

# Northern Grampians Shire Council

## St Arnaud Recreation Advisory Group Meeting - Minutes

The meeting to be held at **6.00pm** on 24 July 2024 at the **Lord Nelson Park Clubrooms (Function Area)**

**Chair: Cr Hyslop**

**Acknowledgement of country:** *We acknowledge the Traditional Owners of the land on which we are meeting from. We paid our respects to their elders, past and present*

**To be Present:** Cr Karen Hyslop, Nicole Amos, Peter Knights, Tara Lowe, Jackie Peacock, Annette Driscoll, Tom Hamilton, Nic Baird (NGSC)

**Apologies:** Cr Eddy Ostarcevic, Jason Smith, Kim Birthisel, Sharlene Bertalli Kaye Boyd

Moved

**1. Minutes of the previous meeting: Moved to be correct by Tara Lowe.**

**2. Business arising from the previous meeting:**

- **GST on Fundraising committee commitment:** A new invoice was to be sent to the fundraising committee after the ATO checked this out for everyone involved. The ATO decided that GST was not applicable to the donation from the fundraising group for the LNP Upgrade.
- **NBN at clubrooms.** 4 ports available. NGSC ICT team still digging into best set up and what was decided upon.
- **User fee credits.** Harness and Football were credited with the amount that they paid prior to the Fee waiver for the 2021/22 season.
- **Merits lodged.** All requested merits from previous meeting lodged and should be fixed up. Any other issues that arise please contact Nic.
- **Nic's new role.** As just above, Nic has moved into a recreation role within Zander's team and will now be the key contact for sporting clubs across the shire. Will also be working with clubs/groups to maximize usage of facilities. Nic's contact details are [Nicholas.baird@ngshire.vic.gov.au](mailto:Nicholas.baird@ngshire.vic.gov.au) or 5358 0564
- **Naming of room.** A letter from Rotary received. After the last meeting Nic received correspondence from Rotary St Arnaud in regards to the naming of the "social space" room at LNP. Rotary in their letter requested that the room was named after former Mayor and Councilor Tony Driscoll. The letter has been attached as appendix 1.
- **New members and terms of reference.** Nic welcomed the new members of the group (Tom Hamilton, Jackie Peacock) and went through the terms of reference for the group.

### 3. General Business

Item	TOPIC	Discussion	Action/ Outcome
1.1	Lord Nelson Park Update	<p><b>Football Clubrooms:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Water creep.</b> MKM were on site with Nic and Sean this morning 24 July to discuss remedies for water creep in showers. More testing was done and some work on pressure and hot water was also completed.</li> <li>• <b>Nets.</b> St Arnaud Football Club have expressed an interest in netting behind each goal at LNP. Nic will work with the club and Tony Dark to find correct funding stream for how we get this project off the ground.</li> </ul> <p><b>Netball</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Lights:</b> Nic completed a test of the lights and got a LUX level reading. Again working with Tony Dark to find the best way forward with this project. Currently not in the capital budget and work would need to be done before any grants were applied for (lighting plans etc)</li> </ul> <p><b>Ticket box</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Due to pre-prep going in at Primary School we will need to move the ticket box at the entry point of LNP.</b> Nic discussed with the group that due to the new modular building going in near the primary school (near LNP entry) that the current ticket box would need to be moved. The group were happy to move the ticket box from current location as long as it was replaced with a “like for like” which would be the case. Exact location and look (colourbond shed) of the box will be taken back to the group at a later meeting. It was mentioned by the group that there is a sewer pit up the road from the current location and likely location of new location that will need to be considered when choosing the final location.</li> </ul> <p><b>Old Clubroom site:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Project update.</b> Path work was being completed and should be done shortly. Once the path and guttering work is complete there will be some landscaping work done in the area as well.</li> </ul> <p><b>Sport and Active Recreation/Open Space Strategy</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Update.</b> Strategies were endorsed by council. There strategies will form a lot of work plans moving forward.</li> </ul> <p><b>10 Year Capital Plan</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Update.</b> Currently looking at getting some projects added into the 10 year capital plan some of these include lighting and netting and the initial stages of planning these projects. At the moment this is not endorsed so whilst we are trying to get the projects into the 10 year capital plan there is no guarantee that happens.</li> </ul> <p><b>Fair Access Policy</b></p>	Action:

