the process by which unauthorised use should be reported.</p> <p>Anne requested a groundsman be on site during the netball carnival to be held on 1st May 2016</p> <p>A number of faults have been identified in the recently upgraded canteen at the netball courts</p> <p>The condition of fields 5 and 6 at Meadowbank was noted. A girl broke her leg at Meadowbank 6 recently. It was advised to the committee that this field suffers from a lack of an irrigation system impacting on the ability to maintain good grass coverage. Council has commenced the process for installation of an irrigation system to be installed in the coming weeks. It was noted that all users of the ground must inspect fields before use to ensure the fields are safe for use. Any field issues are to be reported to Council as required.</p> <p>Small holes on the field of play can be caused by sprinkler heads. These will fill in over the winter period with dirt and grass. Users are encouraged to inspect fields prior to use and report any significant issues to Council.</p> <p>Quotes for irrigation works on fields 5 and 6 at Meadowbank have been sought.</p>	<p>Council rangers will commence work at 7am rather than 8am for the next couple of weeks in an effort to catch any unauthorised players.</p> <p>Council has been notified in writing of the faults at the newly renovated canteen.</p> <p>Richie to check the condition of Meadowbank 6.</p> <p><i>Three comments were made by Committee Representatives that overall the City of Ryde grounds are considered to be in their best condition for years. The ground conditions also compare very favourably with those in other Council areas.</i></p> <p>Richie to confirm availability of Groundstaff for the ERNA Carnival on the 1st of May.</p>	

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<p>7. General Business</p> <p>Line marking visibility</p> <p>Council Maggio stated that the 5" white line marking used at Gladesville Reserve (Hunters Hill Council area) should be adopted by COR.</p> <p>It was noted that white markings show up well on green turf but that it is more expensive than black marking and has a shorter life span.</p> <p>Sport and Recreation Strategy Draft</p> <p>Anne asked about the status of the draft document and when members of the Project Reference Group will be asked to comment on the draft document.</p> <p>Simon advised that the draft will be considered at a Councillor workshop on 26th April.</p> <p>An update on the netball courts maintenance works will be provided to ERNA.</p> <p>Ryde Park – access by cars</p> <p>Chris advised that cars are destroying the bollards at Ryde Park to gain access to the park.</p> <p>The Rangers have attended the site.</p> <p>Brush Farm Park – loss of speaker</p> <p>Judy advised that the speaker on the pole at Brush Farm has been removed.</p> <p>Ryde Park – canteen break in</p> <p>Chris advised that there had been a recent break in to the canteen at Ryde Park with significant damage sustained. He suggested the installation of CCTV.</p> <p>Upcoming Events</p> <p>A chemical cleanup will be held on 17th April at Meadowbank.</p> <p>ERNA will be holding a district carnival on 1st May 2016.</p> <p>The Sydney Wanderers School Competition for 2016 involving local primary and secondary schools will be held in the Ryde area on 25th May 2016</p>	<p>The information was noted.</p> <p>A trial of white linemarking will be undertaken at Meadowbank #2.</p> <p>The update re the Sport and Recreation Strategy draft was noted.</p> <p>The project manager for the strategy will be asked to provide Anne with an update.</p> <p>The information was noted. Simon advised that a new gate will be installed by the end of the week which should improve the situation.</p> <p>Simon will follow up with Judy re replacement of the speaker.</p> <p>The break in at Ryde Park and also Meadowbank was noted. Simon to follow up on actions which can be taken to lessen the likelihood of repeat actions.</p> <p>The information was noted.</p>	

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<p>8. Next Meeting</p> <p>The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday 8th June, 2016</p>	<p>Noted.</p>	

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Sportsfields

Bremner Park



Christie Park – Field 2



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Eastwood Park - Lower



Gannon Park



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LH Waud Park



Magdala Park - Main



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Marsfield Park - Field 1 and 2



Meadowbank Park - Field 2



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Meadowbank Park - Field 8



Morrison Bay - Field 1



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Monash Park



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Morrison Bay Park - Field 3



Morrison Bay - Field 4



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Pidding Park



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Ryde Park – Field 1



Waterloo Park

