

FORREST OVAL ADVISORY GROUP MEETING
Held Wednesday, 2nd July, 2014
York Recreation & Convention Centre

Meeting Commenced: 7.07pm

ATTENDANCE

David Wallace	David Jenkinson	Josh Creighton
Pat Hooper	Fiona O'Brien	Peter Wright
Michael Keeble	Wayne Collins	Bob Lengkeek
Kathryn Brown	Ross Screaigh	Graeme Allen
Karrie Stratford	Mark Palumbo	Carol Ashworth

David W.: Firstly, welcome to the new Senior Netball President, Fiona O'Brien. We're missing Badminton, Basketball and Junior Netball tonight unfortunately.
Fees and charges are still being adopted as we are still working on the budget and it should all be finalized on Monday. At present, it looks as if the \$50 membership fee will be scrapped but the rate levy we discussed at the June meeting will be postponed and re-assessed for next year's budget.

Michael: A few issues with the rate levy concept have made it stall....

- If it's called a general "sport levy", there's nothing to stop the golf club or pony club or any other un-affiliated club from applying to use it

- If it's nominated as a specific sport levy, it's against the local government act

- If it's called the "Forrest Oval Complex levy" then it won't cover the pool

For the sake of one year's income, it's better to take the time and "get it right the first time" – make sure it's fair and the public are satisfied as to its uses.

Graeme: I think it's also important that we remain mindful of any new sports developing and their requirements.

Wayne: Is there a precedent that we can compare to, with the rate levy – have other Shires implemented one?

Michael: Yes Lake Grace has one. The other reason we have not gone ahead with it, is that we want to be sure to choose the right dollar value for the levy from the start.

Pat: Lake Grace have had success as there's two areas to the town and all seem to be involved in sport so there's been very little backlash from non-sport playing ratepayers.

David W.: As we mentioned last meeting, we need reserve funds put aside for this complex for replacements etc but at present there's simply not enough in the account to cover anything major. Council still needs their new Finance, Risk and Audit committee to assess this account and determine the reserve funds required. There's a Finance meeting on Monday and we will look at the removal of green fees and discounting of lighting fees then. It looks as if the once-yearly facility fee that each club is paying will remain the same or have just a small increase in this budget.

Michael: There will be no unpleasant surprises in store for the clubs in this budget.

The next step with the clubs and other facility users are the M.O.U.'s which we are formulating at present. They are a formal agreement for use of the Shire's facilities and define "who does what". (an example is handed out- it shows the % of each facet that is managed by the Shire and/or the sporting club) These cover all aspects of facility use including maintenance, replacements and general services. Will also help to define your club's "areas" ie playground, car park, playing surfaces etc. It's a process of negotiation with each club and the MOU is subject to both parties agreeing. There are currently no agreements in place which leads to confusion. Insurance concerns will also be laid out

There will also be a common agreement for use of the YRCC building which will need to be approved by all clubs It will probably take about 6months to finalise these agreements and all Shire facilities in every Shire have this applied to them, including swimming club, women's hub – any time a club/organisation is using a Shire facility.

David J: Will the insurance be worded in the agreement as well? ie if kids set fire to the cricket pitch or nets – who's insurance is liable?

Michael: That is what they are for, yes.

Bob: Will these individual MOU's be a confidential document between each club and the Shire or are they all to be open/transparent?

Michael: I don't see a reason why they wouldn't be a transparent document

David W: Yes, I believe they should be.

Pat: If you think of it this way – when the Hockey Club get close to their dream of having an Astroturf pitch they will need community support so transparency will assist with that

Insurance is an important factor to the Shire as they spend over \$350K a year on various insurance policies

Michael: Is each club here incorporated?

(General yes from around the table)

Whether your club is incorporated will affect insurance requirements and whether the Shire will cover your club.

Pat: We also need to be inclusive of tae kwon do, senior's mobility and all the fitness classes etc that use the facilities when we're talking insurance. Please address the worst case scenario for your club when discussing the MOU and insurance with Michael.

ROSS: Is everything insured at Forrest Oval Complex?

Michael: We think so. We are however meeting with our insurance company shortly, to go over everything. Please forward any insurance related queries to me so that we can ask our insurance company if our policy deals with them or not.

Bob: Public liability really has to come back to the Shire these days.

David W.: (reads Gail's email requesting representatives from each club march in the street parade on July 21st 1pm with the Melbourne Cup and also that the clubs consider a combined fundraiser sundowner or dinner of some sort at the YRCC to celebrate the Cup being in town)

Pat: Please be mindful that this is publicity for York, aired live to the Eastern states. Being one of only two stops in W.A. is huge. Council is asking the community for a bit of support in promoting York, through showing up at the parade and helping make it a big day. In a sense it's cheap publicity for the town as a whole.

Michael: There will be radio ads running and word of mouth in Perth is important too.

David W.: On to club issues....

Bob: Bowling club really only have the automatic watering system for the greens which is subject to funding and the repairs to the holes under the green which are to be commenced soon.

Michael: Yes, the repairs to the greens have been approved by Council.

Bob: We'd also like to define responsibilities with the Shire.

Michael: Make an appointment on Tuesday next week for a meeting and we can discuss them.

Ross: Can I ask if the holes are covered by insurance?

Michael: No they weren't. \$16k to fix them and council has approved this expenditure. The radar of the subsoil area to locate all pipes and underground services has already cost the Shire \$5k.

(Tennis, Senior football, Hockey and Senior netball all decline to bring up any issues)

Peter: No issues for Junior Footy but are we going to discuss the car park tonight?

David W.: Unfortunately the car park has had to be moved back to the next budget and will not be sealed this financial year.

Peter: I'm not quite sure what insurance Junior footy has?

Mark: Juniors are covered by Senior footy's insurance as is the shed and its contents. Having said that, our insurers are pretty average.

David J: We have the same insurers for cricket and yes, they're average at best.

Bob: An important aspect that is often overlooked is that the office bearers need to be covered by insurance.

Peter: If the club is incorporated they should be covered

Michael: We can, at your request, ask the Shire's insurance chap to talk to your club insurance rep and come to back to each club and point out any short-falls in your insurance, if you like. It's often the case -you are always insured for something that doesn't happen

David W.: In theory insurance for every club should be through their association but it's often very hard to claim from them.

(No issues raised for Cricket either)

Meeting Closed: 7.52pm