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Update.</b> Policy was endorsed by council in June. This is something that all clubs/groups will need to adhere too and is something that most clubs likely are doing already. If there are any concerns with the Fair Access Policy please feel free to get in contact with Nic at any point.</li> </ul>	
1.2	<b>Agreements and User Fees</b>	<p><b>Nic Baird Northern Grampians Shire to update clubs/associations in regards to this.</b> User groups met with Nic and Zander to discuss the new user agreements and were given these also. Discussion was had within the group about some grey areas that clubs had found within the agreement including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Child safe standards and reporting to council</li> <li>• Food handling and healthy eating requirements</li> <li>• Pest control (is a user requirement group thought this should be council)</li> <li>• Fire protection</li> <li>• Consumables and that council should supply some of the consumables as well if LNP is booked out to non-regular users and it shouldn't be solely responsible of the clubs to provide this.</li> </ul>	<b>Action: Nic to follow up with Brit in regards to some of the issues clubs have.</b>
1.3	<b>Participation Plans</b>	<p><b>Nic Baird Northern Grampians Shire to provide an update on current participation plans.</b> No update at this meeting.</p>	<b>Action:</b>

**Other business:**

Col Campbell emailed Nic about LNP upgrade works being carried out on the turf for both the hockey field and the football oval. Col also asked about whether it was possible to remove the turf pitches at LNP, without a cricket representative present this is something that will need to be followed up. **ACTION: Nic/Col follow up St Arnaud Cricket Club re turf pitch removal at LNP when works happen**

Tony Dark asked if any training required for kitchen usage can be arranged will need to work a time that suits the majority. User groups to let Nic know ASAP in regards to this training.

NGSC were successful in a grant for St Arnaud Pool upgrade to help with the leaking issues and also an upgrade to the current change facilities. This work will be carried out after the 2024/25 Summer/Pool Season with the aim to be completed prior to the 2025/26 Summer/Pool season.

Peter asked if possible about some work to be done in the sheep pavilion for all users including some drop down blinds/walls/doors that can be lockable particularly for the show when they set up things in there. Also possibly a projector and screen and some LED lighting and in if possible at all some decking to overlook football oval/trotting track. Peter asked but this was also one of Kim's points to talk about these upgrades. **Cr Karen Hyslop asked to move a motion that these upgrades to be explored by council officers. This motion was moved by Peter Knights and Seconded by Nicole Amos. All were in favour.**

Nicole asked whether that the Netball Club could erect a free standing lockable cupboard in the Netball/Hockey umpire room for some extra storage. The group were happy with this.

Kim sent Nic a message prior to the meeting some dot points in regards to what she would have liked to have discussed if she wasn't an apology and they were as follows: -beautification project (even working bees with all clubs). Tidy up the garden bed behind the big shed. Refresh entry drive with some nice lining trees Refresh the big garden beds in the car parks. Investigate fundraising for a small playground in the fenced off area near netball courts.

**4. Close time: 7:20 pm**

**5. Next meeting: TBC**

## Appendix 1:



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### **To Northern Grampians Shire,**

The St. Arnaud Rotary Club would like to bring a couple of issues to Council, the first issue is the naming of the new facility at the Lord Nelson Park Facility, there was talk about naming the function room (Canteen Area) of the new building. Rotary would like to suggest that it be called the Tony Driscoll Room, as the late Tony was one of the major contributors in getting the project of the ground and the work and dedication that he did towards getting the building completed.

The second issue we would like to bring up is the naming of the rooms at the Shire Office's, the rooms of the Shire Officer's all had names on them, and one of them was called the John Dunstan room, this sign was removed when renovations were done to the kitchen/meeting room. We were wondering where the sign is? And is it going to be re-erected?

Regards  
St. Arnaud Rotary Club