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Venue:	Room 3, Level 5, Civic Centre, 1 Devlin Street, Ryde	
Date:	Monday, 22 nd June 2015	
Time:	6.00pm	Started at: 6.00pm Closed at: 8.00pm
Chair:	Deputy Mayor, Councillor Roy Maggio	
Meeting Support (MS):	Linda Smith	
Staff Convenor:	Simon James, Acting Manager – Open Space	
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Committee Role:**The primary role of the Sport and Recreation and Wheeled Sports Advisory Committee is to:**

- Act as a central point of communication 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
		Thomas Jubb		North Ryde Dockers
		Simon Farrow		Ultimate Frisbee
✓		Craig Menzies		Northern District Cricket Association
	✓	Chris Ranine		Ryde Hornsby Baseball League
		Matt Anderson		Anderson Events
✓		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
		Keith Alden		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
Simon James	Section Manager – Sport & Recreation	City of Ryde
Leon Marskell	SUM – Ranger and Parking Officers	City of Ryde
Richie Griffiths	Section Manager – Sports Grounds	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 – 11th May 2015 The Minutes from the meeting held on 11 May 2015 were confirmed and endorsed.	Noted.	

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<p>3. Unauthorised Use of Sporting Grounds</p> <p>Committee members present outlined their concerns regarding the unauthorised use of sporting grounds.</p> <p>It was noted unauthorised use has been a problem for many years.</p> <p>Chris Harvey advised that Leichardt Council provides signage at its fields which states that organised use of the fields must be approved by Council.</p> <p>He would like to see City of Ryde provide similar signage and also signs which indicate if a field is closed or open for play.</p> <p>He believes such signs could be controlled remotely by Council in the same way as field lights are turned on and off.</p> <p>Other committee members raised the following issues:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The lunchtime warriors use boots on local fields which damage the field. • Macquarie University encourages its players to use Council grounds for lunchtime sports rather than use their own fields. • A large group of players from an ethnic background, who claim they do not understand English, attend many fields on a regular basis and if forced from one field, congregate at another a short time later. <p>Leon Marskell of Council advised that an agreement is in place whereby the Rangers inform Simon James of any actions that are taken in relation to sporting fields and their use.</p> <p>460 patrols of sporting fields have been conducted in the last three months.</p> <p>Those present were appreciative of the support provided by the rangers but it was noted that the rangers cannot patrol all fields and are not always available when required.</p>	<p>Simon to seek formal advice from Legal Counsel regarding:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - the effectiveness on the ability to enforce compliance of erecting signs which state if fields are closed or open and mention use by authorised players only - The definition of an “organised” group and “authorised use” are to be clarified by Legal Counsel - Potential liability and risk is to be identified. <p>The matter is to be listed on a future agenda following receipt of advice from Legal Counsel.</p>	

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<p>4. Closure of Grounds – Review Process</p> <p><i>Simon James tabled the wet weather sports procedure.</i></p> <p>Feedback is sought from this committee regarding the closure of grounds process.</p> <p>Currently a decision is made by 2.00pm and advice is available to clubs by 3.00pm. General support was indicated for the current decision making process.</p> <p>It was noted that the procedure of identifying individual ground status advice on the website is superior to the process of blanket closures occurring.</p> <p>A request was made that the order of advice re closures be standardised i.e. either the web or phone line is updated first on a regular basis.</p>	<p>A decision to be made as to the order of updates i.e. web, phone or email. Once a decision regarding order is set, advice to be provided to all clubs.</p> <p>Council to consider updating the website and wet weather line by 2.30pm.</p>	
<p>5. Smalls Road Working Group</p> <p>Clr Maggio advised that he would like to see a working group formed to advocate for the Smalls Road grounds to remain open if Ryde High School is reopened.</p>	<p>A working party will be formed should a school be confirmed as reopening on the Smalls Road site, then liaison re sports fields could occur at that time.</p>	
<p>6. Contributions by User Groups to Capital Works Program</p> <p>It was noted that Council has adopted a policy with regard to contributions by user groups.</p> <p>Currently Council will consider providing 60% funding of a project if a club wishes to construct a new facility.</p> <p>Works for the 2015 /16 capital works program are finalised but discussion is open for 2016/17 programs.</p>	<p>November meeting to consider projects which may be sought in capital works program for 2016/17.</p> <p>It should be noted that Council’s policy states 60/40 Council/club cost sharing preferred for sports field lighting projects. This relates to capital items only not maintenance items.</p> <p>Individual MOU’s are prepared between Council and clubs for individual projects.</p> <p>Simon to forward the currently policy to committee members.</p>	

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<p>10. Live Action List</p> <p>Councillor Maggio asked that items remain on the agenda for future meetings until they are resolved.</p> <p>Items from this meeting to be included on a live action list for the next meeting are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Skate Park • Field signage – name of club/open/closed/ comment similar to Leichardt/club sign. • Disabled parking at ELS Hall Park • Consideration of funds for resurfacing of carparks in next budget discussion. • Name change for this committee • Bill Mitchell Park drainage • Comments re additional parking at sporting venues • Electricity testing and tagging • Sports development strategy – Expression of Interest sought from Committee members – comments from Jason Cowland - attached 	<p>The information was noted.</p>	
<p>11. Car park resurfacing – Pidding, Bill Mitchell and Peel</p> <p>Numerous complaints have been made regarding the condition of the above carparks following recent heavy rain.</p> <p>Simon advised that this matter has been before Council recently and that a resolution was passed that no further action be taken due to the cost of carrying out resurfacing works.</p> <p>Approximately \$300,000 was required to carry out the works needed at the above carparks.</p> <p>It was noted that work has been carried out at the carparks of ELS Hall and Peel Park.</p>	<p>This item will be evaluated and considered as part of the process for identifying priorities for future capital works.</p>	
<p>12. Change of name to City of Ryde Sports Council</p> <p>Comments regarding a proposed name change for this committee and suggestions as to a suitable name are to be forwarded to Simon James.</p>	<p>Comments to be sent to Simon re name change for this committee</p>	

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13.	<p>General Business</p> <p><u>Bill Mitchell Park – drainage</u></p> <p>Simon advised this matter is being investigated.</p> <p><u>Carparking at ELS Hall Park</u></p> <p>The improved response of the rangers in dealing with people parking in disabled bays and ambulance bays was noted.</p> <p><u>Additional parking at sporting venues</u></p> <p>Committee members are encouraged to provide any comments they have re the ability to provide additional parking at sporting venues.</p> <p><u>Upcoming events</u></p> <p>It was noted that 1000 participants will be attending a karate day at ELS Hall Park on the 19th of July</p> <p>ERNA will be hosting state championships on weekend of 27th , 28th and 29th June</p> <p>Netball and football presentation days will be held on 13th September 2015.</p> <p>Electricity tagging and testing should be carried out by clubs. Advice to be provided to the next meeting of this committee that the work has been carried out.</p> <p>Smoke free banners to be erected by clubs as they receive them over the next few weeks.</p> <p>The below information was received by Jason Cowland relating to the Sport & Recreation Strategy.</p> <p>Purpose & Mission Vision Values Position Key Initiatives</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participation • Members • Brand & Profile • Community • Council • Financial Resources and funding • Volunteers • Development • Facilities • Benchmarks • Programs • Inclusion • Partnerships • Sponsorships • Exposure • Pathways • Government bodies • Target • Measures • Outcomes • Timeframe 	
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9.	Next Meeting The next meeting is scheduled for 10 th August 2015	Noted.